

**ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649
PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SESSION MEETING
ORADELL PUBLIC SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
SEPTEMBER 6, 2023**

MINUTES

- I. *The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Nichols, Board President.***
- II. *The flag salute was led by Mr. Griffin.***
- III. *The Sunshine Law Statement was read by Mrs. Nichols, Board President.***

All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met for this meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of Oradell. Notice of this meeting was filed with The Record and Town News and all persons requesting such notice.

- IV. *The Mission Statement was read by Mr. Derian.***

The Oradell Public School District is dedicated to the ongoing pursuit of educational excellence through comprehensive innovative curriculum and instruction. The District is committed to providing opportunities for social, emotional and academic discovery to foster curiosity, courage and character. Our goal is to prepare our students to become life-long learners who are self-directed, resilient, productive responsible citizens.

Adopted by the Oradell Board of Education March 27, 2019.

- V. **ROLL CALL****

Present: Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam, Mrs. Downey, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Derian, and Mrs. Nichols.

Mrs. Acosta arrived at 7:38 p.m.

Also present, Ms. Bozios, Superintendent, and Mr. Iappelli, Business Administrator, and approximately 5 members of the public.

- VI. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY****

No members of the public addressed the Board.

- VII. **BOARD PRESIDENT’S REMARKS****

Mrs. Nichols acknowledged a thank you card from the OAA. Stated a board member is needed for QSAC, and Ms. Bozios clarified the role.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

*Thanked Mrs. Walker for addressing the staff at the convocation
Summer facilities projects
Curriculum was updated over the summer to meet new standards
Early Learning Networked Improvement Community (ELNIC) for Mathematics
Orcam Pilot Program
District goals*

IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Acknowledged the tremendous effort of Mr. Cusack and his staff in getting the school ready for the start of the year.

X. MINUTES

A motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Walker, and carried by a roll call vote of 7-0, Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam and Mr. Griffin abstained, the Board approved the review of the meeting minutes from August 16, 2023, and approved the meeting minutes from July 26, 2023.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

August 16, 2023 Work/Business Session

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

July 26, 2023 Work/Business Section

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Nothing to report at this time.

B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/SAFETY – Mr. Derian, Chairperson

A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the Board approved B1.

B1. Use of School Facilities – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the following requests for use of school facilities for the SY 2023-2024 in accordance with Board Policy #1330.

#	Organization	Event	Area of Building	Date	Time	Custodial OT	Facility Charge
1	Oradell Jr. Basketball	Recreational Basketball	MPR & GYM	11/27/2023-3/15/2024	M-F 4:30 PM -9:30 PM SAT 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	TBD	TBD

					SUN 11:30 AM – 6 PM		
2	Child Evangelism Fellowship	Good News Club	Classroom	Mondays from 10/23/23 – 5/20/24	3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	N/A	N/A
3	Cub Scouts	Cub Scout Informational Event	Front Lawn	9/13/2023	5:00 PM – 8:30 PM	N/A	N/A
4	Girl Scouts	Girl Scout Meeting	Library	9/22/2023 and 10/20/2023	3:00 PM – 4:15 PM	N/A	N/A
5	Borough of Oradell	Recreation Committee Halloween Party	MPR	10/27/2023	5:00 PM – 9:30 PM	N/A	\$15.00

C. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam, Chairperson

A motion by Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the Board approved C1-C2.

C1. Approval of Field Trip Destination(s) for SY 2023-2024 – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the following field trip destination(s) for SY 2023-2024

DESTINATION	LOCATION
Carteret High School	Carteret, NJ
Millburn High School	Millburn, NJ

C2. Approval of Revised Curriculum - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the curriculum for SY 2023-2024 in the following areas:

- Comprehensive Health and Phys Ed Curriculum
- ESL Curriculum
- Library Curriculum
- Math Curriculum
- Music and Dance Curriculum
- Visual and Media Arts Curriculum
- Reading Curriculum
- Science Curriculum
- Social Studies Curriculum

- STEAM Integration
- World Language Curriculum
- Writing Curriculum

D. FINANCE/TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Griffin, Chairperson

A motion by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the Board approved D1-D8.

- D1. Hand Check Payroll Register for August 30, 2023** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board retroactively approves the disbursements on the Payroll Hand Check Register for August 30, 2023 in the amount of \$86,263.30.
- D2. Check Journals for August 28, 2023-September 6, 2023** It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board approves the disbursements for Check Journals **August 28, 2023-September 6, 2023 in the amount of \$262,521.17. Check numbers 001751, 021432-024134 and \$6,306.27 Check number 990189.**
- D3. Transfer of Funds** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the Monthly Transfers Report as of **August 31, 2023**, in accordance with Title 18A:22-8.1 and furthermore, designates the business Administrator/Board Secretary to make budget transfers between line items, and to make additional transfers as necessary between monthly meetings of the Board.
- D4. Monthly Budgetary Line Item Certification** – RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary for the Oradell Board of Education certifies that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c) 3 as of **August 31, 2023**, that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (a) ; and
- FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oradell Board of Education certifies that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 4 that after review of the Board Secretary’s Report (A148) and Treasurer’s Report (A149) and the advice of district officials, we have no reason to doubt that any major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- D5. Approval of the Bloodborne Pathogens Program Agreement with the Bergen County Department of Health Services**– It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the board approves the Bloodborne Pathogens Program Agreement covering the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school

years. Training Services at a cost of \$15/trained employee and Administrative Services at a cost of \$10/trained employee.

- D6. Approval of an Agreement with Remind101, Inc.** – It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the agreement with Remind101, Inc. at a cost of \$3,200.00.
- D7. Approval of a Pilot Program with Orcam Learn for Schools** - It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the Pilot Program with Orcam Learn for Schools at a cost of \$700.
- D8. Approval of Special Education Programs/Services for SY 2023-2024** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the following Programs/Services for SY 2023-2024.

Student #148	Step by Step Program Cresskill Public School (September 2023 – June 2024 Tuition)	Cost: \$69,226
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- E. PERSONNEL** – Mrs. Walker, Chairperson, asked Ms. Bozios for a clarification.

A motion by Mrs. Walker, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the Board approved E1.

- E1.** It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the Personnel Committee Report dated September 6, 2023.

- F. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT** - Mr. Walsh, Delegate
Nothing to report at this time.

- G. POLICY** – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson
Mrs. Norian requested a policy committee meeting.

- H. PUBLIC RELATIONS** – Mrs. Acosta, Chairperson
Nothing to report at this time.
Ms. Nichols suggested the climate and culture survey goes out before the holidays.

- XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
No members of the public addressed the Board.

- XIII. OLD BUSINESS**
Mr. Derian asked whether it was time to reconvene the COVID Task Force.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Derian suggested members attend the upcoming Bergen County School Boards Association meeting on October 3rd.

XV. CLOSED SESSION

A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the Board entered closed session at 8:13 p.m. regarding legal matters.

WHEREAS, a matter to be considered by the Board of Education deals with possible litigation, and

WHEREAS, public disclosure of this matter may be prejudicial to the public good,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this matter be considered in a meeting closed to the public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Minutes of this meeting be sealed until the matter is resolved.

(No public action was taken after the Closed Session concluded.)

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 9-0, the board exited closed session and the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pete Appell".

Business Administrator/Board Secretary