

**ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649
PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SESSION MEETING
Oradell Public School Auditorium
February 28, 2024**

MINUTES

I. *The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Board President.*

II. *The flag salute was led by Mr. Nutland.*

III. *The Sunshine Law Statement was read by Mrs. Watson-Nichols.*

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: Mr. Del Greco, Mrs. Downey, Mr. Nutland, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Derian, and Mrs. Watson-Nichols.

Mrs. Acosta was absent.

Also present were Ms. Bozios, Superintendent, and Mr. Iappelli, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and one member 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. Watson-Nichols said the Curriculum, Policy and Personnel committees need to schedule meeting dates.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Math Curriculum steering committee (Oradell/River Edge teachers and administrators) met this week to finalize a resource to be used in the newly revised math curriculum that will be approved for use in Fall 2024.

A staff developer was chosen to assist with revising our writing curriculum. Finalizing dates with the staff to work over the summer.

Approximately 50 of our 4th graders participated in NAEP (National Association of Education Progress) testing.

First graders participated in an assembly sponsored by the PTA, and they had the opportunity to interact with different animals.

In the Steam Lab, our 5th graders are solving problems to find alternative ways to grow fruits and vegetables.

This weekend is the Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament at Millburn High School. Wished Ms. Schaum and the two teams competing, Good Luck!

IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Revised Budget Calendar for 2024-2025.

The District received an increase in state aid.

Will continue working on the budget with the Finance committee.

X. MINUTES

A motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Walker, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0, the Board approved the review of the meeting minutes from February 7, 2024, and the approval of meeting minutes from January 24, 2024.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- February 7, 2024 Work/Business Section
- January 24, 2024 Work/Business Section

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0, the Board approved A1-A2.

- A1. **HIB Report for January 2024** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education accepts HIB incident(s) as reported by the Superintendent to the Board of Education:

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| 1 | 01.29.2024.3 |
| 2 | 01.29.2024.4 |

- A2. **Evaluation Systems for 2023-2024** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the use of the Stronge Evaluation System for Teachers, Educational Specialists, and Administrators for school year 2023-2024.

B. BUILDING & GROUNDS/ SAFETY- Mr. Derian, Chairperson
A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mrs. Norian, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0, 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 | Dates | Time | Custodian OT | Facility Charge |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---|---|--------------|--|
| 1 | Oradell Mini Cheer | Mini Cheer Practice | Gym | 4/12 & 4/19 | 3pm -4pm | N/A | N/A |
| 2 | All The World's A Stage | Summer Theater Camp | Auditorium | Theater Camp: June 24 – July 26 Shows: July 26 | Monday – Friday 8:45am – 12:45pm Shows: 10am – 2pm & 5pm – 9pm | -0- | Rehearsal Rate \$50/hr 100/hours = \$5000 A/C: \$31/hr \$3100 Total = \$8100 |

C. CURRICULUM- Mrs. Norian, Chairperson
Planning to meet next week

D. FINANCE/ TECHNOLOGY- Mrs. Acosta, Chairperson (Absent)
A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0, the Board approved D1-D5.

D1. Hand Check Payroll Register for **February 15, 2024**– It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board retroactively approves the disbursements on the Payroll Hand Check Register for February 15, 2024 in the amount of **\$441,299.14**.

- D2. Check Register for **February 28, 2024** - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, that the Board approves the disbursements on the February 28, 2024 Check Register in the amount of **\$303,502.35** check numbers **024536 - 024604**.
- D3. Approval of the **Financial Reports** of the Board Secretary and Treasurer – It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the Report of the Board Secretary, A148, and the Treasurer, A149, as of **January 31, 2024**.
- D4. **Transfer of Funds** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the Monthly Transfers Report as of **January 31, 2024**, 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.
- D5. **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 **January 31, 2024**, 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 obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

- E. **NJSBA/ BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT**- Mr. Walsh, Delegate
Received notice of meeting in Trenton on march 9th.
- F. **PERSONNEL**- Mrs. Walker, Chairperson
A motion by Mrs. Walker, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0, the Board approved F1.
 - F1. It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts and approves the Personnel Committee Report dated **February 28, 2024**.
- G. **POLICY**- Mr. Del Greco, Chairperson
Working to schedule a meeting
- H. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**- Mrs. Downey, Chairperson
Working to schedule a meeting

XI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the public addressed the Board.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Walsh is looking forward to being an Odyssey of the Mind judge.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0, the Board entered into a Closed Session at 7:50 p.m.

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.

A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mrs. Walker, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0, the Board exited Closed Session at 8:09 p.m.

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

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Del Greco, and carried by a roll call vote of 8-0, the Board meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Business Administrator/Board Secretary