

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Clark on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ocean City High School Community Room, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

President Clark announced that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975. Notice of the time, place and agenda were filed with the city clerk, posted in the lobby of City Hall, and delivered to the Ocean City Sentinel and the Atlantic City Press.

President Clark led everyone present in a salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

On roll call, members present were H. James Bauer, Kristie Chisholm, Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes, William Holmes, Michael James, Jacqueline McAlister, Fran Newman, J. Tiffany Prettyman, Gregory Whelan and Joseph S. Clark, Jr. Also present were Kathleen Taylor, Ed.D., Superintendent, Timothy E. Kelley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Michael Stanton, Esquire, Carl Tripician from Longport, Daniel Tumolo from Sea Isle City and Student Representative Minh Vu. Members absent were Jon Batastini and Thomas R. Oves, Jr. There were approximately 48 members of the public present.

PRESENTATIONS:

Dr. Taylor recognized students receiving perfect scores on Spring 2015 assessments.

Dr. Taylor and the Board recognized seniors from the Drama Guild.

Dr. Taylor, Dr. Jamison and Mr. Tom Heist presented the Board with a “Perfect ACT and SAT scores 2005-2015” plaque. The plaque was donated by Mr. Heist.

Dr. Taylor recognized each of the Board members in conjunction with NJSBA School Board Recognition month – January 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Mikenzie Helphenstine addressed the Board on the adoption of the District’s core ethical values, specifically compassion.

Jennifer Bowman addressed the Board regarding dive coaching and field hockey coaching positions and school climate.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Dr. Taylor gave an overview of the Agenda.

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following resolutions are presented for formal approval by the Board of Education.

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Mr. James and carried unanimously, the Board of Education approved the following Superintendent's recommendations by "roll call vote."

1. Buildings and Grounds

Informational Items

Fire Drills

Ocean City High School	December 14, 2015
Ocean City Intermediate School	December 21, 2015
Ocean City Primary School	December 8, 2015

Security Drills

Ocean City High School	December 8, 2015
Ocean City Intermediate School	December 9, 2015
Ocean City Primary School	December 9, 2015

- Buildings and Grounds Committee Report – Mr. Oves, Chairperson
No report.

2. Curriculum and Student Affairs

A. High School Field Trip Requests

The Board approves the attached High School Field Trip list.

B. Core Ethical Values

The Board adopts the following School District Core Ethical Values, which are incorporated into the District Code of Student Conduct:

- Academic Honesty and Integrity
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Trust
- Fairness
- Courage
- Compassion

C. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying-Investigations, Trainings and Programs (HIB-ITP) (Attachment #2.C)

The Board acknowledges the submission of the attached HIB-ITP Report occurring from July 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015 to the New Jersey Department of Education.

D. Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS) (Attachment #2.D)

The Board acknowledges the submission of the attached EVVRS incidents occurring from September 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015 to the New Jersey Department of Education.

H. Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Case Findings

The Board adopts and approves Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Case Findings as reported in the attached.

Informational Items (Attachments)

Out-of-School Suspension Reports for December 2015

- Curriculum and Student Affairs Committee Report – Mrs. McAlister, Chairperson
Mrs. McAlister gave a report of the Committee meeting.

3. Finance

A. Bill List (Attachment #3.A)

The Board approves payment of bills for January 2016 in the amount of \$3,728,589.14.

B. Secretary and Monthly Cash Reconciliation Reports (Attachment #3.B)

The Board approves the Board Secretary's Monthly Financial Report and the Monthly Cash Reconciliation Report for November 2015 and December 2015

C. Line Item Transfers (Attachment #3.C)

The Board approves the revenue and appropriation transfers for November 2015 and December 2015. The Board also acknowledges receipt of the State of NJ mandated transfer reconciliation form for November 2015 and December 2015.

D. Travel & Expense Reimbursement (Attachment #3.D)

The Board approves the January 2016 list of Board of Education Members and School District Staff travel and related expense reimbursements.

E. Food Service Report (Attachment #3.E)

The Board accepts the Food Service Monthly Finance Report for December 2015.

F. Introduction of Refunding Bond Ordinance

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF OCEAN CITY IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE OUTSTANDING CALLABLE REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2005, ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$19,510,000, APPROPRIATING NOT TO EXCEED \$12,200,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$12,200,000 REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS TO PROVIDE FOR SUCH REFUNDING.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF OCEAN CITY IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Education of the City of Ocean City in the County of Cape May, New Jersey (the "School District") is hereby authorized to refund all or a portion of the outstanding callable refunding school bonds of the School District originally issued in the principal amount of \$19,510,000 and dated September 29, 2005 (the "Prior Bonds").

The Prior Bonds maturing on or after April 1, 2017 (the “Refunded Bonds”) may be redeemed at the option of the School District in whole or in part on any date on or after April 1, 2016 (the “Redemption Date”) at a redemption price equal to the par amount of the Refunded Bonds to be redeemed plus accrued interest, if any, to the Redemption Date.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the purpose described in Section 1 hereof, negotiable refunding bonds (the “Refunding Bonds”) are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$12,200,000 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 et seq.

Section 3. An aggregate amount not exceeding \$150,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4 has been included in the aggregate principal amount of Refunding Bonds authorized herein.

Section 4. The purpose of the refunding is to incur an interest cost savings for the School District.

Section 5. A supplemental debt statement has been prepared and filed in the offices of the Clerk of the City of Ocean City (the “City”) and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey as required by law. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the City as defined in the Local Bond Law and the school debt of the School District is increased by the amount the Refunding Bond authorization exceeds the amount of the proposed refunded bonds.

Section 6. No Local Finance Board approval is required as the issuance of the Refunding Bonds will comply with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5.

Section 7. The Board President, the Superintendent, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and other appropriate representatives of the School District are hereby authorized to prepare such documents, to publish such notices and to take such other actions as are necessary or desirable to enable the School District to prepare for the sale and the issuance of the Refunding Bonds authorized herein and to provide for the redemption of the Prior Bonds referred to in Section 1 hereof.

Section 8. This bond ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption.

4. Personnel (All motions are upon Superintendent’s recommendation:)

A. Substitutes and Sporting Event Worker (Attachment #4.A)

The Board approves the attached criminal history approved/HIB trained substitutes and sporting event worker for the 2015-16 school year.

B. New Hire – Interim District Supportive Staff

The Board approves Taylor Reeves, interim special education aide, effective January 25, 2016 through June 30, 2016, at \$20,170 (pro-rated), 7 hours, step 1.

C. New Hire – Interim District Supportive Staff

The Board approves Shane Graves, interim special education aide, effective January 25, 2016 through June 30, 2016, at \$20,170 (pro-rated), 7 hours, step 1.

D. New Hire – Interim District Supportive Staff

The Board approves Kara Janson, interim special education aide, effective February 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016, at \$20,170 (pro-rated), 7 hours, step 1.

E. Transfer of Supportive Staff

The Board approves the voluntary transfer of Jesse Hudson, from custodian to maintenance, effective January 25, 2016 through June 30, 2016, at a salary of \$39,191 (pro-rated), step 1.

F. Statement of Assurance (Attachment #4.F)

The Board approves the attached Statement of Assurance listing the paraprofessional staff and their titles for the 2015-16 school year.

G. Leave of Absence – District Supportive Staff (Attachment #4.G)

The Board approves employee #1411, a paid leave of absence, effective February 1, 2016 through February 24, 2016, and an unpaid FMLA leave of absence, effective February 25, 2016 through on or before April 29, 2016, with an expected return date on or before May 2, 2016.

H. Resignation – High School Certificated Staff

The Board accepts the resignation of David Ferrante, High School Science Club co-curricular activity sponsor, effective as of January 1, 2016.

I. Resignation – High School Certificated Staff

The Board accepts the resignation of Shane McGrath, Assistant Boys' Track coach, effective for the 2015-16 season.

J. High School Co-Curricular Activity Sponsor and Stipend

The Board approves Robert Citta, High School Science Club co-curricular activity sponsor at a stipend of \$1,798.00 (pro-rated), effective January 4, 2016.

K. High School Coaches, Volunteers and Stipends for the 2015-16 Season (Attachment #4.K)

The Board approves the attached High School coaches, volunteers and stipends for the 2015-16 school year.

L. High School Coaches and Stipends for the 2016-17 Fall Season (Attachment #4.L)

The Board approves the attached High School coaches and stipends for the 2016-17 fall season.

- Negotiations Committee Report – Mr. Bauer, Chairperson
No report.

5. Policy:

- Policy Committee Report – Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, Chairperson
No report.

6. Public Relations

- Public Relations Committee Report - Jon Batastini, Chairperson
Mr. Gallelli-Keyes gave a report of the Committee meeting.

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, and carried unanimously, the Board of Education (Ocean City Representatives) approved the following Superintendent's recommendations by "roll call vote."

2. Curriculum and Student Affairs

- E. Intermediate School Field Trip Requests (Ocean City Representatives Only)
The Board approves the attached Intermediate School Field Trip list.
- F. Summer 21st Century Challenge Program (Ocean City Representatives Only)
The Board approves the application to operate the Summer 21st Century Challenge Program for the Intermediate School from July 11, 2016 – July 22, 2016.
- G. Summer JAVA Camp (Ocean City Representatives Only)
The Board approves the JAVA Camp for students entering 7th through 8th grades from July 25, 2016 – July 29, 2016.

3. Finance

- G. Change Orders #4 and #5 – Primary School Renovations (Attachment #3.G) Ocean City Representatives Only
The Board approves the following Change Orders to 3R Painting and Contracting, Inc.:

Change Order #4 for overall construction	\$4,032.51
Change Order #5 is a credit for not relocating any existing fire suppression lines	(\$5,000.00)
- H. Payment Application #9 to 3R Painting and Contracting, Inc. (Attachment #3.H) (Ocean City Representatives Only)
The Board approves Payment Application #9 in the amount of \$140,331.42 to 3R Painting and Contracting, Inc. for the Primary School Renovations Project as certified by the Board Engineer.
- I. Donations (Ocean City Representatives Only)
The Board accepts the following donations from the Ocean City PTA for the Intermediate School:

Field Trip for 8 th Grade to a Repertory Theater Group	\$1,500.00
Books for 8 th Grade Social Studies Curriculum	\$ 202.92
- J. Grant Award (Ocean City Representatives Only)
The Board accepts the AtlantiCare Healthy School and Healthy Garden Grant award in the amount of \$800 for the Primary School.

4. Personnel (All motions are upon Superintendent's recommendation:)

- M. Intermediate School Coaches and Stipends for the 2016-17 Fall Season (Attachment #4.M) (Ocean City Representatives Only)
The Board approves the attached Intermediate School coaches and stipends for the 2016-17 fall season.
- N. Leave of Absence – Intermediate School Certificated Staff (Attachment #4.N) (Ocean City Representatives Only)
The Board approves employee #3038, a paid leave of absence, effective January 20, 2016 through on or before March 18, 2016, with an expected return date on or before March 21, 2016.
- O. Short-Term Leave Replacement – Primary School Certificated Staff (Ocean City Representatives Only)
The Board approves the extension of Jennifer Scipione, Primary School short-term leave replacement through February 12, 2016, at a stipend of \$160 per diem.
- P. Retirement – Primary School Certificated Staff
The Board accepts with deep regret the retirement of Kathleen Woodring, Special Education Teacher, effective as of July 1, 2016.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Mrs. Chisholm, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the December 16, 2015 Special Meeting/Finance Committee of the Whole as presented.

Motion carried with the following vote to abstain: Mr. Whelan.

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Mr. Holmes, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the December 16, 2015 Regular Meeting and Executive Session as presented.

Motion carried with the following vote to abstain: Mr. Whelan.

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Mr. Holmes and carried unanimously by roll call vote, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the January 6, 2016 Reorganization and Regular Meeting as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no Public Comments.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Student Representative Minh Vu provided the Board with an update of activities at the High School as well as upcoming events.

Other Board comments included the upcoming Board retreat and the City Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration held at the High School on January 18.

BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS:

President Clark thanked the volunteers that came forward for the District's Ad Hoc Committee including community members and other public officials. There are two remaining meetings scheduled for the Ad Hoc Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no Executive Session.

Motion by Mrs. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. Holmes and carried unanimously by roll call vote, the Board of Education approved the reopening of the public comment portion of the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jennifer Bowman addressed the Board regarding the bike shed placed in front of the High School and community scholarships.

Frank Faverzani addressed the Board regarding public comment portions of the agenda and the 2017 budget process regarding both extracurricular and athletics.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Kelley
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

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