

**MINUTES OF REORGANIZATION/REGULAR MEETING**  
**HELD JANUARY 7, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Reorganization/Regular meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary Mark A. Ritter on Wednesday, January 7, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Ocean City High School Community Room, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. Ritter announced that adequate notice of this Reorganization/Regular 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.

Mr. Ritter led everyone present in a salute to the flag.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS:**

Joseph S. Clark, Jr., Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes and Michael A. James for three-year terms.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO OCEAN CITY BOARD REPRESENTATIVES FROM UPPER TOWNSHIP:**

Kristie Chisholm, William Holmes and Fran Newman for one-year terms.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

On roll call, members present were Jon D. Batastini, H. James Bauer, Kristie Chisholm, Joseph S. Clark, Jr., Raymond M. Clark, Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes, William Holmes, Michael James, Jacqueline McAlister, Fran Newman, Thomas R. Oves, Jr. and Gregory Whelan. Also present were Kathleen Taylor, Ed.D., Superintendent, Mark A. Ritter, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Michael Stanton, Esquire, Student Representative BriarRose Ginn, Carl Tripician from Longport and Daniel Tumolo from Sea Isle City. Member absent was Student Representative Zachary Colao. There were 46 members of the public present.

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:**

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Mrs. McAlister to nominate Mr. Joseph Clark for the position of President.

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Mr. Bauer and carried unanimously to close the nominations.

Motion carried by roll call with the following vote of nay for Mr. Joseph Clark as President: Mr. Raymond Clark.

Mr. Joseph Clark took the chair and presided for the remainder of the meeting.

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT:**

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes to nominate Mr. Oves for the position of Vice President.

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes and carried unanimously by roll call vote to close the nominations.

Motion carried by roll call vote with the following vote of nay for Mr. Oves for Vice President: Mr. Raymond Clark.

**TERMS OF BOARD MEMBERS:**

H. James Bauer	Term Expires in 2016
Jacqueline A. McAlister	Term Expires in 2016
Thomas R. Oves, Jr.	Term Expires in 2016
Gregory Whelan	Term Expires in 2016
Jon D. Batastini	Term Expires in 2017
Raymond M. Clark	Term Expires in 2017
Joseph S. Clark, Jr.	Term Expires in 2018
Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes	Term Expires in 2018
Michael A. James	Term Expires in 2018

**Upper Township Board Representatives**

Kristie Chisholm	Term Expires in 2016
William Holmes	Term Expires in 2016
Fran Newman	Term Expires in 2016

**OFFICIAL REPORT OF RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 4, 2014 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION:**

Board Members/Three 3-Year Terms	Number of Votes
Joseph S. Clark, Jr.*	2,189
Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes*	2,150
Michael Allan James*	2,072
Dale F. Braun, Jr.	1,742

\*Successful candidates

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Dr. Taylor and the Board recognized Fall Athletic Achievements.

Dr. Jamison gave a presentation on the Ocean City High School Program of Studies guide.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

There were no public comments.

**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.

**H. REORGANIZATION AGENDA**

Mr. Stanton gave a brief review of the New Jersey Code of Ethics and cited case examples of Ethics cases.

*Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes and carried unanimously, the Board of Education approved the following Superintendent's recommendations.*

1. Renewal of Code of Ethics (Attachment #H.1)

The Board approves the "Code of Ethics for School Board Members" and each Board member shall complete and return the "Acknowledgement of Receipt, Code of Ethics for School Board Members" to the Business Office no later than January 21, 2015.

2. Time and Place of Board of Education Meetings (Attachment #H.2)

The Board approves the following Board Meeting dates for January 28, 2015 through January 6, 2016, to be held in the Community Room at the Ocean City High School, starting at 7:00 p.m.:

- Wednesday, January 28, 2015
- Wednesday, February 25, 2015
- Wednesday, March 25, 2015
- Wednesday, April 29, 2015 (Regular Meeting/Public Hearing)
- Wednesday, May 27, 2015
- Wednesday, June 24, 2015
- Wednesday, July 22, 2015
- Wednesday, August 26, 2015
- Wednesday, September 23, 2015
- Wednesday, October 21, 2015
- Wednesday, November 18, 2015
- Wednesday, December 16, 2015
- Wednesday, January 6, 2016 (Reorganization/Regular Meeting)

**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 Ms. Gallelli-Keyes and carried unanimously the Board of Education approved the following Superintendent's recommendations by "roll call vote."***

**1. Curriculum and Instruction**

A. Program of Studies – High School

The Board approves the attached High School Program of Studies for the 2015-16 school year.

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

A. High School Co-Curricular Sponsor and Stipend

The Board approves Donald Toal, as the head drama co-curricular sponsor for the spring play, \$3,480, tier 4, for the 2014-15 school year.

**3. Policy**

Informational Item

The following Board Self-Evaluation results:

- Board Priorities:
  - o Board and Community
  - o Board Performance
- Board Goals:
  - o Ensure effective board operation through bylaws and effective meeting procedures
  - o Continuing an effective community relations program
  - o Work together in an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect
- Methods for Board Professional Development:
  - o NJ School Board Association weekly bulletins and monthly magazine
  - o NJ School Boards Association Annual Conference
  - o NJ School Boards Association Trainings
  - o Ocean City School Board Workshops and Trainings

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

**1. Curriculum and Instruction**

B. Primary School Field Trip Requests (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board approves the attached Primary School Field Trip list.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no Unfinished Business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no New Business.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Board comments included: The National Honor Society's clothing drive was a success; thanks to Dr. Taylor and staff for attending the Sea Isle City Board of Education meeting; Dr. Taylor and staff are invited to a Longport Board of Education meeting and welcome to new Board members.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes and carried unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mark A. Ritter  
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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