

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 23, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The Special meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Joseph Clark on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the Ocean City High School Community Room, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

On roll call, members present were Jon Batastini, H. James Bauer, Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes, Jacqueline McAlister, Thomas R. Oves, Jr., and Joseph S. Clark, Jr. Also present were Kathleen Taylor, Ed.D., Superintendent, Pat Yacovelli, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Michael Stanton, Esquire. Members absent were Raymond Clark and J. Tiffany Prettyman as well as Kim Breckley, Jill Casaccio and William Holmes who were not required to attend. There were members of the public present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

There were no public comments.

INTERVIEWS OF BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES:

Mr. Stanton reviewed the qualifications of being a Board Member.

The Board interviewed the following five candidates individually for a term of August 6, 2014 until the Reorganization meeting in January 2016:

Dale Braun, Jr.
Michael A. James
David Powell
Gregory Whelan
Edmund Wisham, Jr.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to go into Executive Session.

President Joseph Clark stated: WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes Boards of Education to meet in executive session under certain circumstances,

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into private sessions; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ocean City Board of Education, that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss matters which, if publicly disclosed, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy, and specifically: Deliberate on the School Board vacancy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education will return to open session.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 6:29 p.m.

RECONVENE MEETING:

The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:53 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes and carried unanimously by roll call vote to appoint Gregory Whelan to the Board effective August 6, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Mr. Oves and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Yacovelli
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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OCEAN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
HELD ON JULY 23, 2014

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Matters which, if publicly disclosed, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy, and specifically: Deliberate on the School Board vacancy.

Discussion of the Board Member candidates.

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Mr. Oves and carried unanimously to close the Executive Session and return to open session.

The Executive Session ended at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Yacovelli
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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