

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 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, April 23, 2014 at 6:00 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, Jill Casaccio, Raymond Clark, Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes, Jacqueline McAlister, Thomas R. Oves, J. Tiffany Prettyman 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 Kim Breckley, William Holmes, Peter Madden and Student Representatives Maham Ahmad and Lauren Vetter. There was one member of the public present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

There were no public comments.

The following resolution was presented for formal approval by the Board of Education.

1. Finance

Motion by Mr. Batastini, seconded by Mr. Bauer and carried unanimously, the Board of Education approved the following recommendation by “roll call vote.” Members absent were Ms. Breckley, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Madden.

A. 2014-2015 Preliminary Budget

The Board adopts the following resolution of the Ocean City School District preliminary budget for the school year 2014-2015.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean City Board of Education hereby adopts the preliminary budget for the school year 2014-2015 as follows, subject to final approval or modification at the public hearing.

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
A. General Fund Budget Amount	\$40,910,874.00	\$21,965,332.00
B. Special Revenue Fund Budget Amount	\$688,980.00	\$0.00
C. Debt Service Fund Budget Amount	<u>\$2,716,626.00</u>	<u>\$2,716,545.00</u>
Total Base Budget	\$44,316,480.00	\$24,681,877.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ocean City Board of Education Policy for Travel and Expenses and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2014-2015 school year,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ocean City Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2014-2015 school year at the sum of \$35,000,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the maximum school district travel amount for the 2013-2014 school year is \$24,550, and the amount spent to date is \$6,603,

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to adjust the tentative budget as necessary to comply with NJDOE Budget Guidelines for 2014-2015,

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the public hearing for the 2014-2015 school budget will be held on April 30, 2014, in the High School community room at 7:00 pm, and will be followed by a regular meeting.

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to advertise said tentative budget in the Ocean City Sentinel or Press of Atlantic City in accordance with the format required by the State Department of Education and according to law.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Dr. Taylor stated that yesterday was Earth Day and she also spoke on the Special Olympics.

Mr. Clark spoke on the passing of Jim Gillian as well as Ken Marshall.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Raymond Clark, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes and carried unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Yacovelli
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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