

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The Special meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Joseph Clark on Thursday, February 26, 2014 at 7:00 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, Kim Breckley, Jill Casaccio, Raymond Clark, Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes, William Holmes, Peter Madden, 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, Michael Stanton, Esquire and Student Representative Lauren Vetter. Member absent was Student Representative Maham Ahmad. There were members of the public present.

PRESENTATIONS:

Dr. Taylor and the Board recognized four students for their unique talents and skills.

Mr. Yacovelli gave a presentation on the preliminary budget for the 2014-15 school year.

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.

1. Buildings and Grounds

- Buildings and Grounds Committee Report – Mr. Oves, Chairperson
Mr. Oves gave a report of the Committee meeting.

Motion by Mr. Raymond Clark, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes and carried unanimously, the Board of Education approved the following Superintendent's recommendations by "roll call vote."

2. Curriculum and Instruction

A. High School Field Trip Request

The Board approves the attached High School Field Trip list.

3. Finance

- A. Certified Per Pupil Costs and Certified Report of Enrollment and Attendance (Attachment #3.A)
The Board accepts the 2012-13 Certified Per Pupil Costs and the 2012-13 Certified Report of Enrollment and Attendance.

B. Tuition Rates

The Board approves the following tuition rates for the 2014-15 school year:

- Kindergarten - \$11,618
- Grades 1-5 - \$14,767
- Grades 6-8 - \$18,198
- Grades 9-12 - \$14,957
- Learning/Language Disabilities - \$14,459
- Behavioral Disabilities - \$42,060
- Multiple Disabilities - \$37,146
- Preschool Disabilities (Part Time) - \$14,879

C. Tuition Contracts

The Board approves the following Ocean City High School 2014-15 Tuition Contracts with Corbin City, Sea Isle City, and Upper Township Boards of Education for full and shared-time regular and special education students:

- Corbin City - \$261,501
- Sea Isle City - \$1,248,165
- Upper Township - \$10,073,424

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

The Board approves the February 2014 list of Board of Education Members and School District Staff travel and related expense reimbursements.

E. Preliminary Budget

The Board approves the Preliminary Budget for the 2014-15 School Year.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Ocean City Board of Education hereby adopts the preliminary budget for the school year 2014-15 as follows, subject to final approval or modification at the public hearing on March 26, 2014.

- A. General Fund \$40,398,729
 - Amount to be raised by local taxes \$21,997,901
- B. Special Revenue Fund \$416,895
- C. Debt Fund \$2,716,626
 - Amount to be raised by local taxes \$2,716,545

and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Ocean City Board of Education approves the budget to be submitted to the County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval:

and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the public hearing for the 2014-15 school year budget will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, in the High School Community Room at 7:00 p.m., 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 in accordance with the format required by the State Department of Education and according to law.

4. Personnel

A. Substitutes

The Board approves Kimberly Kraky, criminal history approved/HIB trained substitute teacher, for the 2013-14 school year.

B. High School Volunteer Coach

The Board approves Dane Tabano as a High School volunteer baseball coach for the 2013-14 school year.

C. Co-Curricular Sponsors and Stipends

The Board approves the following co-curricular sponsors for the 2014 spring play:

Gregory Wheeldon, assistant drama director, step 1*, \$2,859*

Steven Trauger, set construction, not to exceed \$1,000 (stipend based on and paid from ticket sales)

D. Employment – Certificated Staff

The Board ratifies Andrew Welsh, High School Interim Special Education Teacher, effective February 4, 2014 through June 30, 2014 at BA, step 1, \$47,777 (pro-rated).

E. Employment – Supportive Staff

The Board approves John Shea, High School custodian, effective March 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014, at step 1, \$36,410 (pro-rated).

F. Employment – Supportive Staff

The Board approves Christopher Kane, High School custodian, effective March 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014, at step 1, \$36,410 (pro-rated).

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

The Board approves employee #2763, a FMLA unpaid leave of absence, effective February 19, 2014 through March 19, 2014, returning to work March 20, 2014.

*pending negotiations

5. Policy

Mr. Raymond Clark stated that there is a meeting tomorrow at the Primary School for the PTA to discuss the Referendum.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

David Powell spoke on the Science Department and NASA partnership.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Student Representative's comments included: Students are developing a strong background in Mathematics; HSPA testing will be next week; March 7 is the Blood Drive; and March 13 is Mr. OCHS.

Board members' comments included: Reminder to vote on March 11 and polls will be open 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; commended Dr. Taylor on the student presentations; congratulated the students; great job Mr. Yacovelli; excellent budget presentation; Sports Authority accounting questions; students never stop impressing you; swim team; Mr. Ray Clark was glad that his daughter was present for the student presentations; and a thank you to Dr. Taylor and Mr. Yacovelli and the Board on the budget work.

Dr. Taylor congratulated the Swim Team and she also informed the Board that the South Korean Department of Education was in District on Monday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Mr. Madden 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 certain items involving: Matters concerning negotiations, and specifically: OCAA and OCEA.

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 not return to open session.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 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 FEBRUARY 26, 2014

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Mr. Toscano gave an update on negotiations for OCAA and OCEA.

The Executive Session ended at 10:00 p.m.

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