

MINUTES OF REORGANIZATION/REGULAR MEETING
HELD JANUARY 8, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The Reorganization/Regular meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by Business Administrator/Board Secretary Pat Yacovelli on Wednesday, January 8, 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

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Dr. Taylor and the Board recognized the following Athletic Achievements and Coaches:

Field Hockey – 2013 Group 3 State Title

Girls' Cross Country Team – South Jersey Championship; Press “Team of the Year”; and Coach Trish Henry - Press “Coach of the Year”

Boys' Soccer – South Jersey Group 3 Sectional Champions, Press “Team of the Year” and Coach Aaron Bogushesky Press “Coach of the Year”

Girls' Soccer Coach Kelly Halliday - Press “Coach of the Year”

Boys' Cross Country Coach Matt Purdue – Press “Coach of the Year”

Mikenzie Helphenstine gave a presentation on the Student Space Flight Experiment Program

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS:

Jon D. Batastini, Raymond M. Clark and Peter V. Madden for three-year terms and Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes for a one-year unexpired term.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO OCEAN CITY BOARD REPRESENTATIVES FROM UPPER TOWNSHIP: Kim Breckley, Jill Casaccio and William Holmes.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

On roll call, members present were Jon D. Batastini, H. James Bauer, Kim Breckley, Jill Casaccio, Joseph S. Clark, Jr., Raymond M. Clark, Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes, William Holmes, Peter V. Madden, Jacqueline McAlister, Thomas R. Oves, Jr. and J. Tiffany Prettyman. Also present were Kathleen Taylor, Ed.D., Superintendent, Pat Yacovelli, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Michael Stanton, Esquire and Student Representatives Maham Ahmad and Lauren Vetter. There were members of the public present.

Mr. Stanton explained the process for selection of President and Vice President.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:

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

Motion by Mr. Batastini, seconded by Mr. Oves and carried unanimously to close the nominations.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote for Mr. Joseph Clark as President.

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

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT:

Motion by Mrs. McAlister to nominate Mr. Oves for the position of Vice President.

Motion by Mr. Batastini, seconded by Mrs. Prettyman and carried unanimously by roll call vote to close the nominations.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote for Mr. Oves for Vice President.

TERMS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Joseph S. Clark, Jr.	Term Expires in 2015
J. Tiffany Prettyman	Term Expires in 2015
Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes	Term Expires in 2015
H. James Bauer	Term Expires in 2016
Jacqueline A. McAlister	Term Expires in 2016
Thomas R. Oves, Jr.	Term Expires in 2016
Jon D. Batistini	Term Expires in 2017
Raymond M. Clark	Term Expires in 2017
Peter V. Madden	Term Expires in 2017

OFFICIAL REPORT OF RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 5, 2013 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION:

<u>Board Members/Three 3-Year Terms</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
Peter V. Madden*	2,398
Raymond M. Clark*	2,182
Jon D. Batistini (Write In)*	410

<u>Board Member One-Year Unexpired Term</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
Jon D. Batistini**	729

*Successful candidate

**Mr. Batistini selected the 3-year term since he was the successful candidate for both the 1-year unexpired term and the 3-year expired term.

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. Holmes, seconded by Mrs. McAlister and carried unanimously the Board of Education approved the following Superintendent's recommendation.

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 22, 2014.

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

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

The Board approves the following Board Meeting dates for January 29, 2014 through January 5, 2015, to be held in the Community Room at the Ocean City High School, starting at 7:00 p.m.:

Wednesday, January 29, 2014
Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (Regular Meeting)
Wednesday, February 26, 2014 (Special Meeting)
Wednesday, March 26, 2014 (Regular Meeting/Public Hearing)
Wednesday, April 23, 2014
Wednesday, May 28, 2014
Wednesday, June 25, 2014
Wednesday, July 23, 2014
Wednesday, August 27, 2014
Wednesday, September 24, 2014
Wednesday, October 15, 2014
Wednesday, November 19, 2014
Wednesday, December 17, 2014
Wednesday, January 7, 2015 (Reorganization/Regular Meeting)

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

2. Curriculum and Instruction

A. Program of Studies – High School

The Board approves the attached High School Program of Studies for the 2014-15 school year.

B. Revised School Calendar (Attachment #2.B)

The Board approves the revisions to the 2013-14 school year calendar to change High School Graduation and the last day of school for all students from June 17, 2014 to June 18, 2014; and to change the last day of school for staff from June 18, 2014 to June 19, 2014. Additionally, High School Exams are changed from June 11th, 12th and 13th to June 12th, 13th, and 16th. These revisions reflect the schools being closed on January 3, 2014 due to inclement weather.

Informational Item

Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying investigation report.

3. Finance

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

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

B. Donation

The Board accepts the following donations for the Student Space Flight Experiment Program:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Caucci	\$2,000.00
Ocean City Education Foundation	\$2,000.00
Ocean City PTA	\$5,000.00

4. Personnel

A. District and High School Supportive Staff 2012-13 Salaries (Attachment #4.A)

The Board ratifies the attached District supportive staff retroactive salary for the 2012-13 school year.

B. District and High School Supportive Staff 2013-14 revised Salaries (Attachment #4.B)

The Board ratifies the attached District and High School revised supportive staff retroactive salaries for the 2013-14 school year.

C. Revised Leave of Absence – District Certificated Staff (Attachment #4.C)

The Board approves employee #3545, a revised paid leave of absence, effective January 27, 2014 through ½ day February 26, 2014 and a revised unpaid leave of absence, effective ½ day February 26, 2014 through March 7, 2014, returning to work on March 10, 2014.

D. Short Term Leave Replacement – District Certificated Staff

The Board approves Risa Tiffany-Morey, short term leave replacement English as a Second Language Teacher, effective on or before January 27, 2014 through March 7, 2014, at \$160 per day.

5. Policy

A. Policy – 2nd Reading

The Board approves the following replacement, addition and or deletion to the Board Policy and/or Regulation Manuals.

- Revised Policy
3144 Certification of Tenure Charges

6. Public Relations

Mr. Raymond Clark informed the Board of meeting to discuss the logo and also communications.

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

1. Buildings and Grounds

A. Use of Facilities (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board approves the following requests for the use of the High School:

Requested By: City of Ocean City
Use: Traveling Basketball Practice
Date/Time: December 18, 2013 (Wed), 4:30PM-5:30PM
Room: Auxiliary Gym
Fee: No charge

Requested By: City of Ocean City
Use: Martin Luther King Program
Date/Time: January 18, 2014 (Sat), 11:00AM-2:00PM
Room: Auditorium and Cafeteria
Fee: No charge

Requested By: Ocean City High School Wrestling Booster Club
Use: Atlantic Cape Middle School Wrestling Tournament
Dates/Times: January 21, 2014 (Tues), 7:00PM-9:00PM for Placement Selection
January 23, 2014 (Thurs), 3:00PM-4:00PM for set up and
4:00PM-9:00PM for tournament
Rooms: Classroom F105 (Jan 21) and Main Gym (Jan 23)
Fee: No charge

Requested By: New Jersey Center for Teaching & Learning
Use: Physics Certification Courses
Dates/Times: Wednesdays in 2014: 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9,
4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4 and 6/11, 3:45PM-7:45PM
Saturdays in 2014: 2/1, 2/22, 3/15 and 5/17, 8:00AM-2:30PM
Room: Classroom A217
Fee: No charge

3. Finance

C. Donation (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board accepts the following donation from the Ocean City PTA:

Primary School Field Trips for Spring 2014 \$3,300.80

D. Polling Hours (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board designates the polling hours as 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the March 11, 2014 referendum.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dave Breedan congratulated the Board on its reorganization; congratulated Mr. Joe Clark on his new leadership position and confidence in his leadership; commented on the school calendar as well as the audits on the web site stating that the most recent audit is not on there.

Dr. Taylor responded to Mr. Breedan about the calendar.

Mr. Yacovelli responded to Mr. Breedan about the audit.

Victor Staniec stated he was discouraged by the lack of ROD Grant information and if no info by next meeting, the Board should delay the vote.

Steve Gibbons stated his son is a track guy and was not allowed to use the pits.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Student Representatives' comments included: Clothing Drive was a success; Induction ceremony; Exchange Club; Talent Show will be January 23; choir concert went well; Christmas cards sent to troops; and DECA went to Regionals' competition in Cherry Hill.

Board comments included: (Ms. Gallelli-Keyes) is excited about new opportunity to be on the Board; student space contest logo; welcome to new members and the Upper representatives for coming back; looking forward to this year; (Mr. Batistini) hopes that he can meet the expectations of the public and Board and he will listen and base his decisions on the students; looking forward to a good year; nice to see the sports but also likes to see the academic have focus; outreach for non-English speaking parents in library; space program and would like to see this at Upper Board of Education; congratulations and good to be back; referendum dates; thanked everyone for their comments and committees will be set this week.

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 involving anticipated or pending litigation, including matters of attorney-client privilege, and specifically: Pending Litigation.

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 9:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Yacovelli
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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Matters involving anticipated or pending litigation, including matters of attorney-client privilege, and specifically: Pending Litigation.

Discussion by Mr. Stanton on State versus a former employee.

The Executive Session ended at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Yacovelli
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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