

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Clark on Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at 7:01 p.m. in the Ocean City High School Community Room, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

President 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 Press of Atlantic City.

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

On roll call, members present were H. James Bauer, Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes, Williams Holmes, Patrick Kane, Jacqueline McAlister, Suzanne Morgan, J. Tiffany Prettyman, William Sooy (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), Gregory Whelan, and Joseph S. Clark, Jr. Also present were Kathleen Taylor, Ed.D., Superintendent, Timothy E. Kelley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Michael Stanton, Esquire, Carl Tripician from Longport, and Daniel Tumolo from Sea Isle City. Members absent were Michael James and Fran Newman. There were 32 members of the public present.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Clark addressed the Board regarding “New Jersey School Board Member Month.”

The Ocean City School District’s We Rock Committee presented an update to the Board of Education and recognized supporters of the initiative.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Ocean City High School students Abbey Fenton, Molly Reardon, and Ashely Devlin addressed the Board regarding the girls’ lacrosse program.

Clint Helphenstine, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the girls’ lacrosse program.

Jane Custer, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the girls’ lacrosse program.

Joe Fenton, Upper Township, addressed the Board regarding the girls’ lacrosse program.

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. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Kane, and carried by roll call vote, with votes of nay by Mrs. McAlister, Mrs. Prettyman and Mr. Clark, to postpone indefinitely item #4.F.

4. Personnel (all motions are upon Superintendent’s recommendation:)

F. Coach

The Board approves the following High School coach for the 2019-20 school year by roll call vote:

Coach	Sport	Position	Stipend
Brian Burke	Girls’ Lacrosse	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Mrs. McAlister, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, the Board of Education approved the following Superintendent’s recommendations.

1. Buildings & Grounds

Informational Items (Attachment)

School	Date	Drill(s)
High School	December 18, 2019 December 9, 2019	Fire Security
Intermediate School	December 16, 2019 December 12, 2019	Fire Security
Primary School	December 12, 2019 December 17, 2019	Fire Security

- Buildings and Grounds Committee Report – Mr. Bauer, Chairperson
No report.

2. Curriculum and Student Affairs

A. High School Field Trip Requests (*Attachment #2.A*)

The Board approves the attached High School Field Trip list.

B. Summer Programs

The Board approves the following summer programs at the High School:

Program	Dates	Days of Week
Special Education Extended School Year (ESY)	6/29/20 - 7/30/20	Monday – Thursday
Raider Ready for High School Algebra	7/6/20 - 7/23/20 8/3/20 - 8/20/20	Monday – Thursday

Informational Items (Attachments)

Out-of-School Suspension Reports for December 2019.

- Curriculum and Student Affairs Committee Report – Mrs. McAlister, Chairperson
Mrs. McAlister gave a report of the Committee meeting.

3. Finance

A. Bill List (*Attachment #3.A*)

The Board approves the payment of bills for January 2020 in the amount of \$6,576,032.69.

B. Secretary and Monthly Cash Reconciliation Reports (*Attachment #3.B*)

The Board approves the Board Secretary’s Monthly Financial Report and the Monthly Cash Reconciliation Report for November and December 2019.

C. Line Item Transfers (*Attachment #3.C*)

The Board approves the revenue and appropriation transfers for November and December 2019. The Board also acknowledges receipt of the State of NJ mandated transfer reconciliation form for November and December 2019.

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

The Board approves the January 2020 list of Board of Education Members and School District Staff travel and related expense reimbursements.

E. Food Service Report (*Attachment #3.E*)

The Board accepts the Food Service Monthly Finance Report for December 2019.

F. Donations

The Board accepts the following donations for the 2019-20 school year:

School	Donor	Amount	Use
High School	Upper Township & Ocean City Municipal Alliance Committee (UT & OC MAC)	\$2,105.00	Red Ribbon Week

4. **Personnel** (all motions are upon Superintendent’s recommendation:)

A. Statement of Assurance (*Attachment #4.A*)

The Board approves the attached Statement of Assurance listing the paraprofessional staff and their titles for the January 31, 2020, submission to the New Jersey Department of Education by roll call vote.

B. New Employment Appointments/Change in Employment Status – Non-Certificated Staff

The Board approves the following appointments of non-certificated staff members by roll call vote:

#	Name	School / Location	Position	Compensation	Effective Dates
1	Jill Caccia	District	Special Education Aide	\$21,851.00 (prorated)	1/30/2020 - 6/30/2020
2	Jennifer Rolls	District	Full-Time Food Service Worker	\$17,231.00 (prorated)	1/30/2020 - 6/30/2020
3	Michael Boyd	District	Security Aide	\$24,287.00 (prorated)	On or before 2/3/2020 - 6/30/2020*
4	Janice Hillemann	HS	Acting 12 Month Secretary	\$49.26 (daily rate)	1/2/2020 - on or before 4/9/2020

*Pending criminal history clearance

C. Leaves of Absence (*Attachment #4.C*)

The Board approves the following leaves of absence by roll call vote:

Employee #	School/ Location	Paid Days	Unpaid Days	Type of Leave	Effective Dates
4655	District	12	46	Revised Paid/Unpaid	11/25/2019 - 2/29/2020

Employee #	School/Location	Paid Days	Unpaid Days	Type of Leave	Effective Dates
1972	HS	32.5	9.5	Paid/FMLA/NJFLA	4/20/2020 - 6/30/2020

D. Resignations

The Board accepts the following resignations by roll call vote:

Name	School/Location	Position	Effective Date
Jennifer Dwyer	District	Special Education Aide	1/14/2020
Jennifer Rolls	District	Part-Time Food Service Worker	1/30/2020

E. Extra-Curricular Assignments/Stipend Positions

The Board approves the following High School extra-curricular/stipend positions for the 2019-20 school year by roll call vote:

Name	School/Location	Description	Tier	Compensation
Hannah Breed	HS	Spring musical choreographer	N/A	*\$1,000.00
Cholehna Weaver	HS	Spring musical piano services	N/A	*\$1,500.00
Mary Newnam	HS	Spring musical pit musician	N/A	*\$600.00
John Drechen	HS	Spring musical pit musician	N/A	*\$600.00
Cathy Bridge	HS	Spring musical pit musician	N/A	*\$600.00
Gregory Wheeldon	HS	Spring Stage Crew	2	\$2,105.00

*Stipends are paid based on ticket sales. Stipends listed are the maximum amount to be paid.

G. Coaches

The Board approves the following High School coaches for the 2020-21 school year by roll call vote:

Coach	Sport	Position	Stipend*
Matthew Purdue	Boys' Cross Country	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
Patricia Henry	Girls' Cross Country	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
Kelsey Burke	Field Hockey	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
Patricia Pepe	Field Hockey	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
Kevin Smith	Football	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
Timothy M. Kelley	Football	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
Frank LaSasso	Football	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
Sean Matthews	Football	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
Paul Callahan	Football	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
Paul Baruffi	Football	Freshman	\$4,892.00
Michael Williscroft	Football	Freshman	\$4,892.00
Aaron Bogushefsky	Boys' Soccer	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
R. Scott Bloomstead	Boys' Soccer	Freshman	\$4,892.00
Kelly Halliday	Girls' Soccer	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
Lisa Cuneo	Girls' Soccer	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
Ashley Schmid	Girls' Soccer	Freshman	\$4,892.00
Mark Miedama	Surf Team	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
Samantha DiMatteo	Girls' Tennis	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
John Kloos	Girls' Tennis	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00

*Stipend pending negotiations.

H. Substitute

The Board approves the following criminal history approved/HIB trained substitute for the 2019-20 school year by roll call vote:

Name	Position
Melisa Burton	Teacher

I. Sporting Event Workers

The Board approves the following sporting event workers for the 2019-20 school year by roll call vote:

Name	Position
Kelsey Burke	Sporting Event Worker
Monique Cione	Sporting Event Worker
Megan Day	Sporting Event Worker
Zachary Fox	Sporting Event Worker
Edward Ritti	Sporting Event Worker
Timothy M. Kelley	Sporting Event Worker
Matthew Purdue	Sporting Event Worker
Rosemarie Vecchiolla	Sporting Event Worker

- Negotiations Committee Report – Mr. Bauer, Chairperson
No report.

5. **Policy**

- Policy Committee Report – Mrs. Prettyman, Chairperson
No report.

6. **District Communications**

- District Communications Committee Report - Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, Chairperson
Ms. Gallelli-Keyes gave a report of the Committee meeting.

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

1. **Buildings & Grounds**

A. Use of Facilities (Ocean City Representatives Only)

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

Requested By	Activity	Dates/Times Requested	Rooms Needed	Fee Charged
Upper Township/Ocean City Warrior's Lacrosse	Sports Practice	March 2 – May 14, 2020 (Mondays & Thursdays) 5:30pm – 8:30pm <i>*Gym unavailable on all Mondays and on 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 4/23, 5/7 (Thursdays)</i>	Cage & Back Fields; Gymnasium (in case of inclement weather)	No charge
Ocean City Beach Patrol	Annual Training	May 16, 2020 (Sat) 8:30am – 4:30pm	Gymnasium, Multi-Purpose Room, 4 Classrooms	No charge

2. Curriculum and Student Affairs

C. Intermediate School Field Trip Requests (Ocean City Representatives Only) (Attachment #2.C)

The Board approves the attached Intermediate School Field Trip list.

D. Summer Programs (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board approves the following summer programs at the Primary and Intermediate Schools:

School	Program	Dates	Days of Week
Intermediate School	Special Education Extended School Year (ESY)	6/29/20 - 7/30/20	Monday – Thursday
Intermediate School	21 st Century Challenge Program	7/6/20 - 7/17/20	Monday – Friday
Intermediate School	Wilson Reading Summer Program/Clinic	7/6/20 - 7/30/20	Monday – Thursday (10 sessions total)
Intermediate School	Summer School – students entering grades 5-8	7/6/20 - 7/30/20	Monday – Thursday
Primary School	Special Education Extended School Year (ESY)	6/29/20 - 7/30/20	Monday – Thursday
Primary School	Summer School Title I – students entering grades K – 4 (funded through Title I Federal Program)	7/6/20 - 7/30/20	Monday – Thursday
Primary School	Summer School ELL Program – students entering grades K – 4	7/6/20 - 7/30/20	Monday – Thursday

E. Primary School Field Trip Requests (Ocean City Representatives Only) (Attachment #2.E)

The Board approves the attached Primary School Field Trip list.

3. Finance

G. Tuition Contract Agreements (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board approves the following 2019-20 Tuition Contract Agreements:

Sending District	Receiving District	Grade	Effective Dates	Per Diem Rate	Total Cost	Comments
Ocean City BOE	Galloway Township BOE	3	9/16/19 – 6/30/20	\$84.72 (173 days)	\$14,656.56	McKinney-Vento
Ocean City BOE	Galloway Township BOE	3	9/16/19 – 6/30/20	\$84.72 (173 days)	\$14,656.56	McKinney-Vento

H. Grant Acceptance (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board accepts the following grant for the 2019-20 school year:

School	Name	Funded By	Amount
Intermediate School	Healthy Schools and Healthy Children	AtlantiCare	\$500.00

I. Donations (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board accepts the following donations for the 2019-20 school year:

School	Donor	Amount	Use
Intermediate School	Ocean City Education Foundation	\$10,000.00	Wellness Center
Intermediate School	Upper Township & Ocean City Municipal Alliance Committee	\$1,045.00	Red Ribbon Week

School	Donor	Amount	Use
	(UT & OC MAC)		
Primary School	Upper Township & Ocean City Municipal Alliance Committee (UT & OC MAC)	\$350.00	Red Ribbon Week

4. Personnel (all motions are upon Superintendent’s recommendation:)

J. Leaves of Absence (Ocean City Representatives Only) (Attachment #4.J)

The Board approves the following leaves of absence by roll call vote:

Employee #	School/Location	Paid Days	Unpaid Days	Type of Leave	Effective Dates
2188	IS	0	9	Unpaid	1/21/2020 - 1/31/2020
2789	IS	31	66	Paid/FMLA/NJFLA	1/23/2020 - 6/30/2020
3719	PS	7	35	Paid/FMLA/NJFLA	4/20/2020 - 6/30/2020
4616	PS	22.5	39.5	Revised Paid/FMLA/NJFLA	1/27/2020 - 5/3/2020

K. Extra-Curricular Assignment/Stipend Position (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board approves the following extra-curricular/stipend position for the 2019-20 school year by roll call vote:

Name	School/Location	Description	Tier	Compensation
Angelo DiBartolo	IS	After School Detention Supervisor	N/A	\$32.00 per hour

L. Coaches (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board approves the following Intermediate School coaches for the 2020-21 school year by roll call vote:

Coach	Sport	Position	Stipend*
Sonya Parker	Co-Ed Cross Country	Co-Coach	\$2,446.00
Patricia Kelly	Co-Ed Cross Country	Co-Coach	\$2,446.00
Mikenzie Helphenstine	Field Hockey	Coach	\$4,892.00
Bruce Hunt	Co-Ed Soccer	Coach	\$4,892.00

*Stipend pending negotiations.

M. School Fieldwork Placement (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board approves the following introductory fieldwork placement by roll call vote:

Student Name	Assigned Staff	School / Location	College/Organization	Effective Dates
Michelle Brook	Rosemary Millar	IS	Rowan University	Ratified 9/2019 - 12/2019

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Mr. Bauer, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the December 11, 2019, Special Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Whole as presented.

Motion carried by roll call vote with votes to abstain from Mr. Holmes, Mr. Kane, and Mrs. McAlister.

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Mr. Bauer, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the December 11, 2019, Regular Meeting and Executive Session as presented.

Motion carried by roll call vote with votes to abstain from Mr. Holmes, Mr. Kane, and Ms. Morgan.

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Mr. Bauer, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the January 8, 2020, Reorganization and Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion carried by roll call vote with votes to abstain from Mr. Holmes and Mrs. Prettyman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Victor Staniec, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding transportation and a bus aide recently added to an Ocean City Primary School route.

Joe Fenton, Upper Township, addressed the Board regarding the girls' assistant lacrosse coach.

Jane Custer, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the girls' assistant lacrosse coach.

Eleanor Parker, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the girls' assistant lacrosse coach.

Jan Hartman, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the girls' assistant lacrosse coach.

Mikenzie Helphenstine, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the girls' assistant lacrosse coach.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board comments included thanks to the We Rock Committee, the 2020-21 budget, and the recently held incoming freshman orientation at the high school.

BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS

President Clark thanked those involved with the opening of the Intermediate School Wellness Center and noted recent press articles regarding the opening of the wellness center at the Intermediate School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

President 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: Two Upper Township Matters.

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 to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

RECONVENE MEETING

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Mrs. McAlister, and carried unanimously to reconvene the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Prettyman, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, to approve a proposed settlement agreement for outstanding litigation (Upper Township Board of Education vs. Ocean City Board of Education) on docket numbers OAL EDU 01663-2015S and OAL EDU 01134-16.

Motion carried by roll call vote with a vote of nay by Mrs. McAlister.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Kelley
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

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