

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Clark on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ocean City High School Library, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ, and via Zoom meeting ID 976-2357-2789.

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 (arrived at 7:06 p.m.), Michael James, Patrick Kane, Jacqueline McAlister, Suzanne Morgan, J. Tiffany Prettyman, William Sooy, 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, and Carl Tripician from Longport. Members absent were William Holmes and Fran Newman. There were 29 members of the public present.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

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.

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

1. Buildings & Grounds

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

2. Curriculum and Student Affairs

A. Out-of-District Placements

The Board approves the following out-of-district student placements for the 2020-21 school year.

Placement	District	Tuition
CMC SSD	OC	\$195,250.00
CMC SSD	UT	\$100,250.00
Bancroft – Haddonfield	UT	\$107,993.00

Placement	District	Tuition
ACSSSD	UT	\$99,180.00
YALE – Marlton	UT	\$109,584.00
CMCSSSD	SIC	\$157,500.00

B. Student Safety Data System (*Attachment #2.B*)

The Board acknowledges the submission of the NJDOE SSDS – reporting incidents, trainings and programs occurring January 1 – June 30, 2020 to the New Jersey Department of Education.

C. OCSD Nursing Services Plan (*Attachment #2.C*)

The Board adopts the updated 2020-21 Nursing Services Plan.

• 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 August 2020 in the amount of \$1,766,827.14.

B. Acceptance of Nonpublic Textbook Aid

The Board accepts Nonpublic Textbook Aid for Westminster Christian Academy for the 2020-21 school year in the amount of \$5,926.

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

A. New Employment Appointments – Certificated Staff

The Board approves the following appointments of certified staff by roll call vote:

Name	School/ Location	Position	Compensation	Effective Dates
Mark Benedetto	HS	Teacher of Biology	\$67,348.00 MA+45, Step 1 (prorated)	On or before 10/26/2020- 6/30/2021*
Joshua Handshaw	HS	Teacher of Industrial Arts/Woodworking	\$50,524.00 BA, Step 1 (prorated)	On or before 10/26/2020 - 6/30/2021*

*Pending New Jersey criminal history clearance

B. New Employment Appointment – Non-certificated Staff

The Board approves the following appointment of non-certified staff by roll call vote:

Name	School/ Location	Position	Compensation	Effective Dates
Patrick Lynch	District	Special Education Aide	\$22,270.00 (includes \$600.00 stipend for BA degree)	9/1/2020 - 6/30/2021*

*Pending New Jersey criminal history clearance

C. New Employment Appointment – Substitute

The Board approves the following substitute by roll call vote:

Name	School/ Location	Position	Effective Dates
Agatha Becker	District	Substitute Teacher	9/1/2020 - 6/30/2021*

*Pending issuance of New Jersey substitute certificate

D. Leaves of Absence (Attachment #4.D)

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

Employee #	School/ Location	Paid Days	Unpaid Days	Type of Leave	Effective Dates
4305	District	32.5	124	Paid/FMLA/NJFLA/Extended Unpaid	10/13/2020-6/30/2021
4675	District	60*	0	FFCRA Intermittent	9/1/2020-12/31/2020
3027	HS	60*	0	FFCRA Intermittent	9/1/2020-12/31/2020
3940	HS	60*	0	FFCRA Intermittent	9/1/2020-12/31/2020

*Paid under FFCRA; max \$200.00/day

E. Resignation

The Board accepts the following resignation by roll call vote:

Name	School/Location	Position	Effective Date
Jennifer Rolls	District	Food Service Worker	8/25/2020

F. Coaches

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

Coach	Sport	Position	Stipend
Lesley Graham	Girls' Lacrosse	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
Christian Clark	Boys' Lacrosse	Freshman Coach	\$4,892.00*

*Revision

• Informational Items

A. The members of the 504 Accommodation Plan Committee for the High School, Intermediate School and Primary School for the 2020-21 school year are as follows:

Name	School/ Location	Position
Dr. Wendy O'Neal, Assistant Principal	HS	Chair
Jill Berenato, School Nurse, Student Assistance Coordinator	HS	Team Member
Tifaya Nazja-Noble, School Social Worker/Mental Health	HS	Team Member
Stephanie Lancaster Hurless, LDTC	HS	Team Member
Candita Suppi, School Nurse (as needed, medical plans only)	HS	Team Member
Angelo DiBartolo, Guidance Counselor	IS	Chair
Pamela Wilson, LDTC	IS	Team Member
Stephanie Grisinger, School Social Worker (as needed)	IS	Team Member
Rosemary Millar, School Nurse (as needed, medical plans only)	IS	Team Member
Joel Dougan, Guidance Counselor	PS	Chair
Lorraine Baldwin, LDTC	PS	Team Member

Name	School/ Location	Position
Ivory Williams, School Social Worker (as needed)	PS	Team Member
Cheryl Cantwell, School Nurse (as needed, medical plans only)	PS	Team Member

- B. The members of the Intervention and Referral Services Teams for the High School, Intermediate School and Primary School for the 2020-21 school year are as follows:

Name	School / Location	Position
Dr. Wendy O’Neal, Assistant Principal	HS	Chair
Jill Berenato, School Nurse, Student Assistance Coordinator	HS	Team Member
Tifaya Nazja-Noble, School Social Worker/Mental Health	HS	Team Member
Christian Clark, Teacher	HS	Team Member
Nicole McMaster, Special Education Teacher	HS	Team Member
Debra Cathcart, Teacher	HS	Team Member
Sean Matthews, Teacher	HS	Team Member
Samantha DiMatteo, Teacher	HS	Team Member
Dane Tabano, Guidance Counselor	HS	Team Member
Candita Suppi, School Nurse (as needed, medical issues only)	HS	Team Member
Angelo DiBartolo, Guidance Counselor	IS	Chair
Michael Mattina, Principal	IS	Team Member
Pamela Wilson, LDTC	IS	Team Member
Michael Cappelletti, Teacher	IS	Team Member
Stephanie Grisinger, School Social Worker (as needed)	IS	Team Member
Rosemary Millar, School Nurse (as needed, medical issues only)	IS	Team Member
Joel Dougan, Guidance Counselor	PS	Chair
Dr. Cathleen Smith, Principal	PS	Team Member
Ivory Williams, School Social Worker	PS	Team Member
Jennifer Gatto, Teacher	PS	Team Member
Carole Maurer, ESL Teacher	PS	Team Member
Lorraine Baldwin, LDTC (as needed)	PS	Team Member
Cheryl Cantwell, School Nurse (as needed, medical issues only)	PS	Team Member

- C. The members of the Safety/Climate Team (HIB) for the High School, Intermediate School and Primary School for the 2020-21 school year are as follows:

Name	School / Location	Position
Dane Tabano, Guidance Counselor	HS	Anti-Bullying Specialist
Jill Berenato, School Nurse, Student Assistance Coordinator	HS	Alternate Anti-Bullying Specialist
Dr. Wendy O’Neal, Assistant Principal	HS	Team Member
Michael Pomatto, Teacher	HS	Team Member
Ashley Palmentieri, Teacher	HS	Team Member
Margaret Corcoran, Guidance Counselor	HS	Extension Program Liaison
Angelo DiBartolo, Guidance Counselor	IS	Anti-Bullying Specialist
Dr. Vicki Scheetz, School Psychologist	IS	Alternate Anti-Bullying Specialist
Michael Mattina, Principal	IS	Team Member
Pamela Wilson, LDTC	IS	Team Member
Amber Wira, Teacher	IS	Team Member

Name	School / Location	Position
Cholehna Weaver, Teacher	IS	Team Member
Joel Dougan, Guidance Counselor	PS	Anti-Bullying Specialist
Ivory Williams, School Social Worker	PS	Alternate Anti-Bullying Specialist
Dr. Cathleen Smith, Principal	PS	Team Member
Jennifer Gatto, Teacher	PS	Team Member
Daniel Calhoun, Teacher	PS	Team Member

D. The members of the Pandemic Response Team for the High School, Intermediate School and Primary School for the 2020-21 school year are as follows:

Name	School / Location	Position
Dr. Matthew Jamison	HS	Principal
Dr. Wendy O’Neal	HS	Assistant Principal
Jerry Brown	HS	Assistant Principal
Geoff Haines	HS	K-12 Athletic Director
Ray Martin	HS	Guidance Team Member
Dane Tabano	HS	Guidance Counselor
Paul Matusz	HS	Teacher
Ashley Palmenteri	HS	Teacher
Michael Pomatto	HS	Teacher
Kathy Sykes	HS	Secretary to Principal
Candita Suppi	HS	School Nurse
Jill Berenato	HS	Student Assistance Coordinator/School Nurse
Herb Synder	HS	Head Custodian
Ashley Madden	HS	Parent
OCHS Student Council President	HS	Team Member
Michael Mattina	IS	Principal
Dr. Megan Brown	IS	Teacher
Frank Butterick	IS	Teacher
Matt Lane	IS	Teacher
Michele Dubs	IS	Secretary to Principal
Dr. Vicki Scheetz	IS	School Psychologist
Angelo DiBartolo	IS	Guidance Counselor
Rose Millar	IS	School Nurse
Todd Lauer	IS	Head Custodian
Mike Gray	IS	Parent
OCIS Student Council Representative	IS	Team Member
Dr. Cathleen Smith	PS	Principal
Dr. Lauren Gunther	PS	K-12 Curriculum Director
Mary Beth Libro	PS	Teacher
Amanda Stanco	PS	Teacher
Erin Porter	PS	Teacher
Carrie Merritt	PS	Teacher
Lisa Hurff	PS	Secretary to Principal

Name	School / Location	Position
Lorraine Baldwin	PS	Child Study Team
Joel Dougan	PS	Guidance Counselor
Cheryl Cantwell	PS	School Nurse
Ed Comby	PS	Head Custodian
Katie Grim	PS	Parent

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

5. Policy

A. Policies – 2nd Reading (*Attachment #5.A*)

The Board approves the following replacements, additions and/or deletions to the Board Policy and/or Regulation manuals:

Policy Number	Policy Name	New	Revised	Mandated	1 st Reading
P 1648	Restart and Recovery Plan (M)	X		X	8/5/2020
P 1649	Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act (M)	X		X	8/5/2020
P 2431.3	Heat Participation Policy for Student-Athlete Safety (M)		X	X	8/5/2020
P 2622	Student Assessment (M)		X	X	8/5/2020
P 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M)		X	X	8/5/2020
P 5200	Attendance		X	X	8/5/2020
P 5330.04	Administering an Opioid Antidote (M)		X	X	8/5/2020
P 5610	Suspension (M)		X	X	8/5/2020
P 5620	Expulsion (M)		X	X	8/5/2020
P 8320	Personnel Records (M)		X	X	8/5/2020
P 9150	Visitors		X		8/5/2020

Regulation Number	Regulation Name	New	Revised	Mandated	1 st Reading
R 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M)		X	X	8/5/2020
R 5200	Attendance		X	X	8/5/2020
R 5330.04	Administering an Opioid Antidote (M)		X	X	8/5/2020
R 5610	Suspension Procedures (M)		X	X	8/5/2020
R 8320	Personnel Records (M)		X	X	8/5/2020

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

6. District Communications

- District Communications Committee Report - Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, Chairperson
No report.

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

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

G. Retirements (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board accepts with deep regret the following retirements by roll call vote:

Name	School/Location	Position	Effective Date
Kristen Montanero	PS	Library Media Specialist	11/1/2020
Jeri Skulsky	IS	Reading Teacher	1/1/2021

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

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

Employee #	School/Location	Paid Days	Unpaid Days	Type of Leave	Effective Dates
3557	PS	0	55	Rescind	9/1/2020-11/22/2020
2032	PS	30	0	Paid	8/11/2020-9/22/2020
1982	IS	32	11	Paid/FMLA	7/1/2020-8/31/2020

I. Short-Term Leave Replacements – Certificated Staff (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board approves the following short-term certificated leave replacements by roll call vote:

Name	School/Location	Position	Compensation	Effective Dates
Megan Kelly*	PS	ST Leave Replacement Kindergarten Teacher	\$160.00/day	9/1/2020-12/1/2020
Marlo Tirro*	PS	ST Leave Replacement Kindergarten Teacher	\$160.00/day	09/1/2020-10/7/2020
Zachary Zellers	IS	ST Leave Replacement 4 th Grade Teacher	\$160.00/day	09/1/2020-11/22/2020
Jennifer Keeper*	IS	ST Leave Replacement 4 th Grade Teacher	\$160.00/day	9/1/2020-11/22/2020
Marcia Vogel	IS	ST Leave Replacement 4 th Grade Teacher - Rescind	\$160.00/day	9/1/2020-11/22/2020

*Pending New Jersey criminal history clearance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the August 5, 2020, Regular Meeting and Executive Session as presented.

Motion carried (unanimously) by roll call vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donna Breeden, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding school opening and orientation at district schools.

David Breeden, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the lack of an in-person high school orientation.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board of Education comments included thanks to administration and support staff on preparing schools for the opening of the 2020-2021 school year.

BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS

President Clark thanked Dr. Taylor and district staff for their ongoing work and noted that the Ocean City School District was recognized in the NJSBA Magazine this past month.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Mr. Bauer, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Kelley
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

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