

MINUTES OF REORGANIZATION/REGULAR MEETING
HELD JANUARY 6, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Reorganization/Regular meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by Business Administrator/Board Secretary Timothy E. Kelley on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom meeting ID 961-3196-0197.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Kelley 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 Press of Atlantic City.

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

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Kelley administered the Oath of Office to Board Members Joseph S. Clark, Jr., Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes and Michael James for three-year terms.

Mr. Kelley also administered the Oath of Office to Upper Township Representatives Fran Newman and William Sooy for one-year terms.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

On roll call, members present were H. James Bauer, Joseph S. Clark, Jr., Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes, Michael James, Patrick Kane, Jacqueline McAlister, Fran Newman, J. Tiffany Prettyman, William Sooy and Gregory Whelan. Also present were Kathleen Taylor, Ed.D., Superintendent, Timothy E. Kelley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Michael Stanton, Esquire, Carl Tripician from Longport, Daniel Tumolo from Sea Isle City, and Student Representatives Isabelle Heng and Harrison Horn. Members absent were William Holmes and Suzanne Morgan. There were 11 members of the public present.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Motion by Mr. Whelan to nominate Joseph S. Clark, Jr. for the position of Board President.

There were no further nominations.

Motion by Mrs. Newman to close the nominations.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote for Mr. Clark to serve as Board President.

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

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Motion by Mr. Bauer to nominate Jacqueline McAlister for the position of Board Vice President.

Motion by Mr. Sooy to nominate Patrick Kane for the position of Board Vice President.

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes to close the nominations.

Vote for Jacqueline McAlister to serve as Board Vice President – Mr. Bauer, Mr. Clark, Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, and Mrs. McAlister all voted Yes; all others voted No.

Vote for Patrick Kane to serve as Board Vice President – Mr. James, Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Prettyman, Mr. Sooy, Mr. Whelan, and Dr. Kane all voted Yes; all others voted No.

Dr. Patrick Kane was elected to serve as Board Vice President.

Dr. Kane provided the Board with an update from the ad-hoc COVID committee.

TERMS OF BOARD MEMBERS

H. James Bauer	Term Expires in 2022
Jacqueline McAlister	Term Expires in 2022
Suzanne A. Morgan	Term Expires in 2022
Patrick Kane	Term Expires in 2023
J. Tiffany Prettyman	Term Expires in 2023
Gregory Whelan	Term Expires in 2023
Joseph S. Clark, Jr.	Term Expires in 2024
Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes	Term Expires in 2024
Michael James	Term Expires in 2024

Upper Township Board Representatives

William Holmes	Term Expires in 2022
Fran Newman	Term Expires in 2022
William Sooy	Term Expires in 2022

OFFICIAL REPORT OF RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 3, 2020 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

<u>Board Members/Three 3-Year Terms</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes*	4,757
Joseph S. Clark, Jr.*	4,750
Michael James*	4,635

*Successful candidates

REORGANIZATION AGENDA

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

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, 2021.
2. Time and Place of Board of Education Meetings (*Attachment #H.2*)
The Board approves the following Board Meeting dates for January 27, 2021, through January 5, 2022, to be held in the Ocean City High School Community Room, except as noted below, starting at 7:00 p.m.:
Wednesday, January 27, 2021
Wednesday, February 24, 2021

- Wednesday, March 17, 2021
- Wednesday, April 28, 2021 (Regular Meeting/Public Hearing)
- Wednesday, May 26, 2021 (Will be held in the Ocean City High School Auditorium)
- Wednesday, June 23, 2021
- Wednesday, August 4, 2021
- Wednesday, August 25, 2021
- Wednesday, September 22, 2021
- Wednesday, October 13, 2021
- Wednesday, November 17, 2021
- Wednesday, December 15, 2021
- Wednesday, January 5, 2022 (Reorganization/Regular Meeting to be held in the Ocean City High School Auditorium)

3. Compliance Officers

The Board approves the following appointments for the 2020-21 school year:

Compliance Category	Staff Member Responsible
Affirmative Action Officer – Classroom	Athletic Director
Affirmative Action Officer – Employees	Athletic Director Alternate - Personnel Services Manager
Americans with Disabilities Coordinator	Special Education Services Supervisor
Section 504 Officer	Special Education Services Supervisor
Anti-Bullying District Coordinator	Athletic Director

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no public comments.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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. James, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, the Board of Education approved the following Superintendent’s recommendations.

1. Finance

A. Travel & Expense Reimbursement (*Attachment #1.A*)

The Board approves the January 2021 list of Board of Education Members and School District Staff travel and related expense reimbursements.

B. Grant Application Submission

The Board approves the following grant application submission:

School	Grant Name	Funds Requested
District-Wide	NJDOE - Addressing Student Learning Loss	\$156,425

C. Grant Acceptance

The Board accepts the following grant for the 2020-21 school year:

School	Name	Funded By	Amount
High School	Healthy Schools, Healthy Children (new High School club)	AtlantiCare	\$1,000

2. Personnel (All motions are upon Superintendent's recommendation):

A. New Employment – Non-Certificated Staff

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

Name	School/Location	Position	Compensation	Effective Date
Lee Battle	District	Custodian	\$40,341 (prorated)	On or after 1/7/21

B. Long-Term Leave Replacement

The Board approves the following long-term certificated staff leave replacement by roll call vote:

Name	School/Location	Position	Compensation	Effective Date
Marcia Vogel	High School	Teacher of Math	\$50,524 (prorated)	1/4/21

C. Resignations – District Support Staff

The Board approves the following resignations by roll call vote:

Name	School/Location	Position	Effective Date
Eileen Rocks	District	Secretary to the Director of Student Services	1/7/21
Sandra Kooker	District	Special Education Aide	1/22/21

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board comments included congratulations to the fall sports teams, thanks to Mrs. McAlister for her years serving as Board of Education Vice President, and the Raider Ready Kindergarten program.

Student Representatives updated the Board on activities at the High School.

BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS

President Clark thanked the Board for their continued support and electing him to serve as Board President and also thanked the Township Representatives who continue to serve with the Ocean City School Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Mr. Bauer, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Kelley
Business Administrator/Board Secretary
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