

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Clark on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ocean City High School Library, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ, and via Zoom meeting ID 949-0631-6452.

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, Michael James, Patrick Kane, Jacqueline McAlister, Suzanne Morgan, Fran Newman, William Sooy, Gregory Whelan (left at 8:30 p.m. and did not participate in BOE votes), 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, Daniel Tumolo from Sea Isle City, and Student Representative Isabelle Heng. Member absent was J. Tiffany Prettyman. There were 68 members of the public present.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Mike Garcia, CPA of Ford Scott and Associates, presented the June 30, 2020, audit to the Board.

Mr. Geoff Haines, Athletic Director, presented fall 2020 sports highlights to the Board.

Dr. Taylor acknowledged the work of the Board of Education in recognition of New Jersey School Board Member Month.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Brent Wylie, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the update of the COVID Committee.

Hillary Heywood, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the update of the COVID Committee.

Lisa Mansfield, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the update of the COVID Committee.

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 Ms. Morgan, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, the Board of Education approved the following Superintendent's recommendations.

1. Buildings & Grounds

Informational Items

School	Date	Drill(s)
High School	December 9, 2020 (Cohort O)	Fire
	December 10, 2020 (Cohort C)	Fire
	December 15, 2020 (Cohort O)	Security
	December 16, 2020 (Cohort C)	Security
Intermediate School	December 8, 2020 (Cohort O)	Fire
	December 10, 2020 (Cohort C)	Fire
	December 8, 2020 (Cohort O)	Security
	December 10, 2020 (Cohort C)	Security
Primary School	December 8, 2020 (Cohort O)	Fire
	December 10, 2020 (Cohort C)	Fire
	December 8, 2020 (Cohort O)	Security
	December 11, 2020 (Cohort C)	Security

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

2. Curriculum and Student Affairs

A. Winter Sports Schedules (*Attachment #2.A*)

The Board approves the attached High School 2020-21 updated winter sports' schedules.

C. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Case Findings (*Attachment #2.C*)

The Board adopts and approves the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Case Findings as reported in the attached.

- 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 2021 in the amount of \$6,973,335.36.

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 December 2020.

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

The Board approves the revenue and appropriation transfers for December 2020. The Board also acknowledges receipt of the State of NJ mandated transfer reconciliation form for December 2020.

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

The Board approves the January 2021 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 2020.

F. 2019-20 Annual School District Audit

After reviewing and discussing the annual School District Audit with the auditor, the Board accepts the Comprehensive Annual Finance Report (CAFR) and the Auditor’s Management Report on Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance for the 2019-20 school year as prepared by Ford, Scott and Associates, LLC. There are no audit findings.

G. Reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Fiscal Year 2021 Consolidated Grant

The Board authorizes the District’s amended submission of the IDEA FY21 consolidated grant application in the amount of \$578,767.

H. Reauthorization of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Grant

The Board authorizes the District’s amended submission of the CARES Act grant application in the amount of \$222,799.

I. Donation

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

School	Donor	Amount	Use
District	OCNJ CARE	\$503.50	Touchless Thermometers (for community support)

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, 2021, submission to the New Jersey Department of Education by roll call vote.

B. New Employment Appointment – Non-Certified

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

Name	School/ Location	Position	Compensation	Effective Dates
Eileen Sorantino	District	Secretary to the Director of Student Services	\$45,150.00 (prorated)	On or after 2/1/21-6/30/21

C. New Substitute Appointments

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

Name	School/ Location	Position	Effective Dates
Nancy Notaro	District	Substitute Teacher	1/28/21-6/30/21
Erin Howard	District	Substitute Teacher	1/28/21-6/30/21
Patricia Jones	District	Substitute Teacher	1/28/21-6/30/21
Kristen Young	District	Substitute Teacher	1/28/21-6/30/21
Paul Lebron	District	Substitute Custodian	1/28/21-6/30/21

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
0663	High School	25	0	FMLA	12/16/20-1/26/21
3489	High School	2	0	FFCRA	12/22/20-12/31/20
4170	District	3	9	FMLA	1/25/21-2/10/21
4203	District	18	32	Revised LOA	12/9/20-3/1/21

E. Coaches

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

Coach	Sport	Position	Stipend
Mikenzie Helphenstine	Girls' Lacrosse	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
Kristen Pinkney*	Girls' Lacrosse	Freshman Coach	\$4,892.00

*Pending New Jersey criminal history clearance

F. Extra-Curricular Assignment/Stipend Position

The Board approves the following extra-curricular/stipend position for the 2020-21 school year by roll call vote:

Name	School	Description	Compensation
Kara Uhrich	High School	Our Minds Matter Club Advisor	\$1,000.00 *

*Funded through AtlantiCare grant

- Negotiations Committee Report – Mr. Whelan, Chairperson
Mr. Clark gave a report of the Committee meeting.

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.

2. **Curriculum and Student Affairs**

- B. Winter Sports Schedules (Ocean City Representatives Only) (Attachment #2.B)

The Board approves the attached Intermediate School 2020-21 winter sports schedule.

3. **Finance**

- J. Grant Acceptance (Ocean City Representatives Only)

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

School	Name	Funded By	Amount
Intermediate School	Healthy Schools, Healthy Children	AtlantiCare	\$1,500

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

G. Short-Term Leave Replacement (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board approves the following Short-Term Leave Replacement by roll call vote:

Name	School/ Location	Position	Compensation	Effective Dates
Patricia Jones	Primary School	Preschool Teacher	\$160.00/day	1/28/21-4/1/21

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

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

Employee #	School/ Location	Paid Days	Unpaid Days	Type of Leave	Effective Dates
4524	Intermediate School	0	56	FMLA	3/22/21-6/30/21

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Mr. Holmes, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the December 16, 2020, Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Morgan, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the January 6, 2021, Reorganization/Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion carried by roll call vote, with a vote to abstain from Ms. Morgan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jennifer Bowman, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the senior class of 2021.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board of Education comments included COVID-19 vaccines for school employees.

Board of Education student representative updated the Board on activities throughout the high school.

BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS

President Clark commented on the 2020 audit, current NJSBA virtual meetings, and thanked OCNJ CARES and the After Prom Committee for their continued support of the District.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, 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 the real tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, and specifically: Computer Network; and Matters involving personnel issues, including but not limited to, the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or discipline of any public officer or employee, and specifically: Personnel.

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 to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 9:09 p.m.

RECONVENE MEETING

Motion by Ms. Morgan, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, and carried unanimously to reconvene the meeting at 10:33 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Ms. Morgan, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Kelley
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

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