

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 24, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Clark on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ocean City High School Library, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ, and via Zoom meeting ID 949-9033-9257.

**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, Jacqueline McAlister, Suzanne Morgan, Fran Newman, 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, Carl Tripician from Longport, Daniel Tumolo from Sea Isle City, and Student Representatives Isabelle Heng and Harrison Horn. Member absent was Patrick Kane (Dr. Kane arrived in Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. Dr. Kane did not participate in any Board of Education votes at the meeting). There were 145 members of the public present.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Dr. Taylor and Mr. Mattina, Intermediate School Principal, introduced a video presentation on the 2021 MLK Essay Contest.

Mr. Kelley provided an update on the 2021-2022 budget including departmental budgets.

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

**1. Buildings & Grounds**

**A. Use of Facilities**

*The Board approves the following request for the use of the High School:*

<b>Requested By</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Dates/Times Requested</b>	<b>Rooms Needed</b>	<b>Fee Charged</b>
West Jersey Football Coaches Association	Football Showcase Games	August 27, 2021 (Friday) 11:00 am – 9:30 pm	Locker Rooms & Exterior Restrooms	\$922.50

Requested By	Activity	Dates/Times Requested	Rooms Needed	Fee Charged
		August 28, 2021 (Saturday) 9:00 am – 10:00 pm		
		August 29, 2021 (Sunday) 10:00 am – 8:00 pm		

Informational Items

School	Date	Drill(s)
High School	January 11, 2021 (Cohort O)	Fire
	January 12, 2021 (Cohort C)	Fire
	January 14, 2021 (Cohort O)	Security
	January 22, 2021 (Cohort C)	Security
Intermediate School	January 11, 2021 (Cohort O)	Fire
	January 14, 2021 (Cohort C)	Fire
	January 12, 2021 (Cohort O)	Security
	January 15, 2021 (Cohort C)	Security
Primary School	January 11, 2021 (Cohort O)	Fire
	January 14, 2021 (Cohort C)	Fire
	January 12, 2021 (Cohort O)	Security
	January 15, 2021 (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. Student Safety Data System (*Attachment #2.A*)

The Board acknowledges the submission of the NJDOE SSDS – reporting incidents, trainings and programs occurring from September 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 to the New Jersey Department of Education.

B. Summer Programs

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

Program	Dates	Days of the Week
Special Education Extended School Year (ESY)	6/28/21 - 7/29/21	Monday-Thursday
Raider Ready for High School Algebra	7/6/21 - 7/22/21 8/2/21 - 8/19/21	Monday-Thursday

C. Credit Completion Schedule

*The Board approves the following credit completion schedule at the High School:*

Program	Dates	Days of the Week
OCHS Credit Completion	5/18/21 - 6/1/21	Monday-Friday
OCHS Credit Completion	6/5/21	Saturday
OCHS Credit Completion	6/12/21	Saturday
OCHS Extension School Credit Completion	5/8/21; 5/15/21; 6/5/21; 6/12/21	Saturday

Informational Items (Attachment)

Out-of-School Suspension Reports for January 2021

- 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 February 2021 in the amount of \$3,120,409.60.

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 January 2021.

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

The Board approves the revenue and appropriation transfers for January 2021. The Board also acknowledges receipt of the State of NJ mandated transfer reconciliation form for January 2021.

D. Food Service Report (Attachment #3.D)

The Board accepts the Food Service Monthly Finance Report for January 2021.

E. Tuition Rates

The Board approves the following tuition rates for the 2021-22 school year:

- Preschool: \$12,455
- Kindergarten: \$12,455
- Grades 1-5: \$14,750
- Grades 6-8: \$16,250
- Grades 9-12: \$16,265
- Learning/Language Disabilities: \$20,000
- Behavioral Disabilities: \$33,000
- Multiple Disabilities: \$33,000
- Preschool Disabilities: \$20,000

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

A. New Employment Appointment – Non-Certified Staff

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

Name	School/ Location	Position	Compensation	Effective Dates
Meghann Generosi	District	Special Education Aide	\$22,270 (includes \$600 stipend for BA degree) (prorated)	3/29/21 – 6/30/21

B. New Substitute Appointment

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

Name	School/ Location	Position	Effective Dates
Frank Christy	District	Substitute Teacher	2/24/21 - 6/30/21

C. Coaches and Volunteer Coaches

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

Name	Sport	Position	Stipend
Carolyn George	Girls' Crew	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
Donna O'Keefe	Girls' Crew	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
Michael Millar	Boys' Crew	Freshman Coach	\$4,892.00
James Swift	Crew	Volunteer Coach	N/A
Steve Hoffman	Track & Field	Volunteer Coach	N/A
Anthony Johnson	Track & Field	Volunteer Coach	N/A
Samantha Piergross	Track & Field	Volunteer Coach	N/A
Mark Benedetto	Track & Field	Volunteer Coach	N/A
Patrick Lynch	Wrestling	Volunteer Coach	N/A
Joshua Handshaw	Softball	Volunteer Coach	N/A
Jessica Fane	Softball	Volunteer Coach	N/A
Michelle Hallman	Girls Lacrosse	Volunteer Coach	N/A

D. Coaches

*The Board approves the following High School coaches for the 2021-22 school year by roll call vote:*

Name	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	JV Coach	\$5,233.00
Kevin Smith	Football	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
Sean Matthews	Football	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
Frank LaSasso	Football	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
Paul Callahan	Football	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
Michael Eisenstein	Football	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
Paul Baruffi	Football	Freshman Coach	\$4,892.00
Michael Williscroft	Football	Freshman Coach	\$4,892.00
Aaron Bogushesky	Boys' Soccer	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
Brian Burke	Boys' Soccer	JV Coach	\$5,233.00
R. Scott Bloomstead	Boys' Soccer	Freshman Coach	\$4,892.00
Lisa Cuneo	Girls' Soccer	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
Jacqueline Adams	Girls' Soccer	JV Coach	\$5,233.00
Ashley Schmid	Girls' Soccer	Freshman Coach	\$4,892.00
Mark Miedema	Surf Team	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
Samantha DiMatteo	Girls' Tennis	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
Thomas Ballezzi	Girls' Tennis	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00

\*Stipend amounts pending negotiations

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

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

Employee #	School/ Location	Paid Days	Unpaid Days	Type of Leave	Effective Dates
2860	High School	0	27	FMLA/NJFLA	5/10/21-6/30/21
4641	High School	0	Up to 5	Unpaid Intermittent	2/12/21-6/30/21

F. Sporting Event Worker

The Board approves the following sporting event worker for the 2020-21 school year by roll call vote:

Brett Johnson

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

5. **Policy**

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

6. **District Communications/Liaison**

- 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 Ms. Morgan, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, the Board of Education (Ocean City Representatives) approved the following Superintendent’s recommendations.*

1. **Buildings & Grounds**

B. 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 Warriors Lacrosse	Lacrosse Practices	March 4 – May 20, 2021 (Mondays & Thursdays) 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm  <i>*April 5-8, 2021 District is closed for Spring Break.</i>	Cage and Haven Avenue Fields	No charge
City of Ocean City	Indoor Soccer	March 8 – April 29, 2021 (Monday-Thursday) 4:15 pm – 8:15 pm  <i>*April 5-8, 2021 District is closed for Spring Break.</i>	Gymnasium	No charge

2. **Curriculum and Student Affairs**

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 the Week
Intermediate School	Special Education Extended School Year (ESY)	6/28/21 - 7/29/21	Monday-Thursday
Intermediate School	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Challenge Program	7/6/21-7/16/21	Monday-Friday

School	Program	Dates	Days of the Week
Intermediate School	Wilson Reading Summer Program/Clinic	7/6/21-7/29/21	Monday- Thursday (10 sessions total)
Intermediate School	“Jump Start” Summer School	7/6/21 - 7/29/21	Monday-Thursday
Primary School	Special Education Extended School Year (ESY)	6/28/21 - 7/29/21	Monday-Thursday
Primary School	Summer School Title I – students entering grades K-4 (funded through Title I Federal Program)	7/6/21 - 7/29/21	Monday-Thursday
Primary School	Summer School ELL Program – students entering grade K-4	7/6/21 - 7/29/21	Monday-Thursday

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

**G. Coaches (Ocean City Representatives Only)**

*The Board approves the following Intermediate School coaches for the 2021-22 school year by roll call vote:*

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

\*Stipend amounts pending negotiations

**H. Federal Grant Salary Allocation (Ocean City Representatives Only)**

The Board authorizes an \$11,472 allocation of Karin Stanton’s preschool special education teacher salary to be charged to Federal Grant IDEA Preschool for the 20-21 school year by roll call vote.

**I. School Fieldwork Placements (Ocean City Representatives Only)**

*The Board approves the following fieldwork placements by roll call vote:*

Name	Assigned Staff	School	College	Effective Dates
Angelina Libbi	Jennifer DeVlieger	Primary School	Stockton University	2/25/21-5/7/21
Kayla Castelli	Francesca Lacey	Primary School	Stockton University	2/25/21-5/7/21
Alison Bretz	Amanda McCormick	Primary School	Stockton University	2/25/21-5/7/21
Erin Jamison	Amanda Stanco	Primary School	Stockton University	2/25/21-5/7/21
Marina Salvatore	Kathleen Yates	Primary School	Stockton University	9/7/21-12/10/21
Jessica Capone	Robert Spiegel	Intermediate School	Stockton University	2/25/21-5/7/21

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
0515	Primary School	Up to 60	0	Intermittent FMLA/Paid	2/4/21-6/30/21
2497	Intermediate School	48	0	Revised FMLA/Paid	12/10/20-3/21/21
3557	Primary School	0	59	FMLA/NJFLA	3/1/21-5/31/21

K. Resignation - Certified Staff (Ocean City Representatives Only)

*The Board accepts the following resignation by roll call vote:*

Name	School/Location	Position	Effective Date
Abigail Barrett	Primary School	Music Teacher	4/23/21

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Morgan, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the January 27, 2021, Regular Meeting and Executive Session as presented.

*Motion carried by roll call vote, with a vote to abstain from Mrs. Prettyman.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

President Clark provided an update on the District’s COVID-19 Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Robin Shaffer, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding COVID-19 and returning students to school from a hybrid or virtual model.

Bill Nicoletti, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding COVID-19 and returning students to school from a hybrid or virtual model.

Liz Nicoletti, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding COVID-19 and returning students to school from a hybrid or virtual model.

Jennifer Bowman, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding ongoing efforts to support students and upcoming end-of-year student events.

Paul Matusz, OCEA President, addressed the Board regarding the school’s reopening plan and the COVID Committee.

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

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Board of Education comments included thanks to community members who provided comments and input during the meeting, discussion of end-of-year events, and the COVID Committee.

Board of Education Student Representatives updated the Board on activities throughout the high school.

**BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS**

President Clark thanked those who participated in public comment at the meeting and the ongoing work of the COVID Committee.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Ms. Morgan, 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 concerning negotiations, and specifically: Update on collective bargaining; and Matters involving anticipated or pending litigation, including matters of attorney-client privilege, and specifically: Anticipated 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 to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 8:48 p.m.

**RECONVENE MEETING**

Motion by Ms. Morgan, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, and carried unanimously to reconvene the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Ms. Morgan, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Timothy E. Kelley  
Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary

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