

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Clark on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ocean City High School Library, 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, William Holmes, Michael James, Patrick Kane, Jacqueline McAlister, Suzanne Morgan, William Sooy, Gregory Whelan, and Joseph S. Clark, Jr. Also present were Thomas Baruffi, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent, Timothy E. Kelley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Michael Stanton, Esquire, Carl Tripician from Longport, and Daniel Tumolo from Sea Isle City. Member absent was Fran Newman. There were 17 members of the public present.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Evan Schmeizer, Ocean City, addressed the Board on mask wearing in schools.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Baruffi 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 by roll call vote, except as noted below, the Board of Education approved the following Interim Superintendent’s recommendations.

1. Buildings & Grounds

A. Use of Facilities

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

Requested By	Activity	Dates/Times Requested	Rooms Needed	Fee Charged
City of Ocean City	Villanova Football	August 18, 2021 (Wed) 10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Locker Rooms, Exterior Restrooms	No charge
NJ School Buildings & Grounds Association	EPA-RRP Lead in Paint Training	September 28 – 29, 2021 (Tues-Wed) 8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Community Room	No charge
Ocean City Junior Wrestling	Registration	November 1 – 2, 2021 (Mon-Tues) 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Gym Lobby	No charge

Requested By	Activity	Dates/Times Requested	Rooms Needed	Fee Charged
	Wrestling Practice	November 8, 2021 – March 3, 2022 (Mon-Thurs) 5:45 pm – 8:00 pm (NOT AVAILABLE: 11/24-25/21, 12/23-30/21, 1/17/22, 2/21/22)	Wrestling Room	
	Wrestling Tournament	March 5, 2022 (Sat-setup) 11:00 am – 2:00 pm March 6, 2022 (Sun) 7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Wrestling Room, Main Gym, Auxiliary Gym, Gym Lobby	
	Team Banquet	March 16, 2022 (Wed) 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Cafeteria	
American Cancer Society	Breast Cancer Fundraising Walk	October 10, 2021 (Sun) 7:20 am – 12:30 pm	Community Room, Exterior Restrooms	\$292.50

Informational Items

School	Date	Drill(s)
High School	July 13, 2021	Fire
	July 14, 2021	Security
Intermediate School	July 13, 2021	Fire
	July 13, 2021	Security
Primary School	July 13, 2021	Fire
	July 15, 2021	Security

- 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 2021-22 school year:

Placement	District	Tuition
CMC SSD	OC	\$322,850
YALE	OC	\$70,051
CMC SSD	UT	\$177,000
Bancroft	UT	\$102,762
AC SSD	UT	\$104,275
YALE	UT	\$173,409
CMC SSD	SIC	\$150,825

- 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 2021 in the amount of \$1,504,417.95.

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 June 2021.

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

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

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

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

E. Acceptance of Nonpublic Aid

The Board accepts the following Nonpublic Aid for Westminster Christian Academy for the 2021-22 school year:

Category	Amount
Textbooks	\$5,702
Technology	\$3,990
Security	\$16,625

F. Blind and Visually Impaired Services

The Board approves the N.J. Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired contract to provide services for the 2021-22 school year at a fee of \$2,200.

G. Affiliation Agreement

The Board approves the Affiliation Agreement between the Ocean City Board of Education and Rutgers University School of Nursing for a Clinical Instruction Program.

H. Joint Transportation Agreement

The Board approves the following joint transportation contract for the 2021-22 school year:

Host District	Joiner District	Route	Cost
Ventnor	Ocean City	To/From YALE School Cherry Hill	\$28,980 + 5% Admin Fee

I. Athletic Department Pay Rates

The Board approves the following pay rates per event for Athletic Workers for the 2021-22 school year:

Fall/Winter/Spring Sports	
Announcer	\$40.00
Cashier	\$50.00
Collector	\$40.00
Guard	\$50.00
Score Keeper/Clock Operator	\$40.00
Site Manager – High School	\$55.00

Fall/Winter/Spring Sports	
Site Manager – Intermediate School	\$40.00
Football Game Filming	
Scrimmage	\$65.00
Game	\$110.00
Mileage	\$.35/mile

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

A. New Employment Appointments – Non-Certificated Staff

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

Name	School/Location	Position	Effective Date (on or after)	Compensation
Michael Lista	District	Security Aide	9/1/21	\$25,322.00, Step 1
Thomas Crowell	District	Special Education Aide	9/1/21	\$23,829.00, Step 1*
Tina Bencivengo	District	Special Education Aide	9/1/21	\$22,629.00
Kathy Swift	District	Special Education Aide	9/1/21	\$23,829.00, Step 1*
Karen Laursen	District	PT Food Service Worker	9/1/21	\$11,321.00, Step 1
Michele Johnson	District	PT Food Service Worker	9/1/21	\$11,321.00, Step 1

**Includes \$1,200.00 stipend for Bachelor’s Degree*

B. New Substitute Appointments

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

Name	Location	Position	Effective Dates
Mario Gallelli	District	Substitute Teacher	9/1/21 - 6/30/22
Patrick Ianelli	District	Substitute Teacher	9/1/21 - 6/30/22

Motion carried with a vote to abstain from Ms. Gallelli-Keyes.

C. Sporting Event Workers

The Board approves the following sporting event workers for the 2021-22 school year by roll call vote:

Name	Name
Thomas Ballezzi	Beth Kelly
Michael Boyd	Madison Kitchen
Kelsey Burke	Joseph LaTorre
Christian Clark	Carole Maurer
Timothy Cook	Lisa O’Neill
Scott Cooper	Thomas Park
Jane Custer	Christie Pontari
Anthony Deleo	Erin Porter
Mikenzie Helphenstine	Matthew Purdue
Caitlin Jagielski	Diane Vallese
William Shallcross-Filming for Football Games	

Motion carried with a vote of nay from Mrs. McAlister.

D. Coaches

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

Name	Season	Sport	Position	Stipend*
Brett Johnson	Fall	Basketball	Volunteer	N/A
Nicole Piergross	Fall	Basketball	Volunteer	N/A
Hailey Stack	Fall	Field Hockey	Freshman Coach	\$4,892.00
Andrew Bristol	Spring	Baseball	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
Anthony Deleo	Spring	Baseball	JV Coach	\$5,233.00
Frank LaSasso	Spring	Baseball	Freshman Coach	\$4,892.00
Keri Tricinelli	Spring	Softball	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
Ariana Segich	Spring	Softball	JV Coach	\$5,233.00
Edward Ritti	Spring	Golf	Co-Head Coach	\$3,403.50
Bryan Chojnacki	Spring	Golf	Co-Head Coach	\$3,403.50
Matthew Purdue	Spring	Boys' Track	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
Mark Benedetto	Spring	Boys' Track	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
Sean Matthews	Spring	Boys' Track	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
Timothy Cook	Spring	Girls' Track	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
Michael Williscroft	Spring	Girls' Track	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
Kelsey Greene	Spring	Girls' Track	Co-Assistant Coach	\$2,616.50
Kelsey Burke	Spring	Girls' Track	Co-Assistant Coach	\$2,616.50
Timothy M. Kelley	Spring	Boys' Tennis	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
Michael Cappelletti	Spring	Boys' Tennis	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
Joseph LaTorre	Spring	Boys' Lacrosse	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
Steven Scheffler	Spring	Boys' Lacrosse	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
Christian Clark	Spring	Boy's Lacrosse	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
Lesley Graham	Spring	Girls' Lacrosse	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
Raymond Conover	Spring	Boys' Crew	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
Steven Kelly	Spring	Girls' Crew	Head Coach	\$6,807.00

**Stipend pending contract negotiations*

E. Extra-Curricular Assignments/Stipend Positions

The Board approves the following High School extra-curricular/stipend positions for the 2021-22 school year by roll call vote:

Name	Description	Tier	Compensation*
Amy Andersen**	ASL Club (co)	½ of 2	\$1,052.50
Carly Benson	ASL Club (co)	½ of 2	\$1,052.50
Zachary Fox	Chess Club	1	\$1,813.00
Brian Schkeeper	Choir	4	\$3,480.00
Carly Benson	Drill Team	1	\$1,813.00
Lee Styer	Fellowship of Christian Athletes	n/a	Volunteer
Barbara Daniel	Gilda's Club	n/a	Volunteer
Barbara Daniel	History Club	1	\$1,813.00
Timothy Cook	Intramural 11/12	1	\$1,813.00
Zachary Fox	Junior States of America	2	\$2,105.00
Sean Matthews	Leadership Club (co)	½ of 2	\$1,052.50
Jenna Scioli	Literary Magazine	2	\$2,105.00

Name	Description	Tier	Compensation*
Carly Benson	National Honor Society (co)	½ of 2	\$1,052.50
Keith Zammit	OC Life21 (co)	½ of 2	\$1,052.50
Debra Cathcart	Peer Mediation (co)	½ of 1	\$906.50
Robert Citta	Science Club	1	\$1,813.00
James Conroy	Strength and Conditioning (co)	½ of 2	\$1,052.50
Joseph LaTorre	Strength and Conditioning (co)	½ of 2	\$1,052.50
Matthew Purdue	Student Council	5	\$5,199.00

*Stipend pending contract negotiations

**Stipend adjustment

F. Leave Replacement

The Board approves the following High School leave replacement by roll call vote:

Name	School/ Location	Position	Effective Dates	Compensation
Phyllis Coletta	High School	LT Leave Replacement English Teacher	11/8/21- 5/5/22	\$50,524.00, prorated*

*Subject to contract negotiations

G. Resignations

The Board accepts the following resignations by roll call vote:

Name	Location	Position	Effective Date
Kendra Allegretto	District	Special Education Aide	8/31/21
Valerie Hollywood	District	Special Education Aide	8/17/21
Molly McKeefery	District	Special Education Aide	8/16/21
Lisa Gilroy	District	Part-Time Food Service Worker	8/31/21
Cheryl Doperak	District	Part-Time Food Service Worker	8/31/21
Edward Shiffler	District	Custodian	9/17/21

Informational Items

- A. The members of the 504 Accommodation Plan Committee for the High School, Intermediate School and Primary School for the 2021-22 school year are as follows:

Name	School/ Location	Position
Dr. Wendy O’Neal, Assistant Principal	HS	Chair
Tifaya Nazja-Noble, School Social Worker/Mental Health	HS	Team Member
Stephanie Lancaster Hurless, LDT-C	HS	Team Member
Jill Berenato, School Nurse (as needed, medical plans only)	HS	Team Member
Angelo DiBartolo, Guidance Counselor	IS	Chair
Pam Wilson, LDT-C	IS	Team Member
Stephanie Grisinger, School Social Worker	IS	Team Member
Rosemary Millar, School Nurse (as needed, medical plans only)	IS	Team Member
Joel Dougan, Guidance Counselor	PS	Chair
Lorraine Baldwin, LDT-C	PS	Team Member
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 2021-22 school year are as follows:

Name	School/ Location	Position
Dr. Wendy O’Neal, Assistant Principal	HS	Chair
Tifaya Nazja-Noble, School Social Worker	HS	Team Member
Christian Clark, Teacher	HS	Team Member
Nicole McMaster, Special Education Teacher	HS	Team Member
Debbie Cathcart, Teacher	HS	Team Member
Sean Matthews, Teacher	HS	Team Member
Samantha Dimatteo, Teacher	HS	Team Member
Dane Tabano, Guidance Counselor	HS	Team Member
Jill Berenato, School Nurse (as needed, medical issues only)	HS	Team Member
Angelo DiBartolo, Guidance Counselor	IS	Chair
Michael Mattina, Principal	IS	Team Member
Pam Wilson, LDT-C	IS	Team Member
Michael Cappelletti, Teacher	IS	Team Member
Stephanie Grisinger, School Social Worker	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
Carrie Merritt, Teacher	PS	Team Member
Carole Maurer, ESL Teacher	PS	Team Member
Lorraine Baldwin, LDT-C (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 2021-22 school year are as follows:

Name	School/Location	Position
Dane Tabano, Guidance Counselor	HS	Anti-Bullying Specialist
Jill Berenato, School Nurse	HS	Alternate Anti-Bullying Specialist
Dr. Wendy O’Neal, Assistant Principal	HS	Team Member
Michael Pomatto, Teacher	HS	Team Member
Catherine Kline, Teacher	HS	Team Member
Margaret Corcoran, Guidance Counselor	HS	Extension Program Liaison
Angelo DiBartolo, Guidance Counselor	IS	Anti-Bullying Specialist
Dr. Vicki Scheetz, School Social Worker	IS	Alternate Anti-Bullying Specialist
Michael Mattina, Principal	IS	Team Member
Stephanie Grisinger, School Social Worker	IS	Team Member
Amber Wira, Teacher	IS	Team Member
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
Carrie Merritt, Teacher	PS	Team Member
Dan Calhoun, Teacher	PS	Team Member

- 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
P 0131	Bylaws, Policies and Regulations		X	X
P 3221	Evaluations of Teachers (M)		X	X
P 3222	Evaluations of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators (M)		X	X
P 3223	Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals and Assistant Principals (M)		X	X
P 3224	Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals and Assistant Principals (M)		X	X
P 5460.02	Bridge Year Pilot Program (M)	X		X
P 8561	Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M)		X	X

B. Regulations – 2nd Reading (*Attachment #5.B*)

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

Regulation Number	Regulation Name	New	Revised	Mandated
R 3221	Evaluations of Teachers (M)		X	X
R 3222	Evaluations of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators (M)		X	X
R 3223	Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals and Assistant Principals (M)		X	X
R 3224	Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals and Assistant Principals (M)		X	X
R 5460.02	Bridge Year Pilot Program (M)	X		X
R 6471	School District Travel (M)		X	X

- Policy Committee Report – Mrs. Newman, Chairperson
Mrs. Newman gave a report of the Committee meeting.

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 by roll call vote, except as noted below, the Board of Education (Ocean City Representatives) approved the following Interim Superintendent’s recommendations.

1. Buildings & Grounds

B. Use of Facilities (Ocean City Representatives Only)

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

Requested By	Activity	Dates/Times Requested	Rooms Needed	Fee Charged
Ocean City Junior Wrestling	Wrestling Matches	January 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022 (Fri) February 4, 18, 25, 2022 (Fri) 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Gym	No charge

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

H. Coaches (Ocean City Representatives Only)

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

Name	Season	Sport	Position	Stipend*
Mikenzie Helphenstine	Fall	Field Hockey	Head Coach	\$4,892.00
R. Scott Bloomstead	Spring	Softball	Head Coach	\$4,892.00
Robert Spiegel	Spring	Baseball	Head Coach	\$4,892.00
John Barbato	Spring	Boys’ Track	Head Coach	\$4,892.00
Sonja Parker	Spring	Girls’ Track	Co-Head Coach	\$2,446.00
Patricia Kelly	Spring	Girls’ Track	Co-Head Coach	\$2,446.00

**Subject to contract negotiations*

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

I. Leave Replacements (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board approves the following leave replacements by roll call vote:

Name	School/ Location	Position	Effective Dates	Compensation
Susan Tramontana	Primary School	ST Leave Replacement Computer Teacher	9/17/21-12/17/21	\$160.00/day
Jordan Geller	Intermediate School	ST Leave Replacement 7 th Grade Science Teacher	9/1/21-12/1/21	\$160.00/day

Motion carried with votes of nay by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, Mrs. McAlister, and Ms. Morgan.

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

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

Employee #	School/ Location	Paid Days	Unpaid Days	Type of Leave	Effective Dates
0515	Primary School	Up to 29	Up to 21	Intermittent FMLA	9/1/21 - 2/1/22

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Mr. Bauer, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the August 4, 2021, Regular Meeting as presented.

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

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Dr. Kane, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the August 11, 2021, Special Meeting as presented.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Liz Nicoletti, Ocean City, addressed the Board on the Community Forum held on August 24 and mask wearing.

Kelly Hudak, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding medical exemptions for students wearing masks and the NJ state mask requirement for the 2021-22 school year.

Colin Halliday, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the NJ state mask requirement for the 2021-22 school year.

Vic Staniec, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding Board of Education roles and responsibilities and the Governor's executive order requiring masks for the 2021-22 school year.

Evan Schmeizer, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding mask rules in the state of Texas and the Governor of New Jersey's executive order requiring masks for the 2021-22 school year.

Lori Rice, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding homeschooling, COVID-19 statistics in various states, and the Governor's executive order requiring masks for the 2021-22 school year.

Liz Nicoletti, Ocean City, addressed the Board requesting a letter be composed to the Governor regarding the mask mandate in schools for the 2021-22 school year.

Jay Reimer, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding organizational structure of the Board of Education, curriculum, a proposed City public safety building, and the Governor's executive order requiring masks for the 2021-22 school year.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board of Education comments included thanks to those participating in public comments, ideas for members of the public to protest or support the 2021-22 school mask mandate, and community surveys regarding mask preference.

BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS

President Clark commented on the opening of schools and upcoming and ongoing NJSBA opportunities for members of the Board of Education.

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 involving anticipated or pending litigation, including matters of attorney-client privilege, and specifically: Pending Litigation – Ongoing 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 8:44 p.m.

RECONVENE MEETING

Motion by Mrs. McAlister, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, and carried unanimously to reconvene the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. McAlister, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Kelley
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

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