

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Clark on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 6:00 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, Michael James, Patrick Kane, Jacqueline McAlister, Suzanne Morgan, 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, and Carl Tripician from Longport. Members absent were William Holmes, Fran Newman, and William Sooy. There were 5 members of the public present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no public comments.

INTERVIEWS OF BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES

The Board conducted interviews of the following three prospective board members to fill the vacancy of J. Tiffany Prettyman:

Dale F. Braun, Jr.
Ryan Leonard
Charles V. Roche III, MD

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ms. Morgan, 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: To deliberate over potential Board candidates.

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 return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 6:43 p.m.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:01 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Morgan, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to appoint Charles V. Roche III, MD to fill a vacant seat on the Board of Education.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Ms. Morgan, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Kelley
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

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