



**Ocean City Board of Education
Regular Meeting/Public Hearing Agenda
Wednesday, December 15, 2021
7:00 p.m. – High School Library**

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND FACE COVERINGS/MASKS ARE REQUIRED

This meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act. Notice has been provided to the Press of Atlantic City, Ocean City Sentinel, and the City Clerk.

- A. Call to Order
- B. President's Announcement of Adequate Meeting Notice
- C. Salute to the Flag
- D. Roll Call
- E. Presentations
 - 1. Fall Sports Recognitions
 - 2. Student Recognitions
 - 3. Board Member Recognition
 - 4. High School Program of Studies
- F. Executive Session (not open to the public)
- G. Public Comments (on Agenda Items Only)
- H. Presentation of Superintendent's Report/Information Items
 - 1. Buildings and Grounds
 - 2. Curriculum and Student Affairs
 - 3. Finance
 - 4. Personnel
 - 5. Policy
 - 6. District Communications
- I. Vote on Board Resolutions (Full Board)
- J. Vote on Board Resolutions (Ocean City Representatives Only) (Resolutions #3.H, 4.M, 4.N, 4.O, 4.P, 4.Q)
- K. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Regular Meeting – October 13, 2021 (Attachment #K.1)
 - 2. Regular Meeting and Executive Session – November 17, 2021 (Attachment #K.2)
- L. Unfinished Business
- M. New Business
- N. Public Comments
- O. Board Comments
- P. Board President's Report/Comments
- Q. Executive Session (not open to the public)
- R. Reconvene Public Session
- S. Adjournment

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

In accordance with Board Policy 0167 (Public Participation in Board Meetings), the Board of Education has opted to include Public Comment as a portion of the Regular Board of Education Meeting. Public Comment is offered prior to Board of Education vote on agenda items and again at the close of the meeting. Residents shall be given approximately 5 minutes to share their thoughts. The initial Public Comment opportunity is a courtesy to provide accommodation to citizens that wish to speak on agenda items only and do not want to wait until the end of the meeting. If a citizen speaks during this time, permission will not be granted to speak again on the same issue or at the end of the meeting.

Upon recognition by the Board President, speakers shall come to the podium and give their name and address for the record. All persons are expected to engage in respectful and orderly discourse. Persons entering into personal, impertinent, or slanderous discourse or persons who become boisterous, disruptive or unruly during the discussion, shall, at the discretion of the Board President or at the objection of Board of Education members, forfeit their remaining time to address the Board of Education.

Statements to the Board of Education should be addressed through the Board President. If your comments pertain to litigation, students or personnel matters, the Board asks that you see the Chief School Administrator after the meeting since the Board does not, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, discuss or respond to these items in public.

**OFFICE OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

TO: Ocean City Board of Education
FROM: Dr. Thomas Baruffi, Interim Superintendent of Schools
RE: December 15, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

MOTION: Based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the following resolutions are presented for formal approval by the Board of Education.

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
1	Upper Township Soccer Association	Soccer Training	January 10, 24, 31, 2022 February 7, 14, 28, 2022 (Mondays) 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Auxiliary Gym	No charge
2	Father Judge High School	Football Game	September 3, 2022 (Sat) 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Locker Rooms & Exterior Restrooms	\$380.00

Informational Items

School	Date	Drill(s)
High School	November 18, 2021 November 14, 2021	Fire Security
Intermediate School	November 18, 2021 November 19, 2021	Fire Security
Primary School	November 16, 2021 November 17, 2021	Fire Security

- Discussion
- Buildings and Grounds Committee Report - Mr. Bauer, Chairperson

2. Curriculum and Student Affairs

A. Out-of-District Placement

The Board approves the following out-of-district student placement for the 2021-22 school year:

Placement	District	Tuition
Legacy Treatment Services – Mary Dobbins School	Upper	\$66,007

B. 2021-2024 English Language Learner Three-Year Plan (Attachment #2.B)

The Board approves the attached 2021-2024 English Language Learner Three-Year Plan and authorizes submission to the New Jersey Department of Education.

C. Program of Studies – High School (Attachment #2.C)

The Board adopts the attached High School Program of Studies for the 2022-23 school year.

D. Athletic Competition – Home-Schooled Child

The Board approves the request for a home-schooled child to participate in the Ocean City High School Athletic Program in accordance with Board Policy #2431, Athletic Competition.

E. High School Field Trips (Attachment #2.E)

The Board approves the attached High School Field Trip list.

Informational Items (Attachment)

Out-of-School Suspension Report for November 2021

- Discussion
- Curriculum and Student Affairs Committee Report – Mrs. McAlister, Chairperson

3. Finance

A. Bill List (Attachment #3.A)

The Board approves the payment of bills for December 2021 in the amount of \$3,876,112.07.

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 November 2021.

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

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

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

The Board approves the December 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 November 2021.

F. Bringing the Wetlands to Life in Ocean City: Partnership Program Proposal

The Board approves the submission of the Bringing the Wetlands to Life in Ocean City Partnership Program Proposal Grant to the Ocean City Free Public Library for review and award. This annual program, in partnership with the Ocean City Board of Education, the Ocean City Free Public Library, and the Wetlands Institute, provides interactive science experiences for our Primary, Intermediate, and High School students. The anticipated award is for \$24,960.00.

G. Donation

The Board accepts the following donation for the 2021-22 school year:

Donor	School	Amount	Use
Family of Robert Fletcher Garrett III	High School	\$2,500.00	Scoring equipment for swim team

H. Donation (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board accepts the following donation for the 2021-22 school year:

Donor	School	Amount	Use
Ocean City PTA	Intermediate School	\$640.00 (proceeds from Halloween Dance)	Student Council

- Discussion

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

A. Collective Negotiation Agreement (*Attachment #4.A*)

The Board accepts the attached Ocean City Educational Supportive Staff Association Collective Negotiation Agreement from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2026, and authorizes the signatures on behalf of the Board of Education by roll call vote.

B. Termination of Employment (*Attachment #4.B*)

The Board moves to terminate the employment of employee #1494 effective January 6, 2022, by roll call vote.

C. Retirements

The Board accepts with deep regret the following retirements by roll call vote:

	Name	Location	Position	Effective Date
1	Paul Baruffi	HS	Teacher	4/1/22
2	Donna Mecouch	HS	Assistant Principal’s Secretary	7/1/22

D. Resignation – Leave Replacement

The Board approves the following resignation of High School certificated leave replacement staff by roll call vote:

	Name	School/ Location	Current Position	Effective Date
1	Phyllis Coletta	HS	Long-Term Leave Replacement English Teacher	12/20/21

E. Resignations – Non-Certificated Staff

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

	Name	School/ Location	Current Position	Effective Date
1	Lisa Barber	District	PT Food Service Worker	12/16/21
2	Kathryn Zammit	District	Special Education Aide	1/10/22

F. 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	Compensation
1	Teresa Hughes	District	PT Food Service Worker	On/after 12/16/21-6/30/22	\$11,321.00, Step 1 (prorated)
2	Lisa Barber	District	Special Education Aide	12/16/21-6/30/22	\$22,629.00, Step 1(prorated)
3	Nicole Ferzetti	District	PT Food Service Worker	On/after 12/16/21-6/30/22	\$11,321.00, Step 1 (prorated)

G. Co-Curricular Appointments

The Board approves the following High School co-curricular appointments by roll call vote:

	Name	Description	Tier	Compensation
1	Joshua Handshaw	Fall Play Set Construction	N/A	\$1,000.00
2	Carly Benson	Band Front	2	\$2,105.00

H. New Substitute Appointments

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

	Name	Location	Position	Effective Dates
1	Kevin Hansbury	District	Substitute Teacher	12/16/21-6/30/22
2	Emily Loeb	District	Substitute Teacher	12/16/21-6/30/22
3	Mary Nelson	District	Substitute Teacher	12/16/21-6/30/22
4	Rachel Wright	District	Substitute Teacher	12/16/21-6/30/22

I. Leaves of Absence (Attachment #4.1)

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

	Employee #	School/ Location	Paid Days	Unpaid Days	Type of Leave	Effective Dates
1	1591	District	0	Up to 39	Intermittent Unpaid FMLA/NJFLA	12/1/21-6/30/22
1	3394	HS	11.5	15.5	Paid/Unpaid/FMLA	11/15/21-12/23/21
2	3812	HS	31	0	Paid/FMLA	11/1/21-12/23/21

J. Sporting Event Worker

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

	Name
1	Edward Ritti

K. Resignations-Coaches

The Board accepts the following District coaching resignations by roll call vote:

	Name	Season	Sport	Position	Effective Date
1	Bryan Chojnacki	Spring	Golf	Co-Coach	12/15/21
2	Catherine Kline	Winter	Freshman Girls' Basketball	Coach	12/15/21

L. Coaches

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

	Name	Season	Sport	Position	Stipend
1	Edward Ritti	Spring	Golf	Coach	\$6,807.00
2	Christian Clark	Spring	Boys' Lacrosse	Freshman Coach	\$4,892.00

M. **Resignation-Coach (Ocean City Representatives Only)**

The Board accepts the following Intermediate School coaching resignation by roll call vote:

	Name	Season	Sport	Position	Effective Date
1	Patricia Pepe	Winter	Boys' Basketball	Co-Coach	12/15/21

N. **Coach (Ocean City Representatives Only)**

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

	Name	Season	Sport	Position	Stipend
1	Brian Burke	Winter	Boys' Basketball	Co-Coach	\$2,446.00

O. **Leaves of Absence (Ocean City Representatives Only) (Attachment #4.O)**

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

	Employee #	School/Location	Paid Days	Unpaid Days	Type of Leave	Effective Dates
1	2327	PS	19	0	Paid/FMLA	11/29/21-12/23/21
2	3554	IS	30	0	Paid/FMLA	11/9/21-12/23/21
3	3572	IS	0	Up to 60	Unpaid/FMLA/NJFLA	1/3/22- 3/29/22
4	4690	PS	32.5	48.5	Paid/FMLA/NJFLA/ Unpaid	2/11/22-6/30/22

P. **Leave Replacements (Ocean City Representatives Only)**

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

	Name	Location	Position	Effective Dates	Compensation
1	Kathleen Brown	IS	Short-Term Leave Replacement 5th Grade Teacher	11/9/21-12/23/21	\$175.00/day
2	Sage D'Amico	PS	Long-Term Leave Replacement Special Education Teacher	2/11/22-6/30/22	\$51,018.00, Step 1 (prorated)

Q. **Retirements (Ocean City Representatives Only)**

The Board accepts with deep regret the following retirements by roll call vote:

	Name	Location	Position	Effective Date
1	Mikenzie Helphenstine	PS	Teacher	1/1/22
2	Todd Lauer	IS	Head Custodian	5/1/22
3	Mark Miedema	IS	Teacher	7/1/22

- Discussion
- Negotiations Committee Report – Mr. Whelan, Chairperson

5. Policy

A. Policies – 1st 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	Mandated	New	Revised
1	P 1648.11	The Road Forward COVID-19 – Health and Safety	x	x	
2	P 1648.14	Safety Plan for Healthcare Settings in School Buildings	x	x	
3	P 2425	Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program	x	x	
4	P 5751	Sexual Harassment of Students	x		x

B. Regulation – 1st 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	Mandated	New	Revised
1	P 5751	Sexual Harassment of Students	x		x

Informational Item (Attachment)

LEA Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Pursuant to the Federal American Rescue Plan Act, Section 2001(I)

- Discussion
- Policy Committee Report – Mrs. Newman, Chairperson

6. District Communications/Liaison

- Discussion
- District Communications Committee Report – Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, Chairperson