

MINUTES OF REORGANIZATION/REGULAR MEETING
HELD JANUARY 5, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Reorganization/Regular meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by Business Administrator/Board Secretary Timothy E. Kelley on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ocean City High School Library, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Kelley announced that adequate notice of this Reorganization/Regular 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.

Mr. Kelley led everyone present in a salute to the flag.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Kelley administered the Oath of Office to Board Members Chris Halliday, Jacqueline McAlister, and Henry (Disston) Vanderslice for three-year terms.

Upper Township reorganization was delayed due to inclement weather. The 2022 Upper Township representatives will be sworn in at the January 26, 2022, meeting.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

On roll call, members present were Joseph S. Clark, Jr., Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes, Chris Halliday, William Holmes, Michael James, Patrick Kane, Jacqueline McAlister, Fran Newman, Charles Roche, William Sooy, Disston Vanderslice, and Gregory Whelan. Also present were Thomas Baruffi, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent, Timothy E. Kelley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Michael Stanton, Esquire, Daniel Tumolo from Sea Isle City, and Student Representatives Quinn O'Brien and Olivia Vanesko. There were no members absent. There were 26 members of the public present.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes and Mr. Clark to nominate Patrick Kane for the position of Board President.

There were no further nominations.

Motion by Mrs. McAlister to close the nominations.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote for Dr. Kane to serve as Board President.

Dr. Kane took the chair and presided for the remainder of the meeting.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Motion by Mrs. McAlister to nominate Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes for the position of Board Vice President.

Motion by Mr. Whelan to nominate Joseph S. Clark, Jr. for the position of Board Vice President.

Vote for Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes to serve as Board Vice President – Mrs. McAlister voted Yes; all others voted No.

Vote for Joseph S. Clark, Jr. to serve as Board Vice President – Mrs. McAlister and Ms. Gallelli-Keyes voted No; all others voted Yes.

Mr. Clark will serve as Vice President for the 2022 calendar year.

TERMS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Patrick Kane	Term Expires in 2023
Charles Roche	Term Expires in 2023
Gregory Whelan	Term Expires in 2023
Joseph S. Clark, Jr.	Term Expires in 2024
Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes	Term Expires in 2024
Michael James	Term Expires in 2024
Chris Halliday	Term Expires in 2025
Jacqueline McAlister	Term Expires in 2025
Henry (Disston) Vanderslice	Term Expires in 2025

OFFICIAL REPORT OF RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 2, 2021 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

<u>Board Members/Three 3-Year Terms</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
Henry (Disston) Vanderslice*	1,897
Chris Halliday*	1,554
Jacqueline McAlister*	1,370

*Successful candidates

REORGANIZATION AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. McAlister, seconded by Dr. Roche, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, the Board of Education approved the following recommendations.

1. Renewal of Code of Ethics (*Attachment #H.1*)
The Board approves the “Code of Ethics for School Board Members” and each Board member shall complete and return the “Acknowledgement of Receipt, Code of Ethics for School Board Members” to the Business Office no later than January 21, 2022.
2. Time and Place of Board of Education Meetings (*Attachment #H.2*)
The Board approves the following Board Meeting dates for January 26, 2022, through January 4, 2023, to be held in the Ocean City High School Library/Media Center starting at 7:00 p.m.:
 - Wednesday, January 26, 2022
 - Wednesday, February 23, 2022
 - Wednesday, March 16, 2022
 - Wednesday, April 27, 2022 (Regular Meeting/Public Hearing)
 - Wednesday, May 25, 2022
 - Wednesday, June 22, 2022
 - Wednesday, August 3, 2022
 - Wednesday, August 24, 2022
 - Wednesday, September 21, 2022
 - Wednesday, October 12, 2022
 - Wednesday, November 16, 2022
 - Wednesday, December 14, 2022
 - Wednesday, January 4, 2023 (Reorganization/Regular Meeting)

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Victor Staniec, Ocean City, congratulated Dr. Kane and Mr. Clark on their board leadership positions for 2022.

PRESENTATIONS

The Board recognized retirees from the district including Mikenzie Helphenstine, Myron Jenkins, and Kathy Sykes.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mrs. Newman, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, the Board of Education approved the following Superintendent’s recommendations.

1. Finance

A. Approval of Transportation Contract

The Board approves the following transportation contract (received by sealed bid December 16, 2021) for the 2021-22 school year:

Company	Route	Term	Cost
James Transportation, LLC	To/From OCHS & OCIS	1/6/2022 – 6/30/2022	\$34,944

2. Personnel (All motions are upon Superintendent’s recommendation):

A. Retirement

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

	Name	Location	Position	Effective Date
1	Patricia Gallagher	District	Special Education Aide	1/24/22

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jennifer Polcini, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the district’s special education parent advisory group. She and Special Education Supervisor, Annemarie Wagner-Fehn, are looking for additional parent participation.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board comments included thanks to the new Board of Education President and Vice President as well as retirees recognized at the meeting.

BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Kane congratulated the retirees recognized at the meeting and thanked the Board for their support and electing him to serve as Board President. Dr. Kane welcomed the new members of the Board of Education.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Holmes, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to go into Executive Session.

President Kane stated: WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes Board 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.

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 7:36 p.m.

Mrs. McAlister and Ms. Gallelli-Keyes did not attend Executive Session.

RECONVENE MEETING

Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mrs. Newman, and carried unanimously to reconvene the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mrs. Newman, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Kelley
Business Administrator/Board Secretary
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