

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Kane on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ocean City High School Library, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

President Kane 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 Kane led everyone present in a salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

On roll call, members present were Joseph S. Clark, Jr., Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes, Chris Halliday, William Holmes, Michael James, Jacqueline McAlister, Charles Roche, William Sooy, Disston Vanderslice, Gregory Whelan (arrived at 7:09 p.m.), and Patrick Kane. Also present were Matthew Friedman, Ed.D., Superintendent, Timothy E. Kelley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Michael Stanton, Esquire, and Carl Tripician from Longport. Member absent was Fran Newman. There were 62 members of the public present.

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Mr. Holmes, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to go into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Kane 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 of personal confidentiality rights, including but not limited to, staff and/or student discipline matters, and specifically: Student Discipline; Matters involving anticipated or pending litigation, including matters of attorney-client privilege, and specifically: Attorney-Client Privilege; Matters involving personnel issues, including but not limited to, the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or discipline of any public officer or employee.

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 Board anticipates returning to open session in approximately 45 minutes.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Kelley administered the oath of office to newly appointed school board member, Ryan Leonard.

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Mr. Holmes, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to go into Executive Session.

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The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 7:48 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:20 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Lauren Gunther, Director of Student Services, presented on the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Katherine Panico, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the NJ Student Learning Standards.

Janice Weber, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the NJ Student Learning Standards.

Marie Hayes, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the NJ Student Learning Standards.

Jill Adamson, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the high school girls' basketball coach recommendation.

Danielle Monteleone, Upper Township, addressed the Board regarding the high school girls' basketball coach recommendation.

Avery Jackson, High School Student, addressed the Board regarding the high school girls’ basketball coach recommendation.

Robin Shaffer, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the NJ Student Learning Standards.

Dennis Mullen, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the high school girls’ basketball coach recommendation.

Liz Nicoletti, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the NJ Student Learning Standards.

Richard Burns, Greenville, DE, addressed the Board regarding the NJ Student Learning Standards.

Lennie Kroger, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the NJ Student Learning Standards.

Albert Weber, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the NJ Student Learning Standards.

Harry Vanderslice, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding previous public comment and the high school girls’ basketball coach recommendation.

Michael Carlin, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the high school girls’ basketball coach recommendation.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Friedman 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 Dr. Roche, and carried by roll call vote, except as noted below, the Board of Education approved the following 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
1	City of Ocean City	Villanova Football Game	August 17, 2022 (Wed) 9:30 am – 2:00 pm	Locker Rooms & Exterior Restrooms	No charge
2	Germantown Academy	Football Game	September 2, 2022 (Fri) 10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Locker Rooms & Exterior Restrooms	\$200.00

Informational Items

School	Date	Drill(s)
High School	July 12, 2022 July 14, 2022	Fire Security
Intermediate School	July 13, 2022 July 12, 2022	Fire Security
Primary School	July 11, 2022 July 14, 2022	Fire Security

- Buildings and Grounds Committee Report – Mr. Halliday, Chairperson
Mr. Halliday 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 of incidents, trainings and programs occurring from January 1 – June 30, 2022, to the New Jersey Department of Education.

B. Atlantic Cape Community College Agreement (Attachment #2.B)

The Board approves the Dual Credit Agreement between Atlantic Cape Community College and Ocean City High School for the following classes:

ACCC Dual Credit Courses		
ACCT130 Financial Accounting	4 credits	\$59.30/credit
ARTS135 Art with Computers	3 credits	\$59.30/credit
BUSN101 Introduction to Business	3 credits	\$59.30/credit
BUSN142 Personal Finance	3 credits	\$59.30/credit
BUSN104 Entrepreneurship	3 credits	\$59.30/credit
CHEM100 Introduction to College Chemistry	4 credits	\$59.30/credit
CRIM101 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3 credits	\$59.30/credit
CISM154 Computer Programming Java	4 credits	\$59.30/credit
ECON110 Macroeconomics	3 credits	\$59.30/credit
ECON210 Microeconomics	3 credits	\$59.30/credit
FREN111 Elementary French I	3 credits	\$59.30/credit
FREN112 Elementary French II	3 credits	\$59.30/credit
MATH150 Precalculus	4 credits	\$59.30/credit
SPAN111 Elementary Spanish I	3 credits	\$59.30/credit
SPAN112 Elementary Spanish II	3 credits	\$59.30/credit
TVRF103 Digital Production I	3 credits	\$59.30/credit

C. 2022-23 Adoption of New Jersey Student Learning Standards

The Board adopts the K-12 New Jersey Student Learning Standards at minimum requirement for Visual and Performing Arts, Comprehensive Health and Physical Education, Science, Social Studies, Computer Science and Design Thinking, World Languages, and Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills for the 2022-23 school year.

Motion carried with votes of nay by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, Mr. Holmes, Mrs. McAlister, Mr. Vanderslice, and Mr. Whelan.

D. High School Field Trips (*Attachment #2.D*)

The Board approves the attached High School Field Trip list.

E. High School Fall Sports' Schedules (*Attachment #2.E*)

The Board approves the attached High School fall sports' schedules.

- 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 2022 in the amount of \$539,602.33.

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

The Board approves the August 2022 list of Board of Education Members and School District Staff travel and related expense reimbursements.

C. Joint Transportation Agreement

The Board approves the following joint transportation contract for the 2022-23 school year:

Host District	Joiner District	Route	Cost
Ventnor	Ocean City	To/From YALE School Cherry Hill	\$38,937 + 5% Admin Fee

D. Professional Services Agreement (*Attachment #3.D*)

The Board approves Timothy R. Bieg, Esquire, of the law firm Madden & Madden, PA to perform independent investigatory services as outlined in the Proposal to Perform Legal Services at a rate of \$200 per hour.

E. Athletic Department Pay Rates

The Board approves the following pay rates per event for Athletic Workers for the 2022-23 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
Site Manager – Intermediate School	\$40.00

Football Game Filming	
Scrimmage	\$65.00
Game	\$110.00
Mileage	\$.47/mile

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

A. Revised Teaching Evaluation Rubric (*Attachment #4.A*)

The Board approves the revised attached rubric as the School District’s Teacher Evaluation instrument for the 2022-23 school year.

B. Additional Assignment-District Administrative Staff

The Board approves Dr. Wendy O’Neal for an additional assignment as acting High School Principal with a stipend of \$50 per diem by roll call vote.

C. 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	Mary DiFebbo	District	Special Education Aide	On/after 9/1/22	\$25,010.00, Step 1 with BA Stipend
2	Lakia Jackson	District	Special Education Aide	On/after 9/1/22	\$23,210.00, Step 1
3	Patrick Scannapieco	District	Special Education Aide	On/after 9/1/22	\$25,010.00, Step 1 with BA Stipend
4	Andrea Sutherlund	District	Special Education Aide	On/after 9/1/22	\$25,010.00, Step 1 with BA Stipend

D. Resignation

The Board accepts the following resignation by roll call vote:

	Name	School/ Location	Position	Effective Date
1	Maria Fernandez-Mora	District	Special Education Aide	8/2/22

E. Rescindment of Contract (*Attachment #4.E*)

The Board approves to rescind the contract of employee #4997 effective August 11, 2022.

F. Sporting Event Workers

The Board approves the following sporting event workers for the 2022-23 school year by roll call vote:

	Name
1	Louise Stewart
2	Matthew Purdue
3	Ashley Schmid
4	Jill Berenato
5	Michele Rundgren

G. Co-Curricular Advisors

The Board approves the following High School co-curricular advisors for the 2022-23 school year by roll call vote:

	Name	Position	Stipend
1	Colleen Dwyer	High School Senior Scholarship Coordinator	\$500.00
2	Robert Liess	Mascot Club	\$3,480.00

H. Coaches

The Board approves the following High School coaches for the 2022-23 school year by roll call vote:

	Name	Season	Sport	Position	Stipend
1	Jillian Garza	Fall	Girls' Volleyball	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
2	Stephanie Gaitley*	Winter	Girls' Basketball	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
3	Maura Twiggs	Fall	Cross Country	Volunteer	N/A
4	Steve Cesari	Winter	Wrestling	Volunteer	N/A

**pending the approval of the Interim Executive County Superintendent*

Item #4.H.2 - Motion carried with votes to abstain from Mr. Clark, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. Vanderslice.

I. Leave of Absence (Attachment #4.I)

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

	Employee #	School/Location	Paid Days	Unpaid Days	Type of Leave	Effective Dates
1	2817	District	48	0	Intermittent Medical	8/17/22-12/31/22

M. New Employment Appointments-Certificated Staff

The Board approves the following appointments of High School certificated staff by roll call vote:

	Name	School/Location	Position	Effective Date	Compensation
1	Jessica DeBiaso	High School	Special Education Teacher	On/after 10/26/22	\$85,979.00, BA Step 13

- Negotiations Committee Report – Mr. Whelan, Chairperson
No report.

5. Policy

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

6. District Communications/Liaison

- District Communications Committee Report - Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, Chairperson
No report.

7. Health and Wellness

- Health and Wellness Committee Report – Dr. Roche, Chairperson
No report.

Dr. Friedman also provided an update to the Board of Education.

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Mr. Clark, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, the Board of Education (Ocean City Representatives) approved the following Superintendent’s recommendations.

2. Curriculum and Student Affairs

- F. Intermediate School Field Trips (Ocean City Representatives Only) (Attachment #2.F)
The Board approves the attached Intermediate School Field Trip list.
- G. Intermediate School Fall Sports’ Schedules (Ocean City Representatives Only) (Attachment #2.G)
The Board approves the attached Intermediate School fall sports’ schedules.
- H. Primary School Field Trips (Ocean City Representatives Only) (Attachment #2.H)
The Board approves the attached Primary School Field Trip list.
- I. EASE Program (Ocean City Representatives Only)
The Board approves the EASE Program for students grades K-3. The Program will run from October 2022 – April 2023. The cost of the EASE Program is for a maximum of 6 teachers @\$37/hour, not to exceed 528* hours or a total of \$19,536. All expenses will be paid for with FY2023 ESSA/ESEA Title I funding.
*number of teachers and staffing hours depends on total student participation
- J. Title I Parent Workshops (Ocean City Representatives Only)
The Board approves the Parental Involvement and Parent Workshops that will take place throughout the 2022-23 school year. The cost for Parent Workshops is for a maximum of 2 teachers @\$37/hour, not to exceed 20 hours or a total of \$740. All expenses will be paid for with FY2023 ESSA/ESEA Title I funding.
*number of teachers and staffing hours depends on total student participation

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

- J. Intermediate School Certificated Staff and Salary (Ocean City Representatives Only) (Attachment #4.J)
The Board approves the attached Intermediate School certificated staff and adjusted salary for the 2022-23 school year by roll call vote.
- K. Co-Curricular Advisors (Ocean City Representatives Only)
The Board approves the following Intermediate School co-curricular advisors for the 2022-23 school year by roll call vote:

	Name	Position	Stipend
1	Ashley Schmid	Technology Club 4-5	\$1,813.00
2	Cholehna Weaver	OC Life21 Co-Advisor	\$1,052.50
3	Jessica Kriegner	OC Life21 Co-Advisor	\$1,052.50

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

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

	Employee #	School/ Location	Paid Days	Unpaid Days	Type of Leave	Effective Dates
1	2312	IS	21	0	Paid Medical	9/1/22- 9/30/22

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the June 22, 2022, Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion carried by roll call vote, with a vote to abstain from Mr. Leonard.

Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Clark, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the August 10, 2022, Regular Meeting and Executive Session as presented.

Motion carried by roll call vote, with votes to abstain from Mr. Leonard and Dr. Roche.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robin Shaffer, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding their vote on the NJ Student Learning Standards.

Liz Nicoletti, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding their vote on the NJ Student Learning Standards.

Marie Hayes, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding their vote on the NJ Student Learning Standards.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board comments included discussion on the vote to adopt the NJ Student Learning Standards and thanks to the members of the public attending the meeting and participating in public comment.

BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS

President Kane thanked everyone for their patience at the meeting and thanked the members of the public for attending the meeting and participating in public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no further Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Dr. Roche, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Kelley
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

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