

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Kane on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 7:04 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, Ryan Leonard, Jacqueline McAlister, Fran Newman, Charles Roche, William Sooy, Disston Vanderslice, 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 Gregory Whelan. There were 49 members of the public present.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Drew Fasy and Ms. Terry Camoratto addressed the Board about organizing a senior trip along with High School Seniors Charlie Costal and Isabella Pero.

Mr. Jeffrey Caccese of the Comegno Law Group provided a BOE Ethics Presentation to the Board of Education.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Jennifer Bowman, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the proposed senior trip.

Lisa Mansfield, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the proposed senior trip.

Robin Shaffer, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the proposed senior trip. Mr. Shaffer continued with respect to the NJDOE Health and PE Standards but was requested to reserve these comments for the second public comment section.

Paul Dietrich, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the approval of a foreign exchange student on the evening's agenda.

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 unanimously 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	Walk for ALS	September 17, 2022 (Saturday) 7:00 am – 1:00 pm	Exterior Restrooms	No charge
2	City of Ocean City	Basketball League	9/19/22, 9/26/22, 10/3/22, 10/17/22, 10/24/22, 10/31/22, 11/7/22 (Mondays) 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Main & Auxiliary Gyms	No charge
3	Ocean City Jr Wrestling	Wrestling Practice	November 17, 2022 – March 2, 2023 (Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs) 5:45 pm – 8:00 pm	Wrestling Room	No charge
4	Ocean City Jr Wrestling	Wrestling Tournament	March 4, 2023 (Saturday: set-up) 11:00 am – 2:00 pm March 5, 2023 (Sunday) 7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Main & Auxiliary Gyms; Gym Lobby; Wrestling Room	No charge
5	Ocean City Jr Wrestling	Wrestling Team Banquet	March 15, 2023 (Wed) 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Cafeteria	No charge
6	The Dance Place/Mary Beth Snow	Annual Holiday Show	December 3, 2022 (Saturday) 9:00 am – 8:00 pm	Auditorium; F105 & F107	\$1,555.00

Informational Items

School	Date	Drill(s)
High School	August 9, 2022 August 16, 2022	Fire Security
Intermediate School	August 9, 2022 August 9, 2022	Fire Security
Primary School	N/A	Fire Security

- Buildings and Grounds Committee Report – Mr. Halliday, Chairperson
Mr. Halliday provided the Board with an update.

2. Curriculum and Student Affairs

A. School Self-Assessment

The Board approves the submission of the New Jersey Department of Education School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the *Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act* for September 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. The schools' grades are as follows:

OCBS - 75 OCIS - 76 OCPS - 75

- B. Harrisburg University Memorandum of Understanding (Attachment #2.B)
The Board approves the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Harrisburg University of Science and Technology and the Ocean City School District for the 2022-23 school year.
 - C. Foreign Exchange Student
The Board approves the request made by ASSE International Student Exchange Program for the placement of a foreign exchange student from Italy to attend the High School for the 2022-23 school year. In accordance with Board Policy and Regulation 5111, Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students, tuition will be waived for foreign exchange students on a J-1 Visa.
 - D. High School Field Trips (Attachment #2.D)
The Board approves the attached High School Field Trip list.
- 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 September 2022 in the amount of \$2,309,414.60.
- 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 July and August 2022. The Board Secretary’s Monthly Financial Report and Monthly Cash Reconciliation Report are in agreement with each other.
- C. Line Item Transfers (Attachment #3.C)
The Board approves the revenue and appropriation transfers for July and August 2022. The Board also acknowledges receipt of the State of NJ mandated transfer reconciliation form for July and August 2022.
- D. Travel & Expense Reimbursement (Attachment #3.D)
The Board approves the September 2022 list of Board of Education Members and School District Staff travel and related expense reimbursements.
- E. Annual Service Provider
The Board approves the following provider for services for the 2022-23 school year:

Provider	Service	Cost
Gloucester County Special Services School District	Educational Audiology Consultation Services (on an as needed basis)	\$142.00/hour
- F. Memorandum of Understanding with Corbin City Board of Education (Attachment #3.F)
The Board approves the Memorandum of Understanding with the Corbin City Board of Education for School Business Administrator services for the 2022-23 fiscal year in the amount of \$15,385.
- G. Digital Production Services
The Board approves the extension of the contract with Just Right TV Productions LLC to provide digital production recording services for Board of Education meetings for June 1, 2022, through

May 31, 2024, as specified in the Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the City of Ocean City. The rates for services are as follows:

- Rate for services rendered up to a minimum of 2 hours \$270
- Supply of Zoom setup and hosting services \$60
- Rate for services that exceeds the 2-hour minimum, ½-hour increments \$30
- Creation of YouTube for delivery to the Board \$40
- Fee for additional copy of prerecorded files \$5
- Rate for digital recording services for special events and/or recording sessions that are beyond the scope of work outlined, 1-hour increments \$120
- Hourly rate to meet with the Board’s professional personnel for digital broadcast discussions, consulting services and other items which may arise during the duration of the contract \$60

Motion carried with a vote to abstain from Mr. Clark.

H. Ed-Data Contract Award (ESSER Funds)

The Board awards a contract to Bluum USA, Inc. (formerly Troxell Communications, Inc.) in the amount of \$244,283.91 for Intermediate and Primary School Classroom AV Upgrades. This contract is being awarded pursuant to Ed-Data vendor bid number 10437 opened on September 3, 2020, for the period from December 1, 2020, through December 1, 2022. This project is being funded through ESSER II and ESSER III.

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

A. Statement of Assurance (*Attachment #4.A*)

The Board approves the attached Statement of Assurance listing the paraprofessional staff and their titles for the September 30, 2022, submission to the New Jersey Department of Education by roll call vote.

B. District & High School 2022-23 Certificated Staff Salary Classification Changes (*Attachment #4.B*)

The Board ratifies the attached District and High School 2022-23 certificated staff salary classification changes by roll call vote.

C. Retirement

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

	Name	School/ Location	Position	Effective Date
1	Geoffrey Haines	District	Athletic Director	February 1, 2023

D. New Employment Appointment-Non-Certificated Staff

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

	Name	School/ Location	Position	Effective Date	Compensation
1	Jennifer Gentilini	District	Part-Time Food Service Worker	On/after 9/22/22	\$11,569.00, Step 1 Pro-rated

E. Resignation

The Board accepts the following resignation by roll call vote:

	Name	School/ Location	Position	Effective Date
1	Molly Kissinger	District	Special Education Aide	8/2/22

F. New Substitute Appointments

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

	Name	Location	Position	Effective Date
1	Denise Barnoski	District	Substitute Teacher	9/22/22-6/30/23
2	Timothy Chivalette	District	Substitute Teacher	9/22/22-6/30/23
3	Thomas Cusack	District	Substitute Teacher	9/22/22-6/30/23
4	Lisa DeRose	District	Substitute Teacher	9/22/22-6/30/23
5	Erich Hengenbart	District	Substitute Teacher	9/22/22-6/30/23
6	Amanda Pedano	District	Substitute Teacher	9/22/22-6/30/23
7	Dominique Troehler	District	Substitute Teacher	9/22/22-6/30/23

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

The Board approves to rescind the contract of employee #4990 effective August 11, 2022.

H. Sporting Event Workers

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

	Name
1	Lisa O’Neill
2	Monique Cione
3	Joseph LaTorre
4	Zachary Fox
5	Anthony Deleo

I. 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	Emily Gillian	Winter	Girls’ Basketball	Assistant/JV Coach	\$5,233.00
2	Maura Twiggs	Spring	Girls’ Lacrosse	Freshman Coach	\$4,892.00
3	Anthony Deleo	Spring	Baseball	Assistant/JV Coach	\$5,233.00
4	Kenneth Miller	Fall	Football	Volunteer Coach	n/a

J. Leaves of Absence (*Attachment #4.J*)

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

	Employee #	School/ Location	Paid Days	Unpaid Days	Type of Leave	Effective Dates
1	3041	District	Up to 56	0	Paid Medical	9/30/22- on/before 12/31/22
2	4353	HS	0	58	FMLA/NJFLA	1/9/23- 3/31/23

Informational Items

- A. The members of the 504 Accommodation Plan Committee for the High School, Intermediate School and Primary School for the 2022-23 school year are as follows:

Name	School	Position
Dr. Wendy O’Neal, Acting Principal	HS	504 Chair
Tifaya Nazja-Noble, Social Worker	HS	Team Member
Jennifer O’Brien, Social Worker	HS	Team Member
Stephanie Lancaster Hurless, LDT-C	HS	Team Member
Lorraine Baldwin, LDT-C	HS	Team Member
Jill Berenato, School Nurse (as needed, medical plans only)	HS	Team Member
Ray Martin, Guidance Team Leader	HS	Team Member
Dane Tabano, Guidance Counselor	HS	Team Member
Mary McDowell-Campo, Guidance Counselor	HS	Team Member
Christopher Banks, Guidance Counselor	HS	Team Member
Andrea Kuhlberg, Guidance Counselor	HS	Team Member
Angelo Dibartolo, Guidance Counselor	IS	504 Chair
Brittany Forte, LDT-C	IS	Team Member
Cheryl Cantwell, School Nurse (as needed, medical plans only)	IS	Team Member
Ita Lanterman, Teacher	IS	Team Member
Michael Mattina, Principal	IS	Team Member
Joel Dougan, Guidance Counselor	PS	504 Chair
Ivory Williams, School Social Worker	PS	Team Member
Rosemary Millar, 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 2022-23 school year are as follows:

Name	School	Position
Dr. Wendy O’Neal, Acting Principal	HS	Chair
Tifaya Nazja-Noble, Social Worker	HS	Team Member
Jennifer O’Brien, Social Worker	HS	Team Member
Chrisitan Clark, Teacher	HS	Team Member
Nicole McMaster, Special Education Teacher	HS	Team Member
Debra Cathcart, Teacher	HS	Team Member
Sean Matthews, Teacher	HS	Team Member
Samantha DiMatteo, Teacher	HS	Team Member
Angelo Dibartolo, Guidance Counselor	IS	Chair
Eileen Conover, Social Worker	IS	Team Member
Brittany Forte, LDT-C	IS	Team Member
Bruce Hunt, Teacher	IS	Team Member
Cheryl Cantwell, School Nurse (as needed, medical issues only)	IS	Team Member
Michael Mattina, Principal	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
Kristin Morey, Teacher	PS	Team Member
Rosemary Millar, 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 2022-23 school year are as follows:

Name	School	Position
Dane Tabano, Guidance Counselor	HS	Anti-Bullying Specialist
Jill Berenato, School Nurse	HS	Alternate Anti-Bullying Specialist
Dr. Wendy O’Neal, Acting Principal	HS	Team Member
Jennifer O’Brien, Social Worker	HS	Team Member
Michael Pomatto, Teacher	HS	Team Member
Kara Uhrich, Teacher	HS	Team Member
Angelo Dibartolo, Guidance Counselor	IS	Anti-Bullying Specialist
Eileen Conover, Social Worker/SAC	IS	Alternate Anti-Bullying Specialist
Dr. Vicki Scheetz, Social Worker	IS	Team Member
Ita Lanterman, Teacher	IS	Team Member
Michael Mattina, Principal	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
Jennifer Gatto, Teacher	PS	Team Member
Daniel Calhoun, Teacher	PS	Team Member

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

5. Policy

- A. Policy – 1st Reading (Attachment #5.A)

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

	Policy Number	Policy Name	Mandated	New	Revised
1	P 0167	Public Participation in Board Meetings			X

- B. OCSD Remote Learning Plan (Attachment #5.B)

The Board adopts the Ocean City School District Remote Learning Plan for the 2022-23 school year.

Informational Items

Disclosure: (Attachment)

Attached are the listing of documents/records that the schools collect on students and staff members who have access to those records, per Policy 8330 – Student Records, and Policy 8335 – Family Educational Rights and Privacy (FERPA).

The Board self-evaluation results are:

- Transition with newly appointed Superintendent
 - Board Operations
 - Student Achievement
- 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.

7. Health and Wellness

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

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

1. Buildings & Grounds

B. Use of Facilities (Ocean City Representatives Only)

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

	Requested By	Activity	Dates/Times Requested	Rooms Needed	Fee Charged
1	Ocean City Jr Raiders	Football Practice	September 6, 2022 (Tuesday) 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Main Gym	No charge
2	City of Ocean City	Kids Open Basketball	September 13-15, 20-22, & 27-29, 2022 October 4-6 & 11-13, 2022 (Tues/Wed/Thurs) 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Main Gym	No charge
3	City of Ocean City	Adults Open Basketball	September 14, 2022 – June 7, 2023 (Wednesdays) 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Main Gym	No charge
4	City of Ocean City	Travel Basketball Practice	November 14, 2022 – March 16, 2023 (Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs) 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm <i>(N/A 11/24, 12/26 - 12/29, 1/2/23, 1/16, 2/20)</i>	Main Gym	No charge
5	City of Ocean City	Dixie Howell Tournament	December 9, 12, 13, 14, 2022 (Friday & Mon/Tues/Wed) 3:00 pm – 8:30 pm December 10, 2022 (Saturday) 9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Main Gym	No charge
6	Ocean City Jr Wrestling	Wrestling Matches	January 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023 February 3, 10, 17, 2023 (Fridays) 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Main Gym	No charge

2. Curriculum and Student Affairs

E. Intermediate School Field Trips (Ocean City Representatives Only) *(Attachment #2.E)*

The Board approves the attached Intermediate School Field Trip list.

F. Primary School Field Trips (Ocean City Representatives Only) (Attachment #2.F)

The Board approves the attached Primary School Field Trip list.

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

K. Intermediate & Primary Schools' 2022-23 Certificated Staff Salary Classification Changes (Ocean City Representatives Only) (Attachment #4.K)

The Board ratifies the attached Intermediate and Primary Schools' 2022-23 certificated staff salary classification changes by roll call vote.

L. Internship Placement (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board approves the following internship placement by roll call vote:

	Student Name	Assigned Staff	School/ Location	College/ University	Effective Dates
1	Leah Gaston	Angelo DiBartolo	IS	Rowan University	9/6/22-5/13/23

M. Intermediate School Detention Supervisors (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board approves the following Intermediate School detention supervisors by roll call vote:

	Name	Max Weekly Hours	Stipend
1	Angelo DiBartolo	2	\$32.00/hour
2	Bruce Hunt	2	\$32.00/hour

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Clark, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the August 24, 2022, Regular Meeting and Executive Session as presented.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Catherine Panico, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the NJ Health and PE Standards, Board transparency regarding these standards, and a rally held in support of a Parents' Bill of Rights.

Robin Shaffer, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the format of BOE meetings, an organization he represents – The OC Alliance for Sensible Education, and a rally held in support of a Parents' Bill of Rights.

Christine Stanford, Upper Township, addressed the Board regarding the NJ Health and PE Standards, the BOE vote regarding these standards, and District informational sessions regarding the NJ Health and PE Standards.

Dawn Dolinsky, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding her child's experience in the Ocean City School District.

Nathaniel Ginet, OCHS Senior, addressed the Board regarding PRISM Club.

Lisa Mansfield, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the BOE vote regarding the NJ Health and PE Standards and a rally held in support of a Parents' Bill of Rights.

Jenna Smith, Upper Township, addressed the Board regarding the NJ Health and PE Standards, a rally held in support of a Parents' Bill of Rights, and an Ocean City City Council resolution supporting a Parents' Bill of Rights.

Albert Weber, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the NJ Health and PE Standards.

Pam Ginet, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the NJ Health and PE Standards and the High School PRISM Club.

Janice Weber, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the NJ Health and PE Standards.

Lauren Bowersock, Mays Landing, addressed the Board regarding a rally held in support of a Parents' Bill of Rights, a "We Belong Rally Welcome March" held September 18, and the NJ Health and PE Standards.

Mike Devlieger, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the BOE vote on the NJ Health and PE Standards.

Vic Staniec, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the ongoing discussion on how to "opt-out" of certain curriculum.

Liz Nicoletti, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding parental rights and a rally held in support of a Parents' Bill of Rights.

Shawna Mulford, Upper Township, addressed the Board regarding the NJ Health and PE Standards, the District informational sessions regarding the NJ Health and PE Standards, and parent resources on the school district website.

Jennifer Bowman, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding administrative vacancies at Ocean City High School.

KT Muller, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the NJ Health and PE Standards.

Toni Esposito, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the NJ Health and PE Standards, Christian values, and district test scores.

BOARD COMMENTS

Dr. Friedman thanked those who participated and spoke in front of the Board of Education at this evening's meeting.

Board comments included thanks to teachers and staff for a successful back to school this September, ongoing peaceful and respectful public discussion regarding the NJ Health and PE Standards, the ongoing fall sports season, and ongoing support for students.

BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS

President Kane thanked everyone for their work on the opening of schools in September, the BOE ethics presentation, and thanks and recognition to Mr. Geoff Haines on his anticipated retirement as Athletic Director.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no further Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dr. Roche, seconded by Mr. Halliday, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Kelley
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

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