

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Kane on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 6:20 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.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

On roll call, members present were Joseph S. Clark, Jr., Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes, Chris Halliday, William Holmes, Jacqueline McAlister, Fran Newman, Charles Roche, Disston Vanderslice, Gregory Whelan, and Patrick Kane. Also present were Matthew Friedman, Ed.D., Superintendent, Timothy E. Kelley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Michael Stanton, Esquire. Members absent were Ryan Leonard and William Sooy. There were no members of the public present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to go into 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 Matter, HIB, and Student Trips; Matters concerning negotiations, and specifically: OCESSA Sick Bank; Matters involving anticipated or pending litigation, including matters of attorney-client privilege, and specifically: Pending Litigation and 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 return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session. The Board anticipates returning to open session in approximately 30 minutes.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:04 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Kane on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 7:04p.m. in the Ocean City High School Library, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ.

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

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On roll call, members present were Joseph S. Clark, Jr., Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes, Chris Halliday, William Holmes, Jacqueline McAlister, Fran Newman, Charles Roche, Disston Vanderslice, Gregory Whelan, and Patrick Kane. Also present were Matthew Friedman, Ed.D., Superintendent, Timothy E. Kelley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Michael Stanton, Esquire, Carl Tripician from Longport, and Student Representatives Christian Ganter, Lauren Knopp, and Isabella Pero. Members absent were Ryan Leonard and William Sooy. There were 54 members of the public present.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Curt Nath presented the Board with a standardized test score presentation as well as information on Pathways to Graduation.

Dr. Friedman, Dr. O’Neal, and Mr. Mattina recognized student achievement at all three schools. *(Dr. Smith was unable to attend due to the Primary School Back to School Night.)*

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no public comments.

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	Prime Events	High School Basketball	December 17-18, 2022 January 28-29, 2023 (Sat/Sun) 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Community Room; Main & Auxiliary Gyms; Locker	\$1,800.00

	Requested By	Activity	Dates/Times Requested	Rooms Needed	Fee Charged
				Rooms/Exterior Restrooms	
2	Prime Events	High School Basketball	March 8, 2023 (Wednesday – practice) 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm March 11, 2023 (Saturday) 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Main & Auxiliary Gyms; Locker Rooms/Exterior Restrooms	\$315.00
3	Upper Township Soccer Association	Winter Soccer Training	January 9, 23, & 30, 2023 February 6, 13 & 27, 2023 March 6, 2023 (Mondays) 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Auxiliary Gym	No charge
4	City of Ocean City	First Night 2023	December 31, 2022 (Sat) 5:00 pm – 12:00 am 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (set-up)	Auditorium, Community Room, Main & Auxiliary Gyms, Cafeteria, Kitchen, Locker Rooms, Observatory, F105, F107	No charge

Informational Items (Attachments)

School	Date	Drill(s)
High School	September 13, 2022 September 16, 2022 October 7, 2022	Fire Security School Bus Emergency Evacuation
Intermediate School	September 12, 2022 September 15, 2022 October 6, 2022	Fire Security School Bus Emergency Evacuation
Primary School	September 13, 2022 September 14, 2022 October 6, 2022	Fire Security School Bus Emergency Evacuation
Cape May County Special Services	October 4, 2022	School Bus Emergency Evacuation

- Buildings and Grounds Committee Report – Mr. Halliday, Chairperson
Mr. Halliday gave a report of the Committee meeting.

2. Curriculum and Student Affairs

- A. Arizona State University Memorandum of Understanding (Attachment #2.A)
The Board approves the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Arizona State University and the Ocean City School District for the 2022-23 school year.
- B. High School Field Trips (Attachment #2.B)
The Board approves the attached High School Field Trip list.

Informational Items (Attachment)

Out-of-School Suspension Report for September 2022

Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Case Findings

- HS23-1
- HS23-2
- HS23-3

- 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 October 2022 in the amount of \$1,023,158.16.

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

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

C. Food Service Report (Attachment #3.C)

The Board accepts the Food Service Monthly Finance Report for September 2022.

D. Updated Designation of Bank Depositories and Check Signatories (Attachment #3.D)

The Board approves the updated Designation of Bank Depositories and Check Signatories for the 2022-23 school year.

E. Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and Form M-1 (Attachment #3.E)

The Board approves the 2022-23 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and the annual Maintenance Budget Amount Worksheet (Form M-1) and authorizes the School Business Administrator to file the plan and worksheet with the County Office per N.J.A.C. 6A:26A.

F. Tuition Contract Agreement

The Board approves the following 2022-23 Tuition Contract Agreement:

	Sending District	Receiving District	Grade	Effective Dates	Per Diem Rate	Total Cost	Comments
1	Ocean City BOE	Egg Harbor Township BOE	1	9/6/22-6/30/23	\$103.53 (180 days)	\$18,635.40	McKinney-Vento

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

A. New Employment Appointment-Interim Administrative Staff

The Board approves the following administrative interim appointment by roll call vote:

	Name	School/Location	Position	Effective Dates	Compensation
1	Kenneth Silver	HS	Interim Assistant Principal	On/after 10/20/22 to on/before 6/30/23	\$425.00 per diem

B. New Employment Appointment-Leave Replacement Administrative Staff

The Board approves the following administrative leave replacement appointment by roll call vote:

	Name	School/ Location	Position	Effective Dates	Compensation
1	Michael Pellegrino	District	Interim Athletic Director	On/after 10/20/22 to 12/31/22	\$450.00 per diem

Motion carried with a vote to abstain from Mrs. McAlister.

C. New Employment Appointment-Certificated Staff

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

	Name	School/ Location	Position	Effective Date	Compensation
1	Jessica DeBiaso	HS	Special Education Teacher	10/24/22*	\$85,979.00, BA Step 13 pro-rated

*Date amended

D. 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	Jacligza Lehman	HS	Secretary to the Assistant Principal	On/after 10/20/22	\$46,300, Step 3 pro-rated
2	Caroline Breslin	District	Special Education Aide	On/after 10/20/22	\$25,010, Step 1, includes BA stipend pro-rated

E. Retirement

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

	Name	School/ Location	Position	Effective Date
1	Lisa St. Clair	High School	Clerical Aide	5/1/23*

*Date amended

F. Resignations

The Board accepts the following resignations by roll call vote:

	Name	School/ Location	Position	Effective Date
1	Meghann Generosi	District	Special Education Aide	10/11/22
2	Frank Sicurella	District	Special Education Aide	10/3/22

G. Coach

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

	Name	Season	Sport	Position	Stipend
1	Gabrielle Vanderslice-Lefkowitz	Winter	Girls' Basketball	Volunteer Coach	n/a

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

H. Resignations-Coaches

The Board accepts the following resignations by roll call vote:

	Name	Season	Sport	Position	Effective Date
1	Kelsey Burke	Spring	Girls' Track	Assistant Coach	10/5/22
2	Steven Kelly	Spring	Girls' Crew	Head Coach	9/1/22

I. New Substitute Appointments

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

	Name	Location	Position	Effective Date
1	Alexandra Abeal	District	Substitute Teacher	10/20/22-6/30/23
2	Thomas Ciccarone	District	Substitute Teacher	10/20/22-6/30/23
3	Jacob Collins	District	Substitute Teacher	10/20/22-6/30/23
4	Eric Fox	District	Substitute Teacher	10/20/22-6/30/23
5	Megan Gereaghty	District	Substitute Teacher	10/20/22-6/30/23
6	Amy Juckett	District	Substitute Teacher	10/20/22-6/30/23
7	Janet Kasinski	District	Substitute Teacher	10/20/22-6/30/23
8	Tara Ludlam	District	Substitute Teacher	10/20/22-6/30/23
9	Olga Lyuppa	District	Substitute Teacher	10/20/22-6/30/23
10	Jamie Maisano-Mays	District	Substitute Teacher	10/20/22-6/30/23
11	Linda Thompson	District	Substitute Teacher	10/20/22-6/30/23
12	Regina Bryne	District	Substitute Nurse	10/20/22-6/30/23

J. Clinical Placements

The Board approves the following Stockton University Nursing rotating clinical placements for Spring 2023 by roll call vote:

	Name		Name
1	Allyson Hoelker	11	Nadira Morgan
2	Henna Khan	12	Megan Brown
3	Mikaela Sheridan	13	Louis Lu
4	Nicole Jandras	14	Nicole Toler
5	Morenike Abdur-Rasheed	15	Marissa Stroud
6	Kenneth Boateng	16	Kenai Green-Scott
7	William Johnson	17	Laurel Wollaston
8	Daniel Marin	18	Stephanie Danielson
9	Karl Belarde	19	Megan Pierce
10	Kelsey Rowe	20	Jessica Shields

K. Sporting Event Workers

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

	Name
1	Seamus McManus
2	Andrew Bristol

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

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	3637	HS	27	0	Paid Medical	10/13/22-11/20/22
2	1992	District	0	Up to 60	Intermittent FMLA	9/22/22-6/30/23
3	3441	District	0	22	FMLA	11/7/22-12/8/22

- Negotiations Committee Report – Mr. Whelan, Chairperson
No report. Dr. Friedman provided an update.

5. Policy

A. Policy – 2nd 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 st Reading
1	3711	Public Participation in Board Meetings			X	9/21/22

B. Policies – 1st Reading (*Attachment #5.B*)

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

	Policy Number	Policy Name	Mandated	New	Revised
1	0143.2	High School Representative to the Board of Education	X		X
2	0163	Quorum			X
3	1511	Board of Education Website Accessibility	X		X
4	2415	Every Student Succeeds	X		X
5	3270	Professional Responsibilities			X
6	5513	School Property			X
7	5517	School District Issued Student Identification Cards	X		X
8	5722	Student Journalism	X	X	

C. Regulations – 1st Reading (*Attachment #5.C*)

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

	Regulation Number	Regulation Name	Mandated	New	Revised
1	3270	Lesson Plans and Plan Books			X
2	5513	School Property			X

D. Abolished Policy/Regulation (*Attachment #5.D*)

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

	Number	Policy/Regulation Name
1	2432	School Sponsored Publications

E. QSAC District Performance Review (*Attachment #5.E*)

The Board approves the submission of the attached New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) District Performance Review (DPR) for the 2022-23 school year for the following categories to the New Jersey Department of Education:

1. Instruction and Program
2. Fiscal Management
3. Governance
4. Operations
5. Personnel

- 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
No report.

7. Health and Wellness

- Health and Wellness Committee Report – Dr. Roche, Chairperson
No report. Dr. Friedman provided an update.

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Mr. Clark, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, (except as noted below), 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 Primary and Intermediate Schools:

	Requested By	Activity	Dates/Times Requested	Rooms Needed	Fee Charged
1	OC Junior Raiders Football	Football Practice	October 4, 2022 (Tues) 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm October 5, 2022 (Wed) 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm	Intermediate School Gym	No charge
2	City of Ocean City	First Night 2023	December 31, 2022 (Sat) 5:00 pm – 12:00 am 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (set-up)	Primary School Multipurpose Room Intermediate School Gym (INCLEMENT WEATHER ONLY)	No charge

2. Curriculum and Student Affairs

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

The Board approves the attached Intermediate School Field Trip list.

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

M. Coaches (Ocean City Representatives Only)

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

	Name	Season	Sport	Position	Stipend
1	R. Scott Bloomstead	Winter	Girls’ Basketball	Co-Coach*	\$2,446.00
2	Patricia Pepe	Winter	Girls’ Basketball	Co-Coach	\$2,446.00

**Amended appointment*

N. Intermediate School Detention Supervisor (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board approves the following Intermediate School detention supervisor for the 2022-23 school year by roll call vote:

	Name	Max Weekly Hours	Stipend
1	Eileen Conover	2	\$32.00/hour

O. Intermediate School Co-Curricular Advisor (Ocean City Representatives Only)

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

	Name	Position	Stipend
1	Megan Brown	Cognetics	\$2,105.00

P. Resignation (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board accepts the following resignation by roll call vote:

	Name	School/ Location	Position	Effective Date
1	Devon Devries	PS	Special Education Teacher	1/3/23

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

Q. Primary School 2022-23 EASE Program Staff (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board approves the following Primary School 2022-23 EASE Program staff and stipends by roll call vote:

Funded by: FY 2023 ESSA/ESEA Title I			
	Name	Max Program Hours	Stipend
1	Jamie Nicholl	594	\$37.00/hour
2	Laura Kane		
3	Mackenzie Kitchen		
4	Gabriel Parratto		
5	Margaret Shiffler		
6	Carole Maurer		

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

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	3711	PS	25	60	Paid/FMLA/ NJFLA	1/3/23-6/2/23

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Mr. Holmes, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the September 21, 2022, Special Meeting and Executive Session as presented.

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

Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the September 21, 2022, Regular Meeting as presented.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pam Leyboldt, Upper Township, addressed the Board regarding sports transportation, athletic training services, and senior recognition night at a football game.

Christine Stamford, Upper Township, addressed the Board regarding community discourse on topics surrounding LGBTQ issues.

Jacob Pender, OCHS graduate, addressed the Board regarding LGBTQ issues.

John Henry, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the revised NJDOE health and wellness curriculum.

Ellen Byrne, Sea Isle City, addressed the Board regarding LGBTQ issues.

Nate Ginet, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding PRISM Club at Ocean City High School.

Jenna Smith, Upper Township, addressed the Board regarding the phrase “rapid onset gender dysphoria.”

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 those participating in public comment, High School PRISM Club, and continued discourse on the topics of health and PE curriculum and LGBTQ issues.

BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS

President Kane thanked recognized students for attending the Board of Education meeting and noted that the community forum on school safety is scheduled for Wednesday evening in the High School library.

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 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Kelley
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

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