

**MINUTES OF REORGANIZATION/REGULAR MEETING**  
**HELD JANUARY 4, 2023**

**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 4, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ocean City High School Library, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ.

A moment of silence was observed for Ms. Sue Morgan, former member of the Board of Education, who recently passed away. Ms. Gallelli-Keyes provided words of thanks and appreciation for Ms. Morgan.

**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 AND OCEAN CITY BOARD REPRESENTATIVES FROM UPPER TOWNSHIP**

Mr. Kelley administered the Oath of Office to Board Members Kevin Barnes, Elizabeth Nicoletti, and Catherine Panico for three-year terms.

Mr. Kelley administered the Oath of Office to Board Member Robin Shaffer for a one-year unexpired term.

Mr. Kelley administered the Oath of Office to Upper Township Board Representatives Kristie Chisholm, William Holmes, and Fran Newman for a one-year term as representative.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

On roll call, members present were Kevin Barnes, Joseph S. Clark, Jr., Kristie Chisholm, Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes, Chris Halliday, William Holmes, Jacqueline McAlister, Fran Newman, Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico, Robin Shaffer, and Disston Vanderslice. 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. There were no members absent. There were 60 members of the public present.

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

Motion by Mr. Vanderslice to nominate Chris Halliday for the position of Board President.

Motion by Mrs. Nicoletti to nominate Robin Shaffer for the position of Board President.

There were no further nominations.

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mrs. Chisholm, to close the nominations.

Vote for Chris Halliday to serve as Board President:

Mrs. Nicoletti, Mrs. Panico, and Mr. Shaffer voted NO.

All others voted YES.

***Motion carried by roll call vote for Mr. Halliday to serve as Board President.***

Mr. Halliday 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-Keys for the position of Board Vice President.

Motion by Mr. Clark to nominate Fran Newman for the position of Board Vice President.

Three separate votes were held for the election of Board Vice President, all with the same result:

Voting for Ms. Gallelli-Keys: Ms. Gallelli-Keys, Mrs. McAlister, Mrs. Nicoletti, Mrs. Panico, Mr. Shaffer, and Mr. Vanderslice.

Voting for Mrs. Newman: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Clark, Mrs. Chisholm, Mr. Holmes, Mrs. Newman, and Mr. Halliday.

There was no successful nominee for the office of Board Vice President.

**TERMS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Joseph S. Clark, Jr.	Term Expires in 2024
Cecilia Gallelli-Keys	Term Expires in 2024
Robin Shaffer	Term Expires in 2024
Chris Halliday	Term Expires in 2025
Jacqueline McAlister	Term Expires in 2025
Henry (Disston) Vanderslice	Term Expires in 2025
Kevin Barnes	Term Expires in 2026
Elizabeth Nicoletti	Term Expires in 2026
Catherine Panico	Term Expires in 2026

**Upper Township Board Representatives**

Kristie Chisholm	Term Expires in 2024
William Holmes	Term Expires in 2024
Fran Newman	Term Expires in 2024

**OFFICIAL REPORT OF RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 8, 2022 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION**

<u>Board Members/Three 3-Year Terms</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
Catherine Panico*	2,315
Kevin Barnes*	2,125
Elizabeth Nicoletti*	2,120

<u>Board Member/1-Year Unexpired Term</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
Robin Shaffer*	2,120

\*Successful candidates

## **REORGANIZATION AGENDA**

***Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mrs. Chisholm, and carried by roll call vote, with a vote of nay by Mrs. McAlister, 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 20, 2023.

2. **Time and Place of Board of Education Meetings**

The Board approves the following Board Meeting dates for January 26, 2023, through January 4, 2024, to be held in the Ocean City High School Library/Media Center starting at 7:00 p.m. with an executive session starting at 6:00 p.m.:

Thursday, January 26, 2023  
Thursday, February 23, 2023  
Thursday, March 16, 2023  
Thursday, April 27, 2023 (Regular Meeting/Public Hearing)  
Thursday, May 18, 2023  
Thursday, June 22, 2023  
Thursday, August 3, 2023  
Thursday, August 24, 2023  
Thursday, September 21, 2023  
Thursday, October 19, 2023  
Thursday, November 16, 2023  
Thursday, December 7, 2023  
Thursday, January 4, 2024 (Reorganization/Regular Meeting)

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Jacob Pender, West Cape May, addressed the Board regarding the School Board Member code of ethics.

Carolyn Rush, Sea Isle City, addressed the Board regarding the School Board Member code of ethics.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Dr. Curt Nath, Director of Academic Services, presented NJ Start Strong data for the district.

## **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

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 Mr. Clark, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, the Board of Education approved the following Superintendent’s recommendations.***

### **1. Personnel**

A. **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	Cassen Brunetti	District	Special Education Aide	On/after 1/5/23	\$25,010.00, Step 1 prorated, Includes BA stipend

B. Leave of Absence (*Attachment #1.B*)

*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	2384	HS	0	Up to 20	Intermittent Unpaid	1/5/23-6/15/23

C. Resignation: Coach

*The Board approves the following resignation by roll call vote:*

	Name	Season	Sport	Position
1	Michael Millar	Spring	Girls' Crew	Assistant Coach

D. 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	Michael Millar	Spring	Girls' Crew	Head Coach	\$6,807.00
2	James Swift	Spring	Boys' Crew	Head Coach	\$6,807.00

E. New Substitute Appointments

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

	Name	School/ Location	Position	Effective Dates
1	Tyler Gillian	District	Substitute Teacher	1/5/23-6/30/23
2	Haley Harper	District	Substitute Teacher	1/5/23-6/30/23
3	Robert Meiswinkle	District	Substitute Teacher	1/5/23-6/30/23

***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.***

**1. Personnel**

F. 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	Effective Date	Stipend
1	Erin Porter	Mocean City Club (co)	1/16/23	\$1,052.50

G. Leave Replacement Extension (Ocean City Representatives Only)

*The Board approves the following leave replacement extension by roll call vote:*

	Name	School/ Location	Position	Effective Dates	Compensation
1	Steven Cohen	PS	Long-Term Leave Replacement Special Education Teacher	9/1/22-2/15/23	\$51,577.00 BA, Step 1 prorated

H. Primary School Curriculum Writing (Ocean City Representatives Only)

*The Board approves the following Primary School curriculum writing assignment for the 2022-23 school year by roll call vote:*

	<b>Name</b>	<b>School/ Location</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Max Hours</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
1	Laura Kane	PS	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade/ ELA	10	\$32.00/hr

I. Level II Parent Volunteers (Ocean City Representatives Only)

*The Board approves the following Level II parent volunteers for the 2022-23 school year by roll call vote:*

	<b>Name</b>
1	Christian John Bickings
2	Nicholas Dinsmore
3	Ryan Leonard
4	James Murray

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jenna Smith, Upper Township, addressed the Board regarding Upper Township representatives on the Ocean City Board of Education.

Gina Johnson, Upper Township, addressed the Board regarding concerns regarding newly elected board members and the School Board Member code of ethics.

Christine Stamford, Upper Township, addressed the Board regarding the district equity committee.

Lisa Mansfield, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the vote for the office of Vice President.

Keeley Calloway, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding LGBTQ issues.

Jacob Pender, West Cape May, addressed the Board regarding Dr. Wendy O'Neal, Acting High School Principal, new Board of Education members, and a letter sent to the district regarding LGBTQ issues.

Cricket Denton, Upper Township, addressed the Board regarding a letter sent to the district regarding LGBTQ issues.

Kat Trout, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding a letter sent to the district regarding LGBTQ issues.

Janice Webber, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding newly elected Board of Education members.

Dave Hayes, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding newly elected Board of Education members and district test scores.

Marie Hayes, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding newly elected Board of Education members, previous public comment, and gender identity issues.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Board comments included welcome to new Board members, Upper Township representatives to the Ocean City Board of Education, congratulations to Mr. Halliday on being elected President of the Board, words of appreciation for former Board of Education member Sue Morgan who recently passed away, and the office of Vice President for the 2023 calendar year.

Student Representative comments included congratulations to President Halliday, words of appreciation for former Board of Education member Sue Morgan who recently passed away, and ongoing change in the district.

**BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS**

Mr. Halliday welcomed the newly elected Board members and thanked the student representatives for their comments at the Board table. Mr. Halliday also thanked district staff who responded to the high school on Christmas night for a burst pipe.

The Board took a recess at 8:43 p.m. and returned to regular session at 9:05 p.m.

President Halliday opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice President.

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

Motion by Mr. Clark to nominate Fran Newman for Board Vice President.

One vote was held for the election of Vice President with the following result:

Voting for Ms. Gallelli-Keyes: Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, Mrs. McAlister, Mrs. Nicoletti, Mrs. Panico, Mr. Shaffer, and Mr. Vanderslice.

Voting for Mrs. Newman: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Clark, Mrs. Chisholm, Mr. Holmes, Mrs. Newman, and Mr. Halliday.

There was no successful nominee for the office of Vice President.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mrs. Newman, seconded by Mr. Clark, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Timothy E. Kelley  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
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