MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MARCH 16, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Halliday on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ocean City High School Library, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

President Halliday 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 <u>Ocean City Sentinel</u> and the <u>Press of Atlantic City</u>.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

On roll call, members present were Kevin Barnes, Kristie Chisholm, Joseph S. Clark, Jr., Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes, William Holmes, Jacqueline McAlister, Fran Newman, Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico, Robin Shaffer, Disston Vanderslice, and Chris Halliday. Also present were Matthew Friedman, Ed.D., Superintendent, Timothy E. Kelley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Michael Stanton, Esquire. There were no members absent. There were no members of the public present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

President Halliday 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; Matters involving anticipated or pending litigation, including matters of attorney-client privilege, and specifically: Potential Litigation.

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 6:31 p.m.

The meeting re-entered Open Session at 7:08 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Halliday on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 7:08 p.m. in the Ocean City High School Library, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

President Halliday 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 <u>Ocean City Sentinel</u> and the <u>Press of Atlantic City</u>.

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

On roll call, members present were Kevin Barnes, Kristie Chisholm, Joseph S. Clark, Jr., Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes, William Holmes, Jacqueline McAlister, Fran Newman, Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico, Robin Shaffer, Disston Vanderslice, and Chris Halliday. Also present were Matthew Friedman, Ed.D., Superintendent, Timothy E. Kelley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Michael Stanton, Esquire, and Student Representative Christian Ganter. There were no members absent. There were 74 members of the public present.

Mrs. McAlister left the meeting at 7:55 p.m. and returned at 8:30 p.m. Mrs. McAlister did not participate in the votes on action items or on the minutes. She did vote on the two items in new business.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Friedman, Dr. O'Neal, Mr. Mattina, and Dr. Smith recognized student achievement at all three schools.

BOE Student Representative Christian Ganter provided a student representative update to the Board of Education.

Mr. Kelley presented the 2023-2024 budget for introduction.

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.

Note: P 5850 (policy Item 5.A.1) was tabled and not voted on at the meeting.

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, and carried by roll call vote, except as noted below, the Board of Education approved the following Superintendent's recommendations. (Mrs. McAlister did not participate in the vote).

1. Buildings & Grounds

A. Use of Facilities

The Board approves the following request for the use of the High School:

| | Requested By | Activity | Dates/Times Requested | Rooms Needed | Fee Charged |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | City of Ocean City | OC Pops Band Camp | June 19 – 23, 2023 (Mon-Fri) 8:30 am – 12:30 pm | Auditorium, F105, F107, D105, D107 | No charge |

Informational Items

| School | Date | Drill(s) |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------|
| High School | February 15, 2023 | Fire |
| | February 2, 2023 | Security |
| Intermediate School | February 14, 2023 | Fire |
| | February 15, 2023 | Security |
| Primary School | February 22, 2023 | Fire |
| | February 17, 2023 | Security |

• <u>Buildings and Grounds Committee Report – Mr. Halliday, Chairperson</u> Mr. Halliday gave a report of the Committee meeting.

2. Curriculum and Student Affairs

A. <u>High School Spring Sports Schedules</u> (*Attachment #2.A*)
The Board approves the attached High School 2022-23 Spring Sports Schedules.

B. <u>High School Field Trips</u> (*Attachment #2.B*)
The Board approves the attached High School Field Trip list.

Informational Items (Attachment)

Out-of-School Suspension Report for February 2023

Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Case Findings

HS23-9 HS23-10 IS/PS No Findings

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 March 2023 in the amount of \$5,887,589.50.

Motion carried with a vote to abstain from Mr. Shaffer on bill list check #197905 payable to Madden and Madden.

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 January and February 2023. 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 January and February 2023. The Board also acknowledges receipt of the State of NJ mandated transfer reconciliation form for January and February 2023.

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

The Board approves the March 2023 list of Board of Education Members and School District Staff travel and related expense reimbursements.

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

The Board accepts the Food Service Monthly Finance Report for February 2023.

F. Certified Per Pupil Costs Report

The Board accepts the 2021-22 Certified Per Pupil Costs Report.

G. Tuition Contracts

The Board approves the following 2023-24 Tuition Contracts for full and shared-time general and special education students:

| Sending District | Tuition |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Corbin City | \$372,683 |
| Longport | \$431,646 |
| Sea Isle City | \$1,544,648 |
| Upper Township | \$9,153,741 |

H. 2021-22 Annual School District Audit

After reviewing and discussing the annual School District Audit, the Board accepts the Comprehensive Annual Finance Report (CAFR) and the Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance for the 2021-22 school year as prepared by Ford, Scott and Associates, LLC. There are no audit findings.

I. Preliminary Budget

The Board approves the Preliminary Budget for the 2023-24 School Year.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Ocean City Board of Education hereby adopts the preliminary budget for the school year 2023-24 as follows, subject to final approval or modification at the public hearing on April 27, 2023.

| A. | General Fund | \$45,211,546 |
|----|------------------------------------|--------------|
| | Amount to be raised by local taxes | \$24,608,896 |
| B. | Special Revenue Fund | \$2,678,553 |
| C. | Debt Service Fund | \$344,583 |
| | Amount to be raised by local taxes | \$344,583 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Ocean City Board of Education approves the budget to be submitted to the County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, budgeted travel expenses do not exceed \$95,000,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2(a), maximum dollar amounts for public relations and professional services have been established and are detailed in the appropriations section of the 2023-24 budget,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that \$850,000 be withdrawn from the Maintenance Reserve Account to be utilized for required maintenance at District schools,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that \$150,000 be withdrawn from the Emergency Reserve Account to be utilized for District security upgrades,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that \$1,900,000 be withdrawn from the Tuition Reserve Account,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that \$325,000 be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Account,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the public hearing for the 2023-24 school year budget will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2023, in the High School Library/Media Center at 7:00 p.m., and will be followed by a regular meeting,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to advertise said tentative budget in accordance with the format required by the State Department of Education and according to law.

J. Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement

The Board approves the 2022-23 Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement with the Sea Isle City Board of Education for one-to-one aide extraordinary services for one Sea Isle City student in the amount of \$46,119.

K. Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement

The Board approves the 2022-23 Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement with the Upper Township Board of Education for one-to-one aide extraordinary services for one Upper Township student in the amount of \$42,084.

L. Contract Award – Diligent (BoardDocs)

The Board approves a contract with Diligent Corporation for the implementation of *BoardDocs* school board management software in the amount of \$11,000. This contract is awarded under the New Jersey School Boards Association Cooperative Pricing System #E-8801-NJSBA ACES-CPS.

M. Contract Award – Ed-Data

The Board awards a contract to Bluum USA, Inc. (formerly Troxell Communications, Inc.) in the amount of \$193,611.27 for High School and Primary School AV Upgrades. This contract is being awarded pursuant to Ed-Data vendor bid number 10437 opened on September 3, 2020, and reawarded on November 9, 2022, for the period from December 1, 2022, through December 1, 2023. This project is being funded through ESSER II and ESSER III.

N. Contract Award – State Contract

The Board awards a contract to Turn-Key Technologies, Inc. (TTI) in the amount of \$143,375.50 for computer network upgrades. This contract is being awarded pursuant to NJ State Contract 21-TELE-01517 (TTI Vendor ID - V00001074).

O. Resolution for Participation in Coordinated Transportation – MOESC (Attachment #3.0)

The Board approves a participation agreement for coordinated transportation services with the Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission (MOESC) for transportation services. The administrative fee for transportation services charged by the MOESC is 5.5 percent (5.5%).

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

A. Retirement

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

| | Name | School/ Location | Position | Effective Date |
|---|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Michael Williscroft | HS | Special Education Teacher | 7/1/23 |

B. Coaches 2022-23

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

| | Name | Season | Sport | Position | Stipend |
|---|-------------------|--------|-------------|-----------------|---------|
| 1 | Thomas Tyrell | Spring | Boys' Track | Volunteer Coach | n/a |
| 2 | Edward Terry | Spring | Baseball | Volunteer Coach | n/a |
| 3 | Ronald Moretti | Spring | Baseball | Volunteer Coach | n/a |
| 4 | Christopher Banks | Spring | Baseball | Volunteer Coach | n/a |
| 5 | Jamison Shaw | Spring | Baseball | Volunteer Coach | n/a |
| 6 | Mark Kolmer | Spring | Baseball | Volunteer Coach | n/a |
| 7 | Abigail Handshaw | Spring | Softball | Volunteer Coach | n/a |

C. Child Study Team Meetings - Summer 2023

The Board approves all certificated staff to attend Summer 2023 Child Study Team meetings on an as-needed basis at a rate of \$37.00 per hour by roll call vote.

D. Special Education Services Employment - Summer 2023

The Board approves the following Summer 2023 special education services employment appointments by roll call vote:

| | Name | Position | Stipend |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| 1 | Stephanie Lancaster-Hurless | LDTC | \$37.00/hr |
| 2 | Heather Coleman | School Psychologist | \$37.00/hr |
| 3 | Ivory Williams | Social Worker | \$37.00/hr |
| 4 | Kathleen Yates | Speech Therapist | \$37.00/hr |
| 5 | Brittany Forte | LDTC – as needed | \$37.00/hr |

E. New Substitute Appointments

The Board approves the following substitute appointments by roll call vote:

| | Name Location Position | | Position | Effective Dates |
|---|------------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Marissa De Ruiter | District | Substitute Teacher | 3/17/23 - 6/30/23 |
| 2 | Ashley Gereaghty | District | Substitute Teacher | 3/17/23 - 6/30/23 |
| 3 | Samantha Morella | District | Substitute Teacher | 3/17/23 - 6/30/23 |
| 4 | Jacob Parratto | District | Substitute Teacher | 3/17/23 - 6/30/23 |
| 5 | Salvatore Sanzo | District | Substitute Teacher | 3/17/23 - 6/30/23 |

F. Practicum Placement

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

| | Name | Assigned Staff | School/ Location | College/ University | Effective Dates |
|---|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Kristin Harris | Stephanie Lancaster-Hurless | HS | Stockton University | Spring/Summer 2023 |

G. Leaves of Absence (Attachment #4.G)

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 | 1453 | HS | 0 | Up to 60 | Intermittent FMLA | 2/24/23-6/30/23 |
| 2 | 2108 | HS | 90 | 0 | Paid Medical, | 11/29/22-4/23/23 |
| | | | | | revised | |

• Negotiations Committee Report – Mr. Clark, Chairperson No report.

5. Policy

A. Policies – 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 This item was tab | led and not voted on. | | | | |

B. Regulation – 2nd Reading (Attachment #5.B)

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

| | Regulation Number | Policy Name | Mandated | New | Revised | 1 st Reading |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------|-----|---------|----------------------------|
| 1 | R 2430 | Co-Curricular Activities | | | X | 2/23/23 |

C. Policies – 1st Reading (Attachment #5.C)

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

| | Policy Number | Policy Name | Mandated | New | Revised | |
|---|------------------|----------------|----------|-----|---------|--|
| 1 | P 0152 | Board Officers | | | X | |
| 2 | P 2340 | Field Trips | | | X | |

D. Comprehensive Equity Plan Extension (Attachment #5.D)

The Board adopts the 1-year extension of the District's Comprehensive Equity Plan and the attached Annual Statement of Assurance for submission to the County Office.

• Policy Committee Report – Mrs. Newman, Chairperson

Mrs. Newman gave a report of the Committee meeting.

6. District Communications/Liaison

• <u>District Communications Committee Report – Mr. Vanderslice, Chairperson Mr. Vanderslice gave a report of the Committee meeting.</u>

7. Health and Wellness

• <u>Health and Wellness Committee Report – Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, Chairperson</u> Ms. Gallelli-Keyes provided an update.

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. (Mrs. McAlister did not participate in the vote).

1. Buildings & Grounds

B. <u>Use of Facilities (Ocean City Representatives Only)</u>

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

| | Requested By | Activity | Dates/Times Requested | Rooms Needed | Fee Charged |
|---|--|------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | City of OC/Ocean City Fishing Club | Fishing Tournament Headquarters | October 20, 2023 (Set-up: Fri) 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm October 21, 2023 (Sat) 5:00 am – 6:00 pm | Multi-Purpose Room; Cafeteria | No charge |

C. Change of Use Classroom (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board approves the change of use of educational space for the following location at the Ocean City Intermediate School for the 2022-23 school year and authorizes the School District to request approval from the New Jersey Department of Education for this change:

| Location | Change | | |
|-----------|--|--|--|
| Copy Room | Intermediate School: Change of Copy Room to Multi-Sensory Room | | |

2. Curriculum and Student Affairs

C. Summer Program (Ocean City Representatives Only)

The Board approves the following summer program at the Intermediate School:

| | School | Program | Dates | Days of the Week |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Intermediate School | Jump Start | 7/5/23 - 7/27/23 | Monday - Thursday |

- D. <u>Intermediate School Field Trips (Ocean City Representatives Only)</u> (*Attachment #2.D*) The Board approves the attached Intermediate School Field Trip list.
- **4. Personnel** (all motions are upon Superintendent's recommendation)

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

The Board approves the following Level II parent volunteers by roll call vote:

| Name | | Name |
|------|---|--------------|
| | 1 | Joseph Brown |

| | Name |
|---|----------------|
| 2 | Samuel Rosetti |
| 3 | Jason Frost |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Shaffer, seconded by Mr. Holmes, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the February 23, 2023, Regular Meeting and Executive Session as presented.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. (Mrs. McAlister did not participate in the vote.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to adopt the following resolution.

Rescinding Standards (Part 2) - Motion by Mr. Shaffer, seconded by Mrs. Panico. A motion to rescind item 2.C from the August 24, 2022, OCNJ BOE meeting. Sponsors: Mr. Shaffer, Mrs. Panico, Mrs. Nicoletti

WHEREAS on June 3, 2020, the State Board of Education readopted the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education which include extensive changes to the standards regarding sex education; and

WHEREAS these standards were intended to take effect in 2021, but implementation was delayed until September 2022; and

WHEREAS the Ocean City School District previously implemented curriculum pertaining to the 2014 Comprehensive Health and PE standards; and

WHEREAS the Ocean City Board of Education voted 6-5 in favor of the standards at its August 24, 2022, meeting; and

WHEREAS Boards of Education are not granted authority under New Jersey State law to vote on New Jersey Student Learning Standards; and

WHEREAS New Jersey State Law provides the Superintendent with the discretion and authority to develop curricula to implement the NJ Student Learning Standards (NJSA 18A: 17-20);

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Ocean City Board of Education hereby rescinds Board Resolution 2.C from its August 24, 2022, meeting.

Mr. Stanton discussed the voting requirements for Mr. Shaffer's motion and also read and summarized School Ethics Commission Public Advisory Opinion A12-22.

Discussion ensued by the Board.

Mr. Halliday then opened the floor to public comment on the motion.

Sam Rosetti, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the motion to rescind.

Jacob Pender, West Cape May, addressed the Board regarding the motion to rescind.

Tazmyn Weisberger, Rutgers University, addressed the Board regarding the motion to rescind.

The Board took a recess from 9:20 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

Cricket Denton, Upper Township, addressed the Board regarding the motion to rescind.

Lisa Mansfield, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the motion to rescind.

Kara Uhrich, Upper Township, addressed the Board regarding the motion to rescind.

David (no last name provided) addressed the Board regarding the motion to rescind.

Jeanie Martin, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the motion to rescind.

Christine Stanford, Upper Township, addressed the Board regarding the motion to rescind.

Jenna Smith, Upper Township, addressed the Board regarding the motion to rescind.

Andria Nieves, Lower Township, addressed the Board regarding the motion to rescind.

Gina Marie Mason, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the motion to rescind.

Marie Hayes, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the motion to rescind.

David Hayes, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the motion to rescind.

Janice Weber, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the motion to rescind.

Mary Fox, Lower Township, addressed the Board regarding the motion to rescind.

William Hooper, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the motion to rescind.

Dr. Joe Parella addressed the Board regarding the motion to rescind.

Albert Weber, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the motion to rescind.

Dawn Dolinsky, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the motion to rescind.

A vote was then taken on Rescinding Standards (Part 2).

(First – Shaffer; Second – Panico)

YES – Nicoletti, Panico, Shaffer

NO – Barnes, Chisholm, Clark, Gallelli-Keyes, Holmes, McAlister, Newman, Vanderslice, Halliday

Rescinding Standards (Part 1) - Motion by Mr. Shaffer, seconded by Mrs. Panico. 2023 Protecting Our Children Ocean City Board of Education Resolution. Sponsors: Mr. Shaffer, Mrs. Panico, Mrs. Nicoletti

WHEREAS on June 3, 2020, the State Board of Education readopted the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education which include extensive changes to the standards regarding sex education; and

WHEREAS these standards were intended to take effect in 2021, but implementation was delayed until September 2022; and

WHEREAS parts of these standards were seen widely as developmentally, socially, and emotionally inappropriate for children as young as five based on the gender and sexual education concepts included and social issues that interfere with the right of parents to teach their children about these sensitive matters; and

WHEREAS the standards promote age-inappropriate sexual content which infringes on a parent's ability to determine whether a child is emotionally and intellectually prepared for instruction in sex education; and

WHEREAS parents, as their child's first and most important teachers, work hard to instill values and beliefs that will guide their children throughout life; and

WHEREAS the Ocean City School District previously implemented curriculum pertaining to the 2014 Comprehensive Health and PE standards; and

WHEREAS numerous stakeholders representing myriad disciplines spoke out and offered written input to the Ocean City Board of Education in 2020-2022 decrying the new standards; and

WHEREAS the Cape May Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of resolution 294-22 opposing the standards during its April 26, 2022, meeting; and

BE IT RESOLVED the Ocean City Board of Education strongly disapproves of the State Board of Education's sex education standards included in the revised New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education due to the negative impact of developmentally inappropriate concepts and the infringement on a parent's right to educate their children on sensitive sex education topics in a manner that comports with family values and beliefs. The Ocean City Board of Education calls upon the State Board of Education to revise these standards. The Ocean City Board of Education strongly supports parents' rights to direct their child's education. The Board will ensure that the curriculum implementing the 2020 standards will be transparent and widely available for review. Any parent who opposes the curriculum will immediately be granted the authority to remove their child from the curriculum. No student will suffer any penalty for opting out. Copies of this resolution will be transmitted to the New Jersey Department of Education and the State Board of Education; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Ocean City Board of Education Secretary promptly transmit a copy of this resolution to the New Jersey Commissioner of Education, the President of the New Jersey State Board of Education, the Cape May Superintendent and Ocean City's representatives to the New Jersey Legislature.

Discussion ensued by the Board.

Mr. Halliday then opened the floor to public comment on the motion.

Pam Ginet, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the motion on the table.

An Ocean City resident addressed the Board regarding the motion on the table.

A vote was then taken on Rescinding Standards (Part 1).

(First – Shaffer; Second – Panico)

YES - Nicoletti, Panico, Shaffer

NO – Barnes, Chisholm, Clark, Gallelli-Keyes, Holmes McAlister, Newman, Vanderslice, Halliday

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Scanilion, Upper Township, addressed the Board regarding board member concerns.

Victor Staniec, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the 2023-2024 school budget.

Jacob Pender, West Cape May, addressed the Board regarding the appointment of Dr. Wendy O'Neal as high school principal.

Marie (no last name provided), Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding opt in versus opt out for curriculum.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board comments included thanks to the public for their participation in the meeting, the winter 2023 sports season, the spring musical, and the 8th grade "Raider Nation" dance.

BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS

President Halliday thanked the public for their participation in the meeting and discussed moving forward and making the district a destination school.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Clark, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 p.m.

Timothy E. Kelley
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

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