

Reorganization and Regular Meeting (Thursday, January 4, 2024)**Members present**

Chris Halliday, Kevin Barnes, Jacqueline McAlister, Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico, Kristie Chisholm, Fran Newman, Jocelyn Palaganas, Corey Niemiec, Michael Allegretto

A. MEETING OPENING

Procedural: Call to Order

The Reorganization and Regular Meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by Board Secretary Timothy Kelley on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ocean City High School Library, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ.

Procedural: President's Announcement of Adequate Meeting Notice

Mr. Kelley 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.

Procedural: Salute to the Flag

Mr. Kelley led everyone present in a salute to the flag.

B. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Procedural: Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Elected Board Members as well as to Ocean City Board Representatives from Upper Township

Mr. Kelley administered the Oath of Office to Board Members Michael Allegretto, Corey Niemiec, and Jocelyn Palaganas for three-year terms.

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

Procedural: Roll Call

On roll call, members present were Michael Allegretto, Kevin Barnes, Kristie Chisholm, Chris Halliday, Jacqueline McAlister, Fran Newman, Liz Nicoletti, Corey Niemiec, Jocelyn Palaganas, and Catherine Panico. Also present were Terry Crowley, Interim Superintendent, Timothy Kelley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Michael Stanton, Esquire, and Student Representatives Bridget Breeden, Brian Garrabrant, and Sean Walls. Members absent were Disston Vanderslice and William Holmes.

C. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Action: Nomination and Election of President

Motion by Mr. Halliday to nominate Kevin Barnes for the office of Board President.

Motion by Mrs. Panico to nominate Catherine Panico for the office of Board President.

There were no further nominations

Motion by Mrs. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Chisholm, to close the nominations.

Election for the office of Board President

Voting for Kevin Barnes: Chris Halliday, Kevin Barnes, Kristie Chisholm, Jacqueline McAlister, Fran Newman, Jocelyn Palaganas, Corey Niemiec, Michael Allegretto

Voting for Catherine Panico: Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico

Kevin Barnes is elected to serve as Board President

D. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Action: Nomination and Election of Vice President

Motion by Mrs. Chisholm to nominate Chris Halliday for the office of Board Vice President.

Motion by Mrs. Panico to nominate Catherine Panico for the office of Board Vice President.

There were no further nominations

Motion by Mrs. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Chisholm, to close the nominations.

Election for the office of Board Vice President

Voting for Chris Halliday: Chris Halliday, Kevin Barnes, Kristie Chisholm, Jacqueline McAlister, Fran Newman, Jocelyn Palaganas, Corey Niemiec, Michael Allegretto

Voting for Catherine Panico: Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico

E. TERMS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Information: Terms of Board Members

TERMS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

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
Michael Allegretto	Term Expires in 2027
Corey Niemiec	Term Expires in 2027
Jocelyn Palaganas	Term Expires in 2027

Upper Township Board Representatives

Kristie Chisholm	Term Expires in 2025
William Holmes	Term Expires in 2025
Fran Newman	Term Expires in 2025

F. OFFICIAL REPORT OF RESULTS

Information: Official Report of Results of November 7, 2023, School Board Election:

Board Members/Three 3-Year Terms	Number of Votes
Michael Allegretto*	2,082
Jocelyn Palaganas*	1,782
Corey Niemiec*	1,492

*Successful candidates

G. REORGANIZATION AGENDA

Action: Renewal of Code of Ethics

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 19, 2024.

Motion by Kristie Chisholm, second by Fran Newman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Chris Halliday, Kevin Barnes, Jacqueline McAlister, Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico, Kristie Chisholm, Fran Newman, Jocelyn Palaganas, Corey Niemiec, Michael Allegretto

Action: Time and Place of Board of Education Meetings

The Board approves the following Board Meeting dates for January 25, 2024, through January 9, 2025, 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.:

January 25, 2024

February 22, 2024

March 14, 2024

April 25, 2024 (Regular Meeting/Public Hearing)

May 23, 2024

June 20, 2024

August 1, 2024

August 22, 2024

September 19, 2024

October 17, 2024

November 21, 2024

December 19, 2024

January 9, 2025 (Reorganization/Regular Meeting)

Motion by Kristie Chisholm, second by Fran Newman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Chris Halliday, Kevin Barnes, Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico, Kristie Chisholm, Fran Newman, Jocelyn Palaganas, Corey Niemiec, Michael Allegretto

Nay: Jacqueline McAlister

H. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS

Procedural: Board President's Report/Comments

Mr. Barnes addressed the Board.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/PRESENTATIONS

Procedural: Superintendent's Report

Mr. Crowley welcomed the student representatives attending the meeting, Bridget Breeden, Brian Garrabrant, and Sean Walls.

J. PUBLIC COMMENTS (on Agenda Items Only)

Procedural: Public Comments (on Agenda Items Only)

Victor Staniec, Ocean City, addressed the Board to welcome new Board of Education members and Mr. Crowley.

K. VOTE ON BOARD REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS

Action: Vote on Board Reorganization Resolutions

Motion to vote on board reorganization resolutions.

Motion by Kristie Chisholm, second by Fran Newman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Chris Halliday, Kevin Barnes, Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico, Kristie Chisholm, Fran Newman, Jocelyn Palaganas, Corey Niemiec, Michael Allegretto

Jacqueline McAlister voted Nay for the Time and Place of Board of Education Meetings and Yea to all other reorganization items.

L. FINANCE

Action (Consent): Bill List

Resolution: The Board approves the payment of bills for December 2023 in the amount of \$2,692,156.56.

Motion to vote on board resolutions (Full Board).

Motion by Fran Newman, second by Kristie Chisholm.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Chris Halliday, Kevin Barnes, Jacqueline McAlister, Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico, Kristie Chisholm, Fran Newman, Jocelyn Palaganas, Corey Niemiec, Michael Allegretto

Action (Consent): Bid Award - High School Auditorium Speakers

Resolution: The Board accepts and awards the following bid for the 2023-24 school year:

	Company	Component	Amount
1	Yeoman Service	Base Bid	\$429,470
		Alternate #1 - Speaker Mounts	(\$3,000)
		Alternate #2 - Monitor Speakers	\$40,320
		Subtotal	\$466,790

No other bids were received.

This is the second bid for this project with the initial bid being rejected in January 2023.

Motion to vote on board resolutions (Full Board).

Motion by Fran Newman, second by Kristie Chisholm.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Chris Halliday, Kevin Barnes, Jacqueline McAlister, Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico, Kristie Chisholm, Fran Newman, Jocelyn Palaganas, Corey Niemiec, Michael Allegretto

M. PERSONNEL - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent

Action (Consent): New Employment Appointment - Support Staff

Resolution: The Board approves the following support staff appointment by roll call vote:

	Name	Building/Location	Position	Effective Dates	Compensation
1	Thomas Finnegan	District	Security Aide	On/after 1/5/24-6/30/24	\$28,703.00, Step 10

Motion to vote on board resolutions (Full Board).

Motion by Fran Newman, second by Kristie Chisholm.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Chris Halliday, Kevin Barnes, Jacqueline McAlister, Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico, Kristie Chisholm, Fran Newman, Jocelyn Palaganas, Corey Niemiec, Michael Allegretto

Action (Consent): Leave of Absence

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

	Employee #	Building/Location	# of Paid Days	# of Unpaid Days	Type of Leave	Effective Dates
1	5006	District	13	9.5	Paid/Unpaid Medical	12/1/23-1/10/24

Motion to vote on board resolutions (Full Board).

Motion by Fran Newman, second by Kristie Chisholm.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Chris Halliday, Kevin Barnes, Jacqueline McAlister, Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico, Kristie Chisholm, Fran Newman, Jocelyn Palaganas, Corey Niemiec, Michael Allegretto

Action (Consent): High School Fieldwork/Clinical Placements

Resolution: The Board approves the following High School fieldwork/clinical placements by roll call vote:

	Name	Assigned Staff	Description	College/University	Effective Dates
1	Jason Maikis	Michelle Dill	Mathematics	Stockton University	1/16/24-5/3/24
2	Michaela Tighe	Jill Berenato	Nursing	Stockton University	2/8/24, 2/15/24, 2/22/24, 2/29/24
3	Mary Friel	Jill Berenato	Nursing	Stockton University	3/7/24, 3/21/24, 4/11/24, 4/18/24
4	Danielle Meeker	Ian Keyser	Biology	Drexel University	1/8/24-3/15/24

Motion to vote on board resolutions (Full Board).

Motion by Fran Newman, second by Kristie Chisholm.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Chris Halliday, Kevin Barnes, Jacqueline McAlister, Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico, Kristie Chisholm, Fran Newman, Jocelyn Palaganas, Corey Niemiec, Michael Allegretto

Action (Consent): High School 2023-24 Support Staff Salary Classification Change

Resolution: The Board approves the following High School 2023-24 support staff salary classification change, effective January 1, 2024, by roll call vote:

Last Name	First Name	2023-24 Base Salary	2023-24 Longevity	2023-24 Stipend	2023-24 Total Salary
Richards	Lauren	\$50,846.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,846.00

Motion to vote on board resolutions (Full Board).

Motion by Fran Newman, second by Kristie Chisholm.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Chris Halliday, Kevin Barnes, Jacqueline McAlister, Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico, Kristie Chisholm, Fran Newman, Jocelyn Palaganas, Corey Niemiec, Michael Allegretto

Action: Primary and Intermediate Schools' Clinical Placements (OC Reps Only)

The Board approves the following Primary and Intermediate Schools' clinical placements by roll call vote:

	Name	Assigned Staff	Description	College/University	Effective Dates
1	Zakiya Ferdousi	Rosemary Millar	Nursing	Stockton University	2/8/24, 2/15/24, 2/22/24, 2/29/24
2	Corinda Lucano	Cheryl Cantwell	Nursing	Stockton University	2/8/24, 2/15/24, 2/22/24, 2/29/24
3	Crisandra Civatte	Cheryl Cantwell	Nursing	Stockton University	3/7/24, 3/21/24, 4/11/24, 4/18/24
4	Samuel Payamps	Rosemary Millar	Nursing	Stockton University	3/7/24, 3/21/24, 4/11/24, 4/18/24

Motion by Liz Nicoletti, second by Chris Halliday.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Chris Halliday, Kevin Barnes, Jacqueline McAlister, Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico, Jocelyn Palaganas, Corey Niemiec, Michael Allegretto

Not Present at Vote: Kristie Chisholm, Fran Newman

N. VOTE ON BOARD RESOLUTIONS (Full Board)

Action (Consent): Vote on Board Resolutions (Full Board)

Resolution: Motion to vote on board resolutions (Full Board).

Motion to vote on board resolutions (Full Board).

Motion by Fran Newman, second by Kristie Chisholm.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Chris Halliday, Kevin Barnes, Jacqueline McAlister, Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico, Kristie Chisholm, Fran Newman, Jocelyn Palaganas, Corey Niemiec, Michael Allegretto

O. VOTE ON BOARD RESOLUTIONS (Ocean City Representatives Only)

Action: Vote on Board Resolutions (Ocean City Representatives Only) (Resolutions #M.5)

Motion to vote on board resolutions (Ocean City Representatives Only) (Resolutions #M.5) as presented/amended.

Motion by Jacqueline McAlister, second by Chris Halliday.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Chris Halliday, Kevin Barnes, Jacqueline McAlister, Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico, Jocelyn Palaganas, Corey Niemiec, Michael Allegretto

Not Present at Vote: Kristie Chisholm, Fran Newman

P. NEW BUSINESS

Procedural: New Business

There was no new business.

Q. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Procedural: Public Comments

Victor Staniec, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding finance committee of the whole and school district budget.

R. EXECUTIVE SESSION - if needed (not open to the public)

Action: Executive Session

Motion to enter into Executive Session.

Motion by Chris Halliday, second by Kristie Chisholm. The Board entered executive session at 7:32 p.m.

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 session; 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 matters.

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, and specifically: superintendent goals.

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 Ocean City 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 1 hour.

Action: Reconvene Public Session

Motion to return to Public Session.

Motion by Chris Halliday, second by Kristie Chisholm.

The Board returned from executive session at 8:49 p.m.

Motion to approve Superintendent Goals for Mr. Terrence Crowley.

Motion by Fran Newman, second by Chris Halliday, to approve superintendent goals for Mr. Terrence Crowley.

Yea: Chris Halliday, Kevin Barnes, Jacqueline McAlister, Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico, Kristie Chisholm, Fran Newman, Jocelyn Palaganas, Corey Niemiec, Michael Allegretto

Motion to continue student homebound instruction.

Motion by Mrs. McAlister, second by Mr. Halliday, to continue homebound instruction for the duration of a due process filing for student #1000024347.

Yea: Chris Halliday, Kevin Barnes, Jacqueline McAlister, Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico, Jocelyn Palaganas, Corey Niemiec, Michael Allegretto

S. MEETING CLOSING

Action: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Fran Newman, second by Chris Halliday, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Chris Halliday, Kevin Barnes, Jacqueline McAlister, Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico, Kristie Chisholm, Fran Newman, Jocelyn Palaganas, Corey Niemiec, Michael Allegretto

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Kelley
Business Administrator/Board Secretary