

**Oceanport Board of Education
29 Wolf Hill Avenue
Oceanport, NJ**

**Regular Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2021 7:00 P.M.
Hybrid Meeting**

A meeting of the Oceanport Board of Education will be held remotely and in the Cafetorium at Maple Place School, 2 Maple Place, Oceanport, NJ this day, as advertised. Members of the public can access this hybrid meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86778166150>. The order of business and agenda for the meeting are:

I. CALL TO ORDER – Board of Education President Mark Patterson

**II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT -
Board of Education President Mark Patterson**

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975 c. 231 the Oceanport Board of Education has issued notice of this meeting to be publicized by having the date, time, and location of the meeting posted at Maple Place School, Wolf Hill School, Oceanport Borough, Sea Bright Borough, The Link, and Asbury Park Press. Notice has been filed with the Monmouth County Superintendent of Schools, the Borough Clerk of Oceanport, and the Borough Clerk of Sea Bright and sent to those persons requesting that such notice be mailed to them.

III. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Deirdre Bova	Virtual	Patrick McSorley	Present
John Fleming	Present	Mark Patterson	Present
Jamie Gough	Present	Daniel Peltz	Virtual
Patricia Kelly	Present	Marion Wilhalme	Present
Rick McKenna	Present		

Others in attendance: Dr. Godlesky, Superintendent, Mr. Zalewski, SBA, Ms. Machado, Board Attorney, and approximately 14 members of the public.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC

Often times it may appear to members of our audience that the Board of Education takes action with very little comment and in many cases by unanimous vote. Before a matter is placed on the agenda at a public meeting, the administration has thoroughly reviewed the matter with the Superintendent of Schools. If the Superintendent of Schools is satisfied that the matter is ready to be presented to the Board of Education, it is then referred for Board review at a Board Committee

meeting. The members of the Board work via committees with the Superintendent and the Administration to assure that the members fully understand the matter. When the Board and Administration are satisfied with the matter, it is placed on the agenda for action at a public meeting. In rare instances, matters are presented to the Board of Education for discussion at the same meeting that final action may be taken.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 17, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes
- November 17, 2021, Executive Session Minutes
- November 30, 2021, Board Retreat Minutes
- November 30, 2021, Executive Session Minutes

On a MOTION by Mr. McKenna seconded by Mr. McSorley and carried unanimously on roll call vote the above Minutes were approved.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT & PRESENTATIONS – Dr. Laura Godlesky

- Presentation: Referendum Update - The Financial Perspective.
- The Oceanport Public Schools is updating the District Safe Return Plan and is open to comments with regard to this to be utilized as we make revisions and updates.
- We are forming our Strategic Planning Committees which will begin in January. If interested, please complete the Google Form that was in my November Newsletter as well as posted on the main page of the District Website.
- I will be requesting an executive session this evening for reasons 3, 7, & 8.
- HIB Report

10/1/2021-10/31/2021	Investigated Incidents	Confirmed Incidents	Confirmed Incidents Year to Date
Wolf Hill School	0	0	0
Maple Place School	2	1	1
Total	2	1	1

11/1/2021-11/30/2021	Investigated Incidents	Confirmed Incidents	Confirmed Incidents Year to Date
Wolf Hill School	0	0	0
Maple Place School	0	0	1
Total	0	0	1

President Patterson thanked the administration, B&G Chair, Architect, and construction manager for the management of the projects.

On a MOTION by McSorley seconded by Mr. McKenna and carried unanimously on roll call vote the above HIB report was approved.

2021-2022 Oceanport School District Enrollment

Grade	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
PK	19	24	24	24	25	26						
K	43	42	43	42	39	40						
1	58	61	60	59	59	59						
2	56	55	54	54	54	54						
3	64	67	66	66	66	66						
4	64	66	66	65	65	66						
Wolf Hill School Total	304	315	313	310	308	311						
5	65	64	63	65	62	62						
6	70	69	70	70	69	69						
7	54	54	55	56	56	56						
8	60	60	59	58	57	58						
Maple Place School Total	249	247	247	249	244	245						
District Total	553	562	560	559	552	556						

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

At this time, comments are invited on agenda items only. Upon being recognized by the presiding officer, anyone wishing to address the Board, please state your name and address. Each statement made by a member of the public shall be limited to three minutes. No member of the public may address or question individual board members or administration. Although the Board encourages public participation, it reserves the right, through its presiding officer, to terminate remarks to and/or by any individual not keeping with the conduct of a proper and efficient meeting. The Board discourages the public from speaking negatively about any employee or student. Individuals can be held personally liable for defamatory or libelous statements made at public meetings. Comments regarding employees, administrators, students, and security procedures cannot be legally responded to by the Board. The Board bears no responsibility for comments made by members of the public. In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of public comment, questions from the public will be responded to, if feasible, after the public comment portion of the meeting is closed.

Several parents and student recordings in person and online requested that the 14-day quarantine be reduced as in other districts.

President Patterson thanked the public for the respectful comments. Dr. Godlesky stated that “we hear you” and thanked the public for their input.

VIII. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

A. Education, Technology, Curriculum, Instruction Committee:

Deirdre Bova, Chairperson

Committee Report: December 2021 Meeting of the Oceanport Education, Technology, Curriculum, Instruction Committee

A-1 Motion to approve the following Professional Development:

Staff Member	Event	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Mark Maglione	Getting Started with Preschool	Virtual	1/18/2022 & 1/19/2022 2/15/2022-2/17/2022	\$750.00
Kimberly Rajner	Great Books Foundation: Shared Inquiry Essentials Course	Virtual	1/19/2022-1/21/2022	\$275.00
Izabela Jackson	Trauma Informed Teaching	Virtual	1/20/2022	N/A

Motion by Mrs. Bova seconded by Mr. Peltz and carried on a unanimous roll call vote to approve the above Professional Development

B. Policy Committee: Patricia Kelly, Chairperson

Committee Report: December 2021 Meeting of the Oceanport Policy Committee

C. Personnel Committee: Marion Wilhalme, Chairperson
Committee Report: December 2021 Meeting of the Oceanport Personnel Committee

C-1 Motion to approve (retroactively) the resignation of School Business Administrator Valery Petrone effective 12/1/2021.

C-2 Motion to extend the employment contract of Maureen Butler through March 11, 2022.

C-3 Motion to approve the employment of the following individuals pending satisfactory completion of employment requirements with terms as stated:

Name	Position	Compensation	Effective Dates
Patricia Niro	Clerical	\$25.00 per hour not to exceed 15 hours per month	12/15/2021-6/30/2022
Patricia Niro	Substitute Secretary	\$19.75 per hour as needed	12/13/2021-6/30/2022 (Retroactive)
Todd Eichler	District Technology Coordinator	\$75,000 annually (prorated)	2/14/2022 - 6/30/2022
Nancy Farina	Paraprofessional	Step 3 - \$22.73 per hour, not to exceed 29.5 hours per week	1/3/2022 - 6/30/2022

C-4 Motion to approve Monmouth University student Emilee Lind as a Student Teacher under the direction of 2nd-grade teachers Mrs. Lomazzo & Ms. Surak from January 2022-May 2022.

C-5 Motion to approve Loyola University student Grace Leslie as a Student Observer under the direction of Speech-Language Pathologist Mrs. Fales from January 3, 2022 - January 14, 2022.

C-6 Motion to approve the new School Maintenance (part-time) position.

C-7 Motion to approve the School Maintenance (part-time) job description.

C-8 Motion to approve Allison Smith, for an additional teaching assignment to support the ESL program at Maple Place School at a rate of \$58.15 per hour student contact time and \$51.00 per hour planning time, as stated in the OEA CBA, beginning December 9, 2021, as needed until June 2022.

C-9 Be it Resolved that the Board approves the FMLA leave for Employee #4044 from December 17, 2021, through March 11, 2022, without pay (not to exceed 12 weeks).

On a MOTION by Ms. Wilhalme, seconded by Ms. Kelly, and carried on roll call vote Items C-1 through C-9 were approved.

D. Finance Committee: John Fleming, Chairperson
Committee Report: December 2021 Meeting of the Finance Committee

D-1 Bills and Claims ~ December

RESOLUTION to approve the bills list for the month of December 2021 in the amount of \$640,415.25 be approved for payment.

D-2 Transfers ~ December

RESOLUTION to approve the transfers from over appropriated accounts to under appropriated accounts as follows:

Amount	From	To
\$1,060.00	11-000-251-592-00-00-00-000 BA Print	11-000-251-890-00-00-00-000 BA Mis/Pro Dues

D-3 RESOLUTION to approve the submission of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER Grant and the subgrants listed below for the Fiscal Year 2022 and to accept the grant award funds upon subsequent approval of the application. The amounts of each grant are listed below:

ARP ESSER	\$ 758,810
Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	\$ 50,000
Evidenced-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	\$ 40,000
Evidenced-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	\$ 40,000
New Jersey Tiered System of Supports Mental Health Support Staffing Grant	\$ 45,000

D-4 RESOLUTION to approve submission of the CRRSA ESSER II Grant and the sub-grants listed below for the Fiscal Year 2021 and to accept the grant award funds upon subsequent approval of the application.

CRRSA ESSER II	\$ 337,634
Learning Acceleration	\$ 25,000
Mental Health	\$ 45,000

D-5 RESOLUTION to approve submission of an amendment to the ESEA application for Fiscal Year 2022 to allocate carryover funds in the amount of \$16,380.

D-6 RESOLUTION to approve the transfer of Title IV carryover funds in the amount of \$3,000 to Title IA for Fiscal Year 2022.

D-7 RESOLUTION to accept award of the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group Safety Grant for Fiscal year 2022 in the amount of \$5,792.00.

D-8 RESOLUTION to approve submission of the SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance in School District ROD Grant in the amount of \$13,240.00 and to accept the grant award funds upon subsequent approval of the application.

D-9 RESOLUTION to approve the voiding of the outstanding checks from March of 2020 listed below:

Account	Check Number	Amount
Student Activity WH	1712	\$19.00
Student Activity WH	1730	\$19.00
Student Activity WH	1738	\$19.00
Student Activity WH	1756	\$19.00
Student Activity WH	1776	\$19.00

On a MOTION by Mr. Fleming seconded by Ms. Wilhalme and carried unanimously on roll call vote Items D-1 through D-9 were approved.

- E. Buildings & Grounds Committee:** Jamie Gough
Committee Report: December 2021 Meeting of the Oceanport Buildings & Grounds Committee

E-1 Emergency Drill Logs –

1. Wolf Hill School

Date	Drill	Participants
11/30/2021	Evacuation/ Reunification Table Top	Maglione, Cuoco, Tarquinio, Gomez
12/10/2021	Fire Drill	All Staff/Students

2. Maple Place School

Date	Drill	Participants
11/16/2021	Fire Alarm Drill	All Staff & Students
12/2/2021	Bomb Threat Tabletop	Admin Staff, OPD, OEM

E-2 Building Use Request

Building	Room	Date/Time	Organization/Event
Wolf Hill School	Gymnasium	November 2021 - March 2022 Monday - Thursday 6:00pm-8:00pm	Oceanport Basketball Association

On a MOTION by Mrs. Gough seconded by Mr. Fleming and unanimously carried on roll call vote Items E-1 and E-2 were approved.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, comments are invited on school matters of community interest. Upon being recognized by the presiding officer, anyone wishing to address the Board, please state your name and address. Each statement made by a member of the public shall be limited to three minutes. No member of the public may address or question individual board members or administration. Although the Board encourages public participation, it reserves the right, through its presiding officer, to terminate remarks to and/or by any individual not keeping with the conduct of a proper and efficient meeting. The Board discourages the public from speaking negatively about any employee or student. Individuals can be held personally liable for defamatory or libelous statements made at public meetings. Comments regarding employees, administrators, students, and security procedures cannot be legally responded to by the Board. The Board bears no

responsibility for comments made by members of the public. In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of public comment, questions from the public will be responded to, if feasible, after the public comment portion of the meeting is closed.

Several members of the public thanked Mr. McKenna for his service to the community. Several members of the public supported reducing the 14-day quarantine. Mr. Eichler thanked the board for the approval of his employment. A student stated that she feels left behind while working from home.

X. LIAISON REPORTS

NJSBA/MCSBA – Deirdre Bova - **Nothing to report.**

PTO – Daniel Peltz - **Nothing to report.**

SEPAG – Jamie Gough - **CST continues to monitor IEPS for quarantined students.**

FMERA – Patricia Kelly - **Nothing to report.**

Oceanport Borough Council – Mark Patterson - **Nothing to report.**

Sea Bright Borough Council – Jamie Gough - **Council thanked the public for attending the tree lighting.**

XI. BOARD BUSINESS

XII. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

XIII. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- Resolutions of Appreciation

President Patterson presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, John Fleming has served as a Board Member of the Oceanport Board of Education since 2017; and

WHEREAS, John Fleming was Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Oceanport Board of Education from 2017-2021; and

WHEREAS John Fleming was elected Vice President of the Oceanport Board of Education by his fellow Board Members in 2020; and

WHEREAS John Fleming decided not to pursue re-election to the Oceanport Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, John Fleming has served the community for many years through his service on the Oceanport Board of Education and the local Boy Scouts of America Troop ; and

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WHEREAS during the tenure of John Fleming a \$33 million dollar referendum was passed, and a full-time Superintendent, Business Administrator and Supervisor of Curriculum were hired; and

WHEREAS John Fleming--a true financial guru brought the district to a level of sustainability with no sacrifice to the high level of education the children of the district receive; and

WHEREAS John Fleming was instrumental in helping to find the Leprechaun a new tree at Wolf Hill School; and

WHEREAS, John Fleming was never short of questions but always had invaluable answers to challenges the Board was presented with; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Oceanport Board of Education wish to recognize and thank with humble gratitude John Fleming for his service to the district; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Oceanport Board of Education presents John Fleming a commemorative plaque outlining his accomplishments as a member of the Oceanport Board of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Oceanport Board of Education wishes John Fleming much health, happiness, and prosperity, in his future endeavors--filled with free time and family adventures; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be entered permanently into the minutes of the Oceanport Board of Education and a copy be presented to John Fleming to memorialize this day.

Mr. Fleming thanked the community and board for the recognition.

On a MOTION by Ms. Wilhalme seconded by Mr. McKenna and unanimously carried on roll call vote in support of the above resolution were approved.

President Patterson presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Rick McKenna has served as a Board Member of the Oceanport Board of Education since February 26th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Rick McKenna was chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Oceanport Board of Education in 2021; and

WHEREAS Rick McKenna was elected Vice President of the Oceanport Board of Education by his fellow Board Members in 2021; and

WHEREAS Rick McKenna decided not to pursue re-election to the Oceanport Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Rick McKenna has served the community for many years through his service on the Oceanport Board of Education and the Shore Regional Board of Education; and

WHEREAS Rick McKenna always advocated to ensure the children of the Oceanport School District get the best possible education that the Board could afford; and

WHEREAS Rick McKenna allowed individuals the freedom to disagree but not disrespect each other; and

WHEREAS time and time again Rick Mckenna was proven right when he asked to prove him right or prove him wrong—just prove him; and

WHEREAS, Rick Mckenna was sometimes surprised or disappointed--but never surprised and disappointed.

WHEREAS Rick Mckenna gained the respect of his peers on the Board by leveraging his skillsets and his relationships, managing from the future and focusing on the fundamentals; and

WHEREAS, Rick Mckenna has ensured all project to date related to the current \$33 million renovation of facilities have come in on time and on budget; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Oceanport Board of Education wish to recognize and thank with humble gratitude Rick Mckenna for his service to the district; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Oceanport Board of Education presents Rick Mckenna a commemorative plaque outlining his accomplishments as a member of the Oceanport Board of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Oceanport Board of Education celebrates Rick Mckenna's tenure on the Oceanport Board of Education and hereby dedicate and declare the Board President's Gavel to be named and inscribed the "Rick Mckenna Gavel—Prove me right or Prove me wrong;" and be it further

RESOLVED, the Oceanport Board of Education wishes Rick Mckenna much health, happiness, prosperity, peace and love--Bobby Sherman in his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be entered permanently into the minutes of the Oceanport Board of Education and a copy be presented to Rick Mckenna to memorialize this day.

On a MOTION by Mr. Patterson seconded by Ms. Gough and unanimously carried on roll call vote in support of the above resolution were approved.

Mr. McKenna read a statement thanking many people in the community.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

XV. OLD BUSINESS

XVI. CORRESPONDENCE

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. allows for the exclusion of the public from that portion of a public meeting when certain matters which might endanger the public interest or risk the deprivation of individual rights are discussed; and the Board of Education wishes to discuss the following matters in a non-public closed meeting with the resulting discussion being made public when a proper conclusion has been reached and there is no longer a need for confidentiality:

Brief Description

- _____ 1. Matters rendered expressly confidential by state or federal law or a rule of court.
- _____ 2. Matters in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the United States Government.
- X 3. Any matter the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy unless the affected individual or his or her parent or guardian shall request in writing that the matter be disclosed at a public meeting.
- _____ 4. Pending or anticipated negotiations concerning a collective bargaining agreement with the Oceanport Education Association.
- _____ 5. Any matter involving the purchase of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates, or investment of public funds.
- _____ 6. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigations of violations or possible violations of law.
- X 7. Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations other than collective bargaining contract negotiations in which the Board of Education is or may become a party or any matter falling within the attorney-client privilege to the extent confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his or her ethical duties as an attorney.
- X 8. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment and the conditions of employment, evaluation, or disciplining of any specific employee, unless the individual employee requests in writing that the matter be discussed at a public meeting
- _____ 9. Any deliberations that may result in the imposition of a civil penalty or suspension.
- _____ 10. Any appointment of a public official.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Oceanport Board of Education will hold a closed executive session remotely, as advertised. It is anticipated that the closed session will not last longer than one hour. [Action may be taken during the public portion of the meeting following the recess of the executive session unless otherwise indicated].

XVIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a MOTION by Ms. Wilhalme seconded by Ms. Gough, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:38 PM

XIX. RETURN TO OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

On a MOTION by Mr. McKenna seconded by Mr. McSorley, the Board returned to Open Session at 11:02 PM

XX. ADJOURNMENT

WHEREAS, there being no further business of the Oceanport Board of Education to attend to on the 14th day of December 2021; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the December 14, 2021 meeting of the Oceanport Board of Education be and is hereby adjourned at 11:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edmund Zalewski

Business Administrator