

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

**Special Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2021 5:30 PM  
Remote**

<https://www.oceanportschools.org/zoomboe>

A meeting of the Oceanport Board of Education was held remotely this day, as advertised. Members of the public were able to access this remote meeting:

<https://www.oceanportschools.org/zoomboe> .

**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	Present ~ remote	Rick McKenna	Present ~ remote
John Fleming	Present	Mark Patterson	Present
Jamie Gough	Present	Daniel Peltz	Present
Maura Kelly	Absent	Marion Wilhalme	Present
Patricia Kelly	Present		

**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. 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.

***NO COMMENTS WERE OFFERED***

**VI. MOTION FOR 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:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 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.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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].

**VII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**On a MOTION by Mrs. Wilhalme seconded by Mrs. Gough and carried on unanimous roll call vote the Board adjourned to executive session at 5:41PM.**

**VIII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**On a MOTION by Mr. Peltz seconded by Mr. Fleming and carried on unanimous roll call vote the Board returned to open session at 9:45 PM.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**WHEREAS**, there being no further business of the Oceanport Board of Education to attend to on the 26th day of January, 2021; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the January 26, 2021 meeting of the Oceanport Board of Education be and is hereby adjourned at 9:55 PM. Moved by Mrs. P. Kelly seconded by Mrs. Wilhalme and carried on voice vote.