

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

**Special Meeting Agenda  
March 16, 2021 5:30 P.M.  
Remote / Hybrid Meeting  
<https://www.oceanportschools.org/zoomboe>  
Wolf Hill School Gymnasium, 29 Wolf Hill Avenue**

A meeting of the Oceanport Board of Education was held this day, as advertised. Members of the public can 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 ~virtual	Rick McKenna	Present
John Fleming	Present	Mark Patterson	Present
Jamie Gough	Present	Daniel Peltz	Present ~ virtual
Patricia Kelly	Present	Marion Wilhalme	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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **January 26, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes**
- **January 26, 2021 Executive Meeting Minutes**
- **January 27, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- **January 27, 2021 Executive Session Minutes**
- **February 2, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes**
- **February 2, 2021 Executive Session Minutes**
- **February 8, 2021 Board Retreat Minutes**
- **February 8, 2021 Executive Session Minutes**
- **February 16, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes**
- **February 16, 2021 Executive Session Minutes**
- **February 23, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes**
- **February 23, 2021 Executive Meeting**

On a **MOTION** by Mr. McKenna seconded by Mrs. Wilhalme and carried on unanimous roll call vote the above minutes were approved.

**VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT & PRESENTATIONS – Mrs. Anne Facendo**

- Moment of Silence ~  
Mrs. Facendo requested a moment of silence in memory of the Keyport Board of Education President Ann Panzarelli, that recently lost her life due to COVID 19.
- PTO Donation~  
Mrs. Facendo welcomed Mrs. Fitcher President of the PTO and thanked her and the organization for the generous donation to help with the purchase of barriers for our students and staff.
  - A **MOTION** BY Mr. McKenna seconded by Mrs. Wilhalme and carried on roll call vote to accept, with gratitude, a \$9,945.00 donation to the Oceanport School District from the Oceanport PTO fundraiser for classroom partitions.
- Oceanport School District 2021-2022 Budget Presentation~  
Ms. Petrone, SBA presented a PowerPoint on the Tentative 2021-2022 budget. Motion to approve will be under Finance D-2
- Goals of the Oceanport Board of Education:
  - Goal 1: By June 30, 2021, The Oceanport Board of Education will hire the next Educational Leader for the Oceanport School District and will assist in

the successful transition of the new Superintendent into the school and community.

- Goal 2: By August 31, 2021, The Oceanport Board of Education, with input from the newly hired Superintendent of Schools, will develop Board Norms and Protocols to guide the work of the board.

MOTION to (retroactively) approve the Board Goals was offered by Mr. McKenna seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried on unanimous roll call vote

- Resignation of Interim Superintendent, MOTION by Mr. McKenna seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried on roll call vote to accept the resignation, with regret, of the Interim Superintendent Anne Facendo, effective May 9, 2021
- Request for Executive Session Reason #10 - Vacated Board of Education seat
- Appointment and Swearing In of New Board Member to vacated Board Seat

## **VII. 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 COMMENT WAS OFFERED**

## **VIII. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

- A. Education, Technology, Curriculum, Instruction Committee:**  
Deirdre Bova, Chairperson
- B. Policy Committee:** Patricia Kelly, Chairperson

C. **Personnel Committee:** Marion Wilhalme, Chairperson

D. **Finance Committee:** John Fleming, Chairperson

**D-1 Bills and Claims ~ March**

RESOLUTION to approve bills and claims for the month of March 2021 in the amount of \$416,023.87 be approved,

**D-2 Approve Submission of Tentative 2021-2022**

**RESOLVED** that the tentative budget be approved for the 2021-2022 school year and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval:

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>	<b>Debt Service Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2020-2021 Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$12,514,989</b>	<b>\$701,789</b>	<b>\$1,416,369</b>	<b>\$ 14,633,147</b>
<b>Less: Anticipated Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,341,853</b>	<b>\$701,789</b>	<b>\$381,928</b>	<b>\$ 2,425,570</b>
<b>Taxes to Be Raised</b>	<b>\$11,173,136</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$1,034,441</b>	<b>\$ 12,207,577</b>

**Also Resolved** that the Oceanport Board of Education include a withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve in the amount of **\$ 175,000** for necessary repairs and other maintenance projects which are in the district’s Maintenance Plan.

**Resolved** that the Oceanport Board of Education approves the use of banked cap in the amount of **\$ 217,642** for Out of District tuition costs which will be paid for by the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

**And further** to advertise said tentative budget in the Asbury Park Press in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

**Be it Further Resolved** that a public meeting be held in-person, hybrid or virtual as per CDC and State guidance in the Gymnasium of Wolf Hill School, on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 6:00 pm for the purpose of a Public Hearing on the budget for the 2021-2022 School Year.

**Budget Travel Resolution:**

**Whereas**, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel as defined in NJAC 6A:23A-1.2, which includes attendance at regularly scheduled in-State county meetings, Department or Association sponsored events or in-State professional development activities for which the registration fee does not exceed \$150.00 per employee or board member, where prior Board approval shall not be required unless the annual threshold for a staff member exceeds \$1,500 in a given school year; and

**Whereas**, the Oceanport Board of Education established \$10,000 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year. Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with NJAC 6A:23B-1.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$10,000 for all staff and board members for the 2021-2022 School Year.

On a **MOTION** by Mr. Fleming seconded by Mr. McKenna and carried on unanimous roll call vote Items D-1 and D-2 were approved.

**E. Buildings & Grounds Committee:** Rick McKenna, Chairperson

**IX. LIAISON REPORTS**

NJSBA/MCSBA – Deirdre Bova

PTO – Daniel Peltz

SEPAG – Jamie Gough

FMERA – Patricia Kelly

Oceanport Borough Council – Mark Patterson

Sea Bright Borough Council – Jamie Gough

**X. CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS ~ OPEN BOARD SEAT**

Three residents expressed interest to fill the seat vacated by Ms. Maura Kelly. The person appointed will serve until the next organization meeting of January 2022. Each candidate was interviewed individually while the other two were asked to wait outside the gymnasium.

The order of interviews were:

- a. Patrick McSorley
- b. Heather Schwarz
- c. William McVitty

The Board adjourned to Executive Session to deliberate at 7:18 PM

**XI SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

**XII. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS**

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**XIV. OLD BUSINESS**

**XV. CORRESPONDENCE**

**XVI. 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.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 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.
- X   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 WILL be taken during the public portion of the meeting following the recess of the executive session unless otherwise indicated].

**XVI. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a **MOTION** by Mr. McKenna seconded by Mrs. Gough and carried on voice vote the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:17PM

**XVII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

On a **MOTION** by Mrs. Wilhalme seconded by Mr. McKenna and carried on voice vote the Board returned to Open Session at 8:35 PM

**XVIII. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER**

Mrs. Gough nominated Mr. Patrick McSorley to fill the vacant board seat, the nomination was seconded by Mr. Fleming and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

**XIX. OATH OF OFFICE**

The Board Secretary administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Patrick McSorley. The Board welcomed him and thanked the candidates for their interest in the seat and their willingness to serve.

**XX. ADJOURNMENT**

WHEREAS, there being no further business of the Oceanport Board of Education to attend to on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the March 16, 2021 meeting of the Oceanport Board of Education be and is hereby adjourned at 8:47 PM.