

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 2021 7:00 P.M.  
Hybrid Meeting**

A meeting of the Oceanport Board of Education was 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	present	Patrick McSorley	present
John Fleming	present	Mark Patterson	present
Jamie Gough	present	Daniel Peltz	present
Patricia Kelly	present	Marion Wilhalme	absent
Rick McKenna		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**

**On a MOTION by Mr. Peltz seconded by Mr. McSorley the following minutes were approved on a unanimous roll call vote of those Board members present.**

- September 22, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes
- September 22, 2021, Executive Session Minutes

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

- State of the District Address

Dr. Godlesky presented the State of the District slide presentation. This information was compiled with information from the administrative team. Mrs. Martinez reviewed the slides and spoke to the testing results. Mrs. Raleigh then reviewed the ELL results. This presentation will be posted on the district website.

- Start Strong Testing ~ was completed last week these tests determine readiness
- 2021-2022 Oceanport School District Goals:
  - **Goal #1:** Support the Social and Emotional Health of Students and Staff
  - **Goal #2:** Increase Communication
  - **Goal #3:** Increase Data-Driven Instructional Planning
  - **Goal #4:** Engage the community in the strategic planning process that reflects the goals, vision, and mission of the Oceanport Public Schools in order to develop a multi-year plan resulting in increased student outcomes
- September 2021 HIB Report:

9/8/2021-9/30/2021	Investigated Incidents	Confirmed Incidents	Confirmed Incidents Year to Date
Wolf Hill School	0	0	0
Maple Place School	1	0	0
Total	1	0	0

## 2021-2022 Oceanport School District Enrollment

Grade	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
<b>PK</b>	19	24	24	24								
<b>K</b>	43	42	43	42								
<b>1</b>	58	61	60	59								
<b>2</b>	56	55	54	54								
<b>3</b>	64	67	66	66								
<b>4</b>	64	66	66	65								
<b>Wolf Hill School Total</b>	304	315	313	310								
<b>5</b>	65	64	63	65								
<b>6</b>	70	69	70	70								
<b>7</b>	54	54	55	56								
<b>8</b>	60	60	59	58								
<b>Maple Place School Total</b>	249	247	247	249								
<b>District Total</b>	553	562	560	559								

### 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. **NO COMMENTS WERE OFFERED**

**VIII. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

**A. Education, Technology, Curriculum, Instruction Committee:**

Deirdre Bova, Chairperson

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

A-1 **Motion** by Mrs. Bova seconded by Mr. Peltz and carried on unanimous roll call vote to approve the following Professional Development:

Staff Member	Event	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Amy Eklof	Catching Up Students Who Have Fallen Behind in Math	Prerecorded Session	N/A	\$279
Amanda Attamante	Intervening for Literacy Success with Intermediate and Middle Students, Grades 3-8	Virtual	10/14-15/2021 & 11/18/2021	\$500
Kimberly Rajner	Meeting of the Shore Consortium for Gifted & Talented	Keyport Central School	10/29/2021	N/A
Heather Tobias	Effectively Including Students with Disabilities in the General Education Classroom: Focus on Elementary School Age	Virtual	11/9/2021	N/A
Patricia Reginio	Interventions for Dyslexia/Reading Differences	Virtual	11/23/2021	N/A
Nick Tarquinio	Site Protection through Observational Techniques	TBD - Virtual or Hamilton, NJ	11/30/2021	N/A
Mai Hshesh	Educating & Supporting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders	Virtual	12/2/2021	N/A
Joanne Wilkes	Managing Anxiety In Our Schools & Classrooms	Virtual	12/8/2021	N/A
Renee Lisotto	Managing Anxiety In Our Schools & Classrooms	Virtual	12/8/2021	N/A
Patricia Reginio	Improve Word Recognition Skills for	Virtual	12/14/2021	N/A

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	Struggling Readers			
Samantha Daly	The Missing Link for Remediating Word Recognition Difficulties	Virtual	12/14/2021	N/A
Samantha Daly	ADHD Back in the Classroom: The Best Essential Strategies to Know and Use (Grades K-6)	Virtual	2/17/2022	N/A
Geraldine Martinez	Best Practices in G&T Programming	Virtual	3/3/2022	N/A

**B. Policy Committee:** Patricia Kelly, Chairperson  
**Committee Report:** October 2021 Meeting of the Oceanport Policy Committee

B-1 **Motion** by Mrs. Kelly seconded by Mr. McSorley and carried on unanimous roll call vote to approve the following policies and regulation:

- P2425 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program (M) (New)
- P&R 5751 Sexual Harassment of Students (M) (Revised)

**C. Personnel Committee:** Marion Wilhalme, Chairperson - Mr. McSorley reporting:  
**Committee Report:** October 2021 Meeting of the Oceanport Personnel Committee

C-1 Motion to approve the employment of the following individuals pending satisfactory completion of employment requirements with terms as stated:

Name	Position	Compensation	Effective Dates
James Cortale	Custodian	\$34,000 prorated	10/21/2021-6/30/2022
Courtney Wilbanks	Lunch/Recess Monitor	\$13.50 per hour, not to exceed 2.5 hours per day	10/12/2021-6/30/2022 (Retroactive)
Karen Hunter	Paraprofessional	\$22.73 per hour, not to exceed 29.5 hours per week	10/21/2021 - 6/30/2022
Patricia Schaeffer	Long Term Substitute	\$160.00 per day as needed	10/21/2021-6/30/2021

C-2 Motion to Approve Job Description for Strategic Planning - Internal Coordinator

C-3 Motion to approve the following individuals in Schedule B positions with terms as stated:

Schedule B Position	Name	Compensation
Boys Basketball Coach	Michael Birnbaum	\$4,400.72
Girls Basketball Coach	Renee Lisotto	\$4,400.72
Basketball Monitor	Pamela Bernth	\$1,421.91
Cheerleading Coach	Joanne Wilkes	\$4,400.72
Sports Coordinator - Winter	Michael Birnbaum (50%) Joanne Wilkes (50%)	\$ 724.35
Play - Director 25%	Erica Bach	\$2,668.79
Asst. Director 23%	DJ Brown	\$2,360.85
Art-Set Design 23%	Alex Canessa	\$2,360.85
Costume 18%	Patricia Cooper	\$1,847.62
Band - Spring	Daniel DiTommaso	\$3,863.89
Baseball Coach	Nick Tarquinio	\$3,435.26
Softball Coach	Lisa Caprioni	\$3,435.26
Sports Coordinator - Spring	Joanne Wilkes	\$ 724.35
Club/Academic Enrichment - 3rd Grade - Games Club	Carol Davis	\$1,275.00

**On a MOTION by Mr. McSorley seconded by Mr. McKenna and carried on roll call vote Items C-1 through C-3 were approved.**

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

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

RESOLUTION to approve the bills list for the month of October 2021 in the amount of \$1,568,150.20 be approved for payment.

**D-2 Transfers ~ October**

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

Amount	From	To
\$40,950	11-120-100-1014-03-00-00-000 Gr 5	11-130-100-101-02-00-00-000 Tchrs Gr 6-8
\$750	11-000-213-600-02-00-00-030 health MP	11-000-213-600-01-00-00-050 health WH
\$800	11-000-216-890-00-00-00-000 Othr	11-000-216-100-03-00-00-000 Smmr/xtra rel srvc
\$1,000	11-000-230-890-01-00-00-000 Misc exp	11-000-230-332-00-00-00-000 Audit srvc
\$4,171	11-190-100-640-01-00-00-050 txtbk WH	11-190-100-640-02-00-00-000 txtbk MP
\$225	11-215-100-101-03-00-00-000 PreSch ESY	11-215-100-106-03-00-00-000 PreSch Aid
\$19,608	11-000-263-420-00-00-00-000 Grounds	12-120-100-730-01-00-00-000 Equip WH
\$10,892	11-000-263-420-00-00-00-000 Grounds	12-130-100-730-02-00-00-000 Equip MP
\$8,716	11-000-291-260-00-00-00-000 Wrks Comp	12-130-100-730-02-00-00-000 Equip MP

**D-3 Tuition Agreement**

RESOLUTION to approve the placement of student ID #5002126, whose IEP requires a Special Class Program with related services to attend Long Branch Public Schools, Long Branch, New Jersey. Effective Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at a tuition cost of \$46,882.73 pro-rated.

**D-4 IDEA ~ ARP**

RESOLUTION to authorize the submittal of the IDEA -ARP Grant for Fiscal Year 2022 and to accept the grant award funds upon subsequent approval of the application. The amount of the Grant is ARP BASIC \$23,560 less \$1,745 for Non-public school and ARP PreSchool \$2,010.

**D-5 Bus Routes**

RESOLUTION to approve the following bus routes provided by Shore Regional:

<b>Green</b>	\$17,940	<b>Purple</b>	\$17,300
<b>Red</b>	\$24,950	<b>Orange</b>	\$18,900
<b>Yellow</b>	\$19,220	<b>Blue</b>	\$31,040
<b>PreK</b>	\$ 27,620	<b>MP 02</b>	\$18,900
<b>MP11</b>	\$17,300	<b>MP14</b>	\$18,260
	<b>MP SB</b>		\$24,670

**D-6 Board Secretary Reports July and August**

**RESOLUTION** to accept the reports of the Board Secretary for July and August

**On a MOTION by Mr. Fleming seconded by Mr. Peltz and carried unanimously on roll call vote Items D-1 through D-6 were approved.**

- E. Buildings & Grounds Committee:** Rick McKenna, Chairperson- Mrs. Gough reporting  
**Committee Report:** October 2021 Meeting of the Oceanport Buildings & Grounds Committee

**E-1 Emergency Drill Logs -**

1. Wolf Hill School

Date	Drill	Participants
9/23/2021	Shelter In Place - Medical	Students & Staff
10/13/2021	Fire Drill	Students & Staff

2. Maple Place School

Date	Drill	Participants
9/22/2021	Bomb Threat Drill	Administrative Staff & Response Teams
9/28/2021	Medical Emergency Drill	Students & Staff
10/13/2021	Fire Drill	Students & Staff

**E-2 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M-1**

MOTION to approve the submission of the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and Form M-1 as required by NJAC 6A:26A to the Monmouth County Office of the Department of Education.

On a MOTION by Mrs. Gough seconded by Mr. McKenna 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



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NO COMMENTS WERE OFFERED

## **X. LIAISON REPORTS**

NJSBA/MCSBA – Deirdre Bova ~ No report

PTO – Daniel Peltz ~ Fall Festival was a success ; Items offered for sale on the website ; wrapping paper fundraiser will be starting soon

SEPAG – Jamie Gough ~ Mrs. Raleigh presented at the meeting. Everyone is pleased with Dr. Goeke training the staff and thank the BOE for support.

FMERA – Patricia Kelly ~ No report

Oceanport Borough Council – Mark Patterson ~ next meeting; 10/21 the 100 +1 anniversary celebration was held at Monmouth Park and was well attended

Sea Bright Borough Council – Jamie Gough ~ Trunk or Treat 10/30 as well as many other activities rain date 10/31

## **XI. BOARD BUSINESS**

Motion to approve the following 2021-2022 Oceanport Board of Education Goals:

- **Goal #1:** The Board of Education will create an In-District Orientation Program to transition new members onto the Board of Education.
- **Goal #2:** The Board of Education will engage the community in the strategic planning process that reflects the goals, vision, and mission of the Oceanport Public Schools in order to develop a multi-year plan resulting in increased student outcomes.

- **Goal #3:** The Board of Education will develop and execute a board growth and professional development plan in order to earn Certified Board status through New Jersey School Boards Association's Board Academy Program.

**XII. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

**XIII. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

**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.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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.
- X 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.

       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 Mr. McKenna seconded by Mr. McSorley the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:58 PM**

**XIX. RETURN TO OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

**On a MOTION by Mr. McKenna seconded by Mr. McSorley the Board returned to Open Session at 9:09 PM**

**XX. ADJOURNMENT**

WHEREAS, there being no further business of the Oceanport Board of Education to attend to on the 20th day of October 2021; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the October 20, 2021 meeting of the Oceanport Board of Education be and is hereby adjourned at 9:10 PM.