



Charging Ahead!

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 2023, 6:00 P.M.  
Hybrid Meeting**

A meeting of the Oceanport Board of Education will be held remotely and in the gymnasium of Wolf Hill School, 29 Wolf Hill Avenue, 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	Mark Patterson	Present
Samantha Mahoney	Present	Daniel Peltz	Present
Jamie Gough	Present	Marion Wilhalme	Excused
Patricia Kelly	Present	Neal Usatin	Present
Patrick McSorley	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**

- December 14, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes
- December 14, 2022, Executive Session Minutes
- January 4, 2023, Reorganization Meeting Minutes
- January 4, 2023, Reorganization Executive Session Minutes

**On a MOTION by Mr. Usatin, seconded by Mr. Peltz, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to approve the minutes listed above.**

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

- Last week's fundraiser with the Harlem Wizards was an outstanding success. I'm happy to report that the 8th grade raised almost \$8,000 which will be enough money for their dance and some to supplement their trip this spring. This would not have been possible without the dedication of our many volunteers as well as the support we received from Shore Regional High School. Most of all, the effort put forth by our eighth grade advisors, Mrs. Scardilli and Mrs. Richter along with the Maple Place Principal, Mrs. Keiser was second to none and instrumental in the success of the event. Last but not least, I want to express our sincere gratitude to Federico's Pizza for their generous donation as well as Shore Regional for hosting and supporting our event. Pictures and videos can be found on Twitter, Facebook, and our website.
- School Safety Data Systems (SSDS) Report Presentation for Period One: dated July 1st-December 31, 2022 - Mrs. Lauren Malaney (Presentation is linked [here](#).)
- Fall 2022 Start Strong Statewide Assessment District Results Presentation  
Mrs. Geraldine Martinez, Director of Curriculum & Instruction (Presentation is linked [here](#).)
- I will be requesting an executive session this evening for reason #3.
- HIB Report

12/1/2022-12/31/2022	Investigated Incidents	Confirmed Incidents	Confirmed Incidents Year to Date
Wolf Hill School	1	1	1
Maple Place School	0	0	7
Total	1	1	8

**On a MOTION by Ms. Bova, seconded by Mr. Peltz, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to approve the HIB Reports listed above.**

**2022-2023 Oceanport School District Enrollment**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>
<b>PK</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>					
<b>K</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>53</b>					
<b>1</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>40</b>					
<b>2</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>					
<b>3</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>					
<b>4</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>					
<b>Wolf Hill School Total</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>296</b>					
<b>5</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>66</b>					
<b>6</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>					
<b>7</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>72</b>					
<b>8</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>					
<b>Maple Place School Total</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>262</b>					
<b>District Total</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>558</b>					

**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

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## VIII. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

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

Deirdre Bova, Chairperson

**Committee Report:** January 2023 Meeting of the Education, Technology, Curriculum, Instruction Committee

A-1 Motion to approve the following Professional Development:

Staff Member	Event	Vendor/ Location	Date(s)	Cost
Joanne Bohner	Practical Co-Teaching Strategies to Effectively Support Your English Language Learners in Inclusive Classrooms	Bureau of Education and Research/Virtual	On-Demand Video Presentation	\$279
Jessica Zohn	Significantly Increase ELL Students' Fluency in Reading, Writing and Speaking: Time Saving Strategies That Work	Bureau of Education and Research/Virtual	1/12/2023 (retroactive)	\$279
Erica Bach	NJ Music Educators Association State Conference 2023	NJMEA/Convention Center, Atlantic City, NJ	2/23/2023-2/25/2023	\$190
Laura Godlesky	Women in Educational Leadership Conference	Monmouth County Women in Leadership Steering Committee /Brookdale Community College	3/8/2023	N/A
Melissa Keiser	Women in Educational Leadership Conference	Monmouth County Women in Leadership Steering Committee /Brookdale Community College	3/8/2023	N/A
Lauren Malaney	Women in Educational Leadership Conference	Monmouth County Women in Leadership Steering Committee /Brookdale Community	3/8/2023	N/A

		College		
Geraldine Martinez	Women in Educational Leadership Conference	Monmouth County Women in Leadership Steering Committee /Brookdale Community College	3/8/2023	N/A
Laura Godlesky	Monmouth County Superintendents' Annual Professional Development Retreat	MCSRT/ Bethlehem, PA	3/9/23 - 3/10/23	\$305.50

**On a MOTION by Ms. Bova, seconded by Mr. Peltz, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to approve the above ETCIC Resolution A1.**

- B. Policy Committee:** Patricia Kelly, Chairperson  
**Committee Report:** January 2023 Meeting of the Policy Committee

B-1 Motion to approve for first reading, the following Policies and Regulations:

P 0152	Board Officers (Revised)
P 0161	Call, Adjournment, and Cancellation (Revised)
P 0162	Notice of Board Meetings (Revised)
P & R 2423	Bilingual and ESL Education (M) (Revised)
P 2425	Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program (M) (Revised)
R 2425	Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program (M) (New)
P & R 5200	Attendance (M) (Revised)
P 8140	Student Enrollments (M) (Revised)
R 8140	Enrollment Accounting (M) (Revised)

B-2 Motion to abolish the following Policies:

P 1648.11	The Road Forward COVID-19 – Health and Safety (M) (Abolished)
P 1648.13	School Employee Vaccination Requirements (M) (Abolished)

**On a MOTION by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mr. McSorley, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to approve the above Policy Resolutions B1-B2.**

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

**Committee Report:** January 2023 Meeting of the Personnel Committee

C-1 Motion to approve the following individuals in Schedule B positions with terms as stated:

Schedule B Position	Name	Compensation
Overnight Trip Chaperone	Tracy Jones	\$357 per night
Overnight Trip Chaperone	Justin Karpinski	\$357 per night
Overnight Trip Chaperone	Adriana Kern	\$357 per night
Overnight Trip Chaperone	Renee Lisotto	\$357 per night
Overnight Trip Chaperone	Alyssa Rescinio	\$357 per night
Overnight Trip Chaperone	Jacqueline Richter	\$357 per night
Overnight Trip Chaperone	Megan Scardilli	\$357 per night
Overnight Trip Chaperone	Erica Spenard	\$357 per night
Overnight Trip Chaperone	Steve Tagerty	\$357 per night
Overnight Trip Chaperone	Joanne Wilkes	\$357 per night

C-2 Motion to approve Melissa Keiser as an overnight chaperone (administrator) at the contracted rate of \$350 per night, not to exceed 1 night.

C-3 Motion to approve Brookdale Community College student Margaret Buckman for a 50 hour field observation as required by the NJ DOE. Ms. Buckman will observe 25 hours in Mrs. Davis' classroom and 25 hours in Mrs. Ippolito's classroom. Start date based on completion of criminal history background check.

C-4 Motion to approve an unpaid leave of absence for employee #4028 from 1/3/2023 through 1/18/2023.

**On a MOTION by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Bova, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to approve the above Personnel Resolutions C1 and C4.**

**D. Finance Committee:** Dan Peltz, Chairperson

**Committee Report:** January 2023 Meeting of the Finance Committee

D-1 Bills and Claims ~ [January 2023](#)

Motion to approve the bills list for the month of January 2023 in the amount of \$ 1,294,831.50 to be approved for payment.

D-2 Motion to receive, accept and approve September 2022 and October 2022 Financial Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer.

Treasurer Reports	Board Secretary Reports
<a href="#">September 2022</a>	<a href="#">September 2022</a>
<a href="#">October 2022</a>	<a href="#">October 2022</a>

D-3 Motion to Approve the 2023-24 School Budget Calendar

Finance Committee Review 02/08/23	Board overview of budget direction 02/15/23	Finance Committee Review 03/08/23	Approval of Tentative Budget 03/15/23	Submission to County 03/20/23	Board Public Hearing 04/26/23
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**On a MOTION by Mr. Peltz, seconded by Mr. Usatin and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to approve the above Finance Resolution D1-D3.**

**E. Buildings & Grounds Committee:** Jamie Gough, Chairperson

**Committee Report:** January 2023 Meeting of the Buildings & Grounds Committee

## **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.

## **X. LIAISON REPORTS**

NJSBA/MCSBA – Neal Usatin

PTO – Daniel Peltz

SEPAG – Jamie Gough

Sea Bright Borough Council – Jamie Gough

FMERA – Patricia Kelly

Oceanport Borough Council – Patrick McSorley

**XI. BOARD BUSINESS**

Mary Ann Friedman, NJSBA representative for Monmouth County, is here to conduct a one hour training session for our Board. This training will fulfill the Oceanport Board of Education's requirements for Master Certification.

**XII. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

**XIII. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

- Application for NJ Department of Community Affairs - Local Recreation Improvement Grant

Whereas the Oceanport Board of Education desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$100,000 to carry out a project to redevelop the ball fields at the Wolf Hill and Maple Place schools to benefit the local children within Oceanport.

Be it RESOLVED, 1) that the Oceanport Board of Education does, hereby, authorize the application for such a grant; and, 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and, therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between Oceanport Board of Education and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

Be it Further RESOLVED that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

Mr. Edmund Zalewski, Business Administrator

Dr. Laura Godlesky, Superintendent



**On a MOTION by Ms. Gough, seconded by Mr. Peltz and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to approve the above Grant Application.**

**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.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Ms. Gough, seconded by Mr. Peltz, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to approve the Adjourning to Executive Session @ 7:26 pm.**

#### **XIX. RETURN TO OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

**On a MOTION by Mr. Peltz, seconded by Mr. McSorley and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to approve the Return to Public Session at 8:07 pm.**

#### **XX. ADJOURNMENT**

WHEREAS, there being no further business of the Oceanport Board of Education to attend to on the 18th day of January 2023; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the January 18, 2023 meeting of the Oceanport Board of Education be and is hereby adjourned at 8:07PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Edmund Zalewski*

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

*The Oceanport School District will support students' growth  
along their educational journey and maximize their academic achievement.  
Our educational community will work collaboratively to provide  
an innovative, nurturing, and safe environment  
with opportunities for ALL learners.*