

**OCEAN GATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**February 20, 2024**

**AGENDA**

The Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Ocean Gate Board of Education will take place in the Ocean Gate School Multipurpose Room and via live stream video using Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call Attendance**

**Present**

**Absent**

**Richard J. Casey**

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**Daniel Fleming**

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**Michael T. Passeri**

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**Aaron Gottesman**

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**Kerrie McGinley-McDonnell**

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**In attendance are Melanie Patterson, Superintendent, and John Failla, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.**

**3. Flag Salute**

**4. Adequate Notice of Meeting**

**In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting of the Ocean Gate Board of Education was provided in the following manner: Asbury Park Press and District Website.**

**5. Public Comments**

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**6. Approval of Minutes**

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting                      January 16, 2024  
 Closed Session Meeting              January 16, 2024

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes:  
 Nays:  
 Abstain:

**7. Correspondence**

**8. Presentation of the 2022-23 Audit from Holman, Frenia, Allison, CPA**

**9. Superintendent’s Report**

*Student Safety Data System Report Period 1 Presentation*  
*Gator “State of the Union” Mid-Year Superintendent/Principal Address*  
*Thank you to Central Regional Student Council for their visit on 2/14*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Parent-Teacher Conferences February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>*

*Early Childhood Advisory Council*  
*Open House & Parent Workshop March 14<sup>th</sup> 2:30-4:30pm*  
*Registration for 2024-25 in March*

*PTO & SEPAG:*

*Ocean Gate Municipal Alliance:*

*Ocean Gate Shared Services Committee Report:*

a. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the following HIB (Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying) report for January 17, 2024 – February 20, 2024:

# of reports/ investigations	# of investigations resulting in HIB founded	Nature of the alleged or founded HIB & Location	Investigator	Type/Nature of Discipline Imposed	Other Measures Imposed
1 (completed)	0	1 – code of conduct violation/in classroom	Mrs. Patterson	1 – parent and student conference	N/A

# of reports/ investigations YTD	# of investigations where HIB was founded YTD	Training Conducted (this time period)	Programs Implemented (this time period)
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3	2	N/A	Whole school PBIS #gatorgoals Social Skills Club Daily Wellness Check-ins MooZoom program
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**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the following drill report for January 17, 2023 – February 20, 2024:

Date	Drill Type	Participants
January 12, 2024	Evacuation (real event)	Whole school
January 31, 2024	Fire Drill	Whole school

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

- c. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the following enrollment report for February 20, 2024: 139

PK3	PK4	Kinder-garten	1 <sup>st</sup> grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Out of District	Total
13	14	19	15	15	14	15	18	15	1	139

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**10. Business Administrator’s Report**

**11. 2024-25 School Year Calendar**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the proposed 2024-25 Ocean Gate School District Calendar. (see attached)

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**12. Field Trips**

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Central Regional Middle School for the purpose of the Sixth Grade Orientation on March \_\_\_\_, 2024 from 9:30am to approximately 11:30am with no cost for transportation.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to the Grunin Center at Ocean County College for the “Around the America’s” Musical Production about America’s Geography on March 4, 2024 from 9:00am to approximately 12:30pm. There is no cost for admission and the cost for transportation is to be determined from Central Regional Transportation (up to \$300.00).

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

- c. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve a walking trip for PK-4 to Ocean Gate Avenue and around Ocean Gate as part of their Buildings unit of study. No charge.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**13. Harlem Wizards Assembly**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve a free assembly by the Harlem Wizards on February 26, 2024 at 9:00am.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**14. ECAC Parent Workshop**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate School District host a parent workshop with Dr. Jenna Meyerberg on March 14, 2024 from 3:30-4:30pm on behavior. The cost of the

workshop is \$300.00, charged to the PEA Grant.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**15. Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials 2023 for the 2023-24 school year. (see attached)

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**16. Personnel**

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve Stewart McEwan as a Custodian at a rate of \$18.00 per hour, effective February 21, 2024, for the 2023-2024 school year, pending criminal history background check and fingerprints.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve Danielle Kornacki as a Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$18.00 per hour, effective February 21, 2024, for the 2023-2024 school year, pending criminal history background check and fingerprints.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

- c. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following revised Paraprofessional Hourly Pay Rate Guide, effective March 1, 2024-June 30, 2024:

**Paraprofessional Hourly Rate**

<b>Non-Degree/ParaPro Assessment/Entry Level</b>	<b>College Degree + Other Ed. Related Certifications or Experience (3+ years)</b>	<b>Education Degree/Teaching Cert.</b>	<b>Education Degree/Cert. +/or Other Ed. Related Certifications or Experience (ABA, ABLES, etc.)</b>
<b>\$18-19.00/hour</b>	<b>\$20-21.00/hour</b>	<b>\$22-23.00/hour</b>	<b>\$24-25.00/hour</b>

**\*Hourly rate commensurate with experience and qualifications.**

- d. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following revised pay rates in alignment with the Paraprofessional Hourly Rate Guide for following the employees, effective March 1-June 30, 2024:

<b>Staff Member</b>	<b>Revised Hourly Rate</b>
<b>Kaitlyn Beaulieu</b>	<b>19.00</b>
<b>Gina Dorondovas</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Fran Gargano</b>	<b>22.00</b>
<b>Allisyn Gall</b>	<b>22.00</b>
<b>Therese Hagan</b>	<b>24.00</b>
<b>Lee Anne Holmberg</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Christine Huebler</b>	<b>24.00</b>
<b>Megan Kasinec</b>	<b>19.00</b>
<b>Shannon Lalley</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Jennifer McQuillan</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Kelly Parks</b>	<b>19.00</b>
<b>Judy Rose</b>	<b>24.00</b>
<b>Jennifer Smith</b>	<b>19.00</b>
<b>Meagan Sweet</b>	<b>24.00</b>
<b>Shayne Winn</b>	<b>24.00</b>

**Up to \$12,200.00 total cost**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**17. Professional Development**

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following Professional Development opportunity:

**Jessica Corrigan**

**CPI Training  
South Plainfield  
February 20-22, 2024  
Balance Fee: \$2,800  
Mileage: \$169.20  
Tolls: \$18.18  
Total: \$2,987.38**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:  
Nays:  
Abstain:**

- b. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following Professional Development opportunity:**

**Jason Megill  
NJ School Buildings & Grounds Association Conference  
Atlantic City  
March 17-20, 2024  
Cost of workshop covered by Association dues  
Cost of hotel: \$207.00**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:  
Nays:  
Abstain:**

- c. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following Professional Development opportunity:**

**Jason Megill  
Certified Playground Safety Inspector Workshop  
Leonardo, NJ  
April 24-26, 2024  
Registration: \$640.00**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:  
Nays:  
Abstain:**

- d. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following Professional Development opportunity:**

**Chelsy Flakker & Joanne Hickey Esler  
I&RS Team Training  
Virtual Training**

**March 6, 2024**  
**Cost covered by 14 ETTC Hours**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**  
**Nays:**  
**Abstain:**

- e. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following Professional Development opportunity:**

**Susan Phillips**  
**Stockton University**  
**March 13, 2024**  
**Cost covered by 4 ETTC Hours**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**  
**Nays:**  
**Abstain:**

- f. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following Professional Development opportunity:**

**Allisyn Gall**  
**Strategies to De-escalate Conflict**  
**Stockton University**  
**March 13, 2024**  
**Cost Covered by 4 ETTC Hours or \$106.00**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**  
**Nays:**  
**Abstain:**

- g. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following Professional Development opportunity:**

**LeeAnn Holmberg**  
**Strategies to De-escalate Conflict**  
**Stockton University**  
**March 13, 2024**  
**Cost Covered by 4 ETTC Hours or \$106.00**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**  
**Nays:**



**Abstain:**

- h. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following Professional Development opportunity:**

**Jennifer Smith  
Strategies to De-escalate Conflict  
Stockton University  
March 13, 2024  
Cost Covered by 4 ETTC Hours or \$106.00**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

- i. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following Professional Development opportunity:**

**Therese Hagan  
Strategies to De-escalate Conflict  
Stockton University  
March 13, 2024  
Cost Covered by 4 ETTC Hours or \$106.00**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

- j. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following Professional Development opportunity:**

**Susan Bentley  
NJASBO Purchasing Workshop  
Mt. Laurel  
March 26, 2024  
Registration: \$175.00  
Mileage: \$29.14  
Total: 204.14**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

- k. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following Professional Development opportunity:**

**Susan Bentley**  
**NJASBO Administrative Assistant Workshop**  
**Mt. Laurel**  
**May 14, 2024**  
**Registration: \$125.00**  
**Mileage: \$29.14**  
**Total: \$154.14**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**  
**Nays:**  
**Abstain:**

- l. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following Professional Development opportunity:**  
**Stephanie Barger**  
**NJASBO Payroll Administrators Workshop**  
**Mt. Laurel**  
**May 14, 2024**  
**Registration: \$125.00**  
**Mileage: \$41.17**  
**Total: \$166.17**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**  
**Nays:**  
**Abstain:**

- m. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following Professional Development opportunity:**  
  
**Donna Cogan**  
**Build Math Minds - Flexibility Formula**  
**Virtual Training**  
**Registration: \$180.00**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**  
**Nays:**  
**Abstain:**

- n. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following Professional Development opportunity:**  
  
**John Failla**  
**NJASBO Workshop/ Annual Conference**  
**Atlantic City, NJ**

**June 5-7, 2024**

**Registration:**

**Hotel:**

**Total:**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**18. Creation of E-Sports Program**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the creation of an E-Sports program for grades 5-6 under the coaching of Wes Brown. Practices will take place on Fridays from 3:05-5:00pm, from March 1-June 7, 2024. Mr. Brown will be paid a stipend of \_\_\_\_\_ for coaching. The program materials and stipend will be charged to the Title IV Grant program.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**19. Policy**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policies and bylaws:

**9326 Minutes**

**9323/9324 Agenda Preparation/Advance Delivery of Meeting Material**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**20. Obsolete Equipment**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the disposal of 35 obsolete phones.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**21. 2022-2023 Audit Report (CAFR)**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept and approve the Electronic submission of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) 2022-2023, as prepared by the Accounting Firm of Holman, Frenia & Allison, PC. Audit Presentation to follow.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**  
**Nays:**  
**Abstain:**

**22. Financial- SEMI Waiver**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the submission of a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2023-24 school year.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**  
**Nays:**  
**Abstain:**

**23. ESEA Carryforward**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the submittal of the 2024 ESEA Consolidated amendment application (for the 2022+2023 Carryforward)

<b>Title 1-A</b>	<b>\$ 11,163</b>
<b>Title 11-A</b>	<b>\$ 9,504</b>
<b>Title 1V-A</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**  
**Nays:**  
**Abstain:**

**24. ARP Grant**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following amendment to the ARP Grant:

<b>Amendment of ARP Grant:</b>			
487-			
487-100-600	Add	\$ 66,007.00	
487-200-100	Add	\$ 6,000.00	
487-200-300	Add	\$ 10,000.00	
487-200-600	Add	\$ 4,459.00	
487-400-720	Withdraw		\$ 86,466.00
(Adj for 20% Rule)			
490-			
490-200-600	Add	\$ 1,000.00	
490-100-300	Withdraw		\$ 1,000.00
Evidence based adj Prof Services			

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**  
**Nays:**  
**Abstain:**

**25. Supply Chain Assistance**

**RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the acceptance of funds from the Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service for the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of Supply Chain Assistance in the amount of \$6040.78.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**  
**Nays:**  
**Abstain:**

**26. Financial**

**a. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the February 2024 Bills List.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**  
**Nays:**  
**Abstain:**

**b. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the January 2024 Payroll:**

<b>January 15th</b>	<b>\$110,859.03</b>
<b>January 30th</b>	<b>\$116,133.18</b>

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**  
**Nays:**  
**Abstain:**

- c. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Treasurer’s Report for December 2023 and November 2023.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**  
**Nays:**  
**Abstain:**

- d. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Transfer Report for December 2023.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**  
**Nays:**  
**Abstain:**

- e. **Board Secretary’s Report**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11© 3, I, John Failla, Board Secretary, certify that as of December 31, 2023, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contracted orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the District Board of Education pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11©4. Further, through the adoption of this resolution, we the Ocean Gate Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) certify that as of December 31, 2023, after review of the secretary’s monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the Business Administrator and other appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23.2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

27. **Old Business/Discussion**

28. **New Business/Discussion**  
**Preliminary 2024-25 Budget Discussion**

29. **Public Comment**

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**30. Executive Session**

**RESOLVED**, that on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February, 2024, at \_\_\_\_\_ PM the Ocean Gate Board of Education will move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters excluded from public discussion/deliberation, including but not limited to confidential student information, personnel matters, contracts and litigation.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**31. Open Session**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education re-enter into open session for at \_\_\_\_ PM for the purpose of continuing the meeting.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**32. Adjournment**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education adjourn their regular meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ PM.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**The next Workshop Meeting of the Ocean Gate Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, March , 2024 at 6:30 PM.**