

**OCEAN GATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING**

March 13, 2024

AGENDA

The Budget Workshop 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, March 13, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call Attendance

Present

Absent

Richard J. Casey

Daniel Fleming

Michael T. Passeri

Aaron Gottesman

Kerrie McGinley-McDonnell

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

During the Board meeting the Ocean Gate School District Board of Education offers members of the public an opportunity to address issues regarding the operation of the Ocean Gate School District. The Board reminds those individuals who take this opportunity to identify themselves by name and Ocean Gate address and to limit their comments to items listed on the agenda and/or items directly related to the operation of the School district. Questions raised by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board. All comments will be considered, and a response will be forthcoming when appropriate. The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of the individuals when speaking. Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the Board are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded to them by the laws of New Jersey. There will be a two-minute limit for public participation.

6. Superintendent’s Report

7. Business Administrator’s Report

8. Resolution in Opposition to the State Aid Cuts in the Ocean Gate School District

WHEREAS, the Ocean Gate School District has been a pillar of excellence in education within Ocean County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the continued state aid cuts under the S2 funding formula threaten the financial stability and educational quality of our schools; and

WHEREAS, these cuts will have a detrimental impact on our students, teachers, and community at large; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to maintain a robust educational system that can provide the necessary resources and opportunities for all students to succeed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ocean Gate School District hereby expresses its strong opposition to the state aid cuts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the District Administration to actively seek any and all grants, appeals, and other financial opportunities that may mitigate the impact of these cuts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Administration is hereby authorized to take necessary actions to ensure the continuation of high-quality education in the Ocean Gate School District, including but not limited to applying for school safety-specific grants, exploring federal funding opportunities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be disseminated to all stakeholders, including local government officials, state legislators, and community members, to rally support against the proposed state aid cuts and to seek collaborative solutions to this pressing issue.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Ocean Gate School District on this day of March 13, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

9. State Aid Appeal

- a. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the submission of the appeal application to the New Jersey Department of Education for state aid relief for the 2024-2025 school year.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

- b. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the submission of the application for stabilization aid to the New Jersey Department of Education for the 2024-2025 school year.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

10. Old Business/Discussion

11. New Business/Discussion

12. Public Comment

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13. Executive Session

RESOLVED, that on the 13th of March, 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.

14. 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.

15. Adjournment

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

The next Regular Meeting of the Ocean Gate Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

***Please note that the Budget Hearing will be on April 23, 2024.**