

**OCEAN GATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

April 30, 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, April 30, 2024, at approximately 7:00pm, immediately following the Budget Hearing.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call Attendance

Present

Absent

Richard J. Casey

Dan Fleming

Mike 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

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6. Approval of Minutes

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

Regular Meeting	February 20, 2024
Workshop Meeting	March 13, 2024
Regular Meeting	March 19, 2024
Closed Meeting	March 19, 2024

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

7. Correspondence

- *Board resignation letter from Ms. McGinley-McDonnell*
- *Email from Pastor Pete of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Beachwood regarding donation for books*

8. Reports and Recommendations of the Superintendent:

- *NJ School Performance Report 2022-23 review*
- *Update on NJSLA Testing (in progress), thanks to Mrs. Cogan and Mr. Rob for the preparation*
- *Thank you to the Ocean Gate Garden Club and Lynda Doremus for welcoming us at the Arbor Day Ceremony*
- *Law Day opportunity with Mayor Curtin and the Ocean Gate Borough – May*

Early Childhood Advisory Council
Next meeting May 17th at 2:00pm

PTO & SEPAG:
Color Run on May 17th at 3:30pm

Ocean Gate Municipal Alliance:

Ocean Gate Shared Services Committee Report:
Feasibility Study Steering Committee meeting 4/18/24

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the following HIB (Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying) report for March 20, 2024 – April 30, 2024.

# of reports/ investigations	# of investigations resulting in HIB founded	Nature of the founded HIB & Location	Investigator	Type/Nature of Discipline Imposed	Other Measures Imposed
1	1	*Playground/ Recess	Melanie Patterson	*Detention *Parent & student conference	*Restorative practices

# of reports/ investigations YTD	# of investigations where HIB was founded YTD	Training Conducted (this time period)	Programs Implemented (this time period)
4	3	“Be the Change” NJ4S COMPASS (anti-bullying) assemblies for Grades 2-6	#GatorGoals PBIS *Gator Morning Meeting & Gator Groups

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the following drill report for March 20, 2024 – April 30, 2024:

Date	Drill Type	Participants
April 8, 2024	Fire Drill	All Staff & Students
April 29, 2024	Shelter in Place	All Staff & Students

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- c. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the following enrollment report for March 20, 2023 – April 30, 2023: 145

PK3	PK4	Kinder- garten	1 st grade	2 nd grade	3 rd grade	4 th grade	5 th grade	6 th grade	Out of District	Total
15	15	20	16	16	15	15	18	15	1	145

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

9. Business Administrator’s Report

10. Approval of the 2024-2025 School Budget

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve/adopt the 2024-2025 School Year Budget and Taxes Levied as advertised and presented at its Public Hearing. (See attachment)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

11. Board Member Resignation

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Kerrie McGinley-McDonnell, Board of Education member, effective May 30, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

12. 2023-24 School Year Calendar Revision

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the revision of the 2023-24 School Year Calendar to “give back” two unused snow days. This would make June 17, 2024, the last day of school and June 11-17 would be half days of school.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

13. 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:

14. 2024-25 Board of Education Meeting Dates Revised

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the revision of the Board of Education meeting dates to be:

May 21, 2024 Regular Meeting

June 4, 2024 Special Meeting – Teacher/Staff of the Year & Gator Heroes Recognition

June 18, 2024 Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

15. 2024 Graduation Date

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve June 11, 2024, as the date for Kindergarten Graduation at 9:00am and 6th Grade Graduation at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

16. 2024 Field Day and Central Regional HS Student Council Volunteers

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve June 13, 2024, as the Ocean Gate School Field Day. Rain Date to be June 14, 2024. The Central Regional HS Student Council will volunteer to facilitate games on Field Day.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

17. Charlotte Danielson Teacher Evaluation Model

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the use of the Charlotte Danielson Framework for Teaching rubric for teacher evaluation for the 2024-25 school year in accordance with the Teach NJ Act and Achieve NJ.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

18. Non-Tenured Teacher Renewal

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the renewal of Jessica Corrigan, Special Education Teacher, for the 2024-25 school year at the OGEA negotiated salary of \$62,930.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

- b. **RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the renewal of Nicole Flesch, Teacher, for the 2024-25 school year at the OGEA negotiated salary of \$58,630.00.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- c. **RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the renewal of Jamie Jarka, Part-Time Art Teacher (.4), for the 2024-25 school year, at the OGEA negotiated salary of _____.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- d. **RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the renewal of Robynn Legendre, Part-Time Health & PE Teacher (.6), for the 2024-25 school year (Year 3), at the OGEA negotiated salary of _____.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- e. **RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the renewal of LuAnne Risk, Preschool Teacher (PEA), for the 2024-25 school year, at the OGEA negotiated salary of \$58, 630.00.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- f. **RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the renewal of Staci McGowan, Part-Time Health & PE Teacher (.4), for the 2024-25 school year, at the OGEA negotiated salary of _____.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

19. Tenured Staff Renewal

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following tenured, certificated staff recommendations for the 2024-2025 school year. Salaries are in accordance with the OGEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Position	Name
PT Music Teacher (60%)	Wesley Brown
FT Teacher	Donna Cogan
FT Nurse	Maria Colabella
FT Teacher	Erin Colling
FT Teacher	Rachel D'Ambrosia
FT Teacher	Elaine DeBenedett
FT Teacher	Sheri Hebrew
FT Child Study Team Coordinator/Social Worker	Joanne Hickey-Esler
FT Teacher	Hope Maute
FT Teacher	Sandra McCue
FT Teacher	Andrea Murphy
FT Teacher	Dodie Parliman
FT Teacher	Susan Phillips
FT Teacher/Technology Coord.	Robert Rosenthal
FT Teacher	Mary Szewczyk

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

20. Full Time Staff Renewal

- a. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve Stephanie Barger as Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and School Secretary, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Salary will be \$.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- b. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve Susan Bentley as Administrative Assistant to the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Salary will be \$.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

- c. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve Chelsy Flakker as a School Behavioral Specialist with the annual salary of _____ for the 2024-25 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

21. Part-Time/Hourly Staff Renewal

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following part-time paraprofessional and support staffing for the 2024-25 school year:

Position	Name	Hourly Rate
Paraprofessional	Kaitlyn Beaulieu	\$19.00
Paraprofessional	Gabrielle Biele	\$25.00
Paraprofessional	Gina Dorondovas	\$20.00
Paraprofessional	Allisyn Gall	\$22.00
Paraprofessional	Fran Gargano	\$22.00
Paraprofessional	Therese Hagan	\$24.00
Paraprofessional	Lee Ann Holmberg	\$20.00
Paraprofessional	Christine Huebler	\$24.00
Paraprofessional	Megan Kasinec	\$19.00
Paraprofessional	Shannon Lalley	\$25.00
Paraprofessional	Jen McQuillan	\$20.00
Paraprofessional	Kelly Parks	\$19.00
Paraprofessional	Judy Rose	\$24.00
Paraprofessional	Jen Smith	\$19.00
Paraprofessional	Meagan Sweet	\$24.00
Paraprofessional	Shayne Winn	\$24.00
Lunch/Recess Monitor	Sue Marcinczyk	\$17.00
CST Secretary	Karen McNeece	\$17.00
Library Clerk	Sue Giunco	\$19.00
Custodian	Donna Conklin	\$20.00
Custodian	Barry Anderson	\$18.00
Maintenance	Stuart Clifton	\$18.00

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

22. Preschool Teacher Assistant

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve Jacqueline Dringus as a full-time Teacher Assistant at a 10-month salary of _____ with single coverage benefits for the Ocean Gate Preschool Program under the Ocean Gate Preschool Expansion Grant for the 2024-25 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

23. Summer Learning Program and ESY 2024 Program

- d. RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the 2024 “Gator Gains” Summer Learning and Special Education Extended School Year program for all currently registered Ocean Gate School students in grades Preschool through entering Grade 6 and the Extended School Year for Special Education students as per IEP needs from July 1-August 1, 2024, from 8:30am-12:30pm, Mondays-Thursdays.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

24. Summer Technology Coordinator Work

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve Summer Technology Coordinator work for Robert Rosenthal at the hourly rate of \$50.00 per hour, not to exceed 100 hours.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

25. Summer Special Education/CST Coordinator Work

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve Summer Special Education/CST Coordinator work for Joanne Hickey-Esler at the hourly rate of \$50.00 per hour, not to exceed 100 hours.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays

Abstain:

26. Resignation of Superintendent/Principal

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve, with regret, the resignation of Melanie Patterson, Superintendent/Principal, effective July 1, 2024. Last day of work to be June 30, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays

Abstain:

27. Resignation of Preschool Teacher Assistant (PEA)

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve, with regret, the resignation of Stephanie Lewandowski, Preschool Teacher Assistant, effective June 18, 2024. Last day of work to be June 17, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays

Abstain:

28. Resignation of Custodian

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve, with regret, the resignation of Stewart McEwan, Part-Time Custodian, effective May 8, 2024. Last day of work to be May 7, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays

Abstain:

29. Field Trips

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the 6th Grade trip to the Statue of Liberty, Battery Park, on May 18, 2024 from 7:45am to approximately 5:30pm with the cost of admission at \$406.00. The cost of transportation is to be determined from Central Regional High School Transportation.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the traditional Kindergarten walking trip to the Ocean Gate Beach for their End of Year Celebration, on June 6, 2024, from 9:30am to 2:00pm with the rain date of June 7th.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

- c. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Ocean Gate Law Day walking trip for the 3rd and 4th graders on May 8, 2024 to Ocean Gate Borough Hall from 12:30-2:45pm for their attendance at a 1:00pm Ocean Gate Borough Council meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

- d. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the whole school walking trip to the Ocean Gate Beach and Splash Park on June 17, 2024 from 8:45am-11:30am for the Last Day of School celebration, 6th Grade Clapout, and Beach STEM Challenge.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

30. Lifelines School Based Suicide Prevention & Response Program

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between and Society of for the Prevention of Teen Suicide, Inc. (SPTS) and Ocean Gate School District for the Lifelines School Based Suicide Prevention & Response Program, paid for by the SPTS. (see attached)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

31. Review of Policy 1330 Community Use of Facilities and Facilities Usage Agreement (see attached)

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the first reading and review of Policy 1330 and Facilities Usage Agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

32. Spring Concert

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the annual Spring Concert in the Multi-Purpose Room on May 23, 2024 at 6:30pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

33. Shared Services Contract with Central Regional for Food Service Program

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 Shared Services Contract with Central Regional School District for the Food Service Program. The price per meal will be \$2.00 for Breakfast and \$3.50 for Lunch. The total estimated cost of the contract is \$56,250.00. (see attached)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

34. Transportation

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the MOESC bid that was held on 4/11/24. The route(s) listed below were included in this bid due to the route reaching the quote threshold.

Award the contractor(s) the route(s) which will begin on 5/1/24.

SE1649 (previously ESQ869) - Ocean Gate School - Heaven Star LLC - District per diem cost is \$232.10 (Route Cost: \$220.00 + MOESC Fee: \$12.10) - 10 Month Contract for student #100144 & student #100104.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:
Abstain:

35. Submission of 2024-2025 Application for Extraordinary Special Education Aid (EXAID)

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the submission of the 2024-25 Ocean Gate School District Application for Extraordinary Special Education Aid (EXAID).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

36. NJSIG Safety Grant

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (“NJSIG”) is a school board insurance group authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq. to provide insurance coverage and risk management services for its members;

WHEREAS, the Ocean Gate Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the “Educational Institution,” is a member of NJSIG; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with NJSIG Policy 3710, the goal of the safety grant program is to provide members the necessary resources to complete risk reduction projects and improve the safety of the population NJSIG members serve.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1) The Educational Institution applies for a safety grant through the NJSIG safety grant program for the 2024 fiscal year in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the purposes set forth in their safety grant, application, which is attached hereto; and,**
- 2) The Business Administrator or their designee is hereby authorized to take all action necessary to apply for and receive a safety grant award.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

37. Financial

- a. RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the April 2024 Bills List. (see attachment)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays
Abstain:

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

April 15th _____
April 30th _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

- c. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Treasurer’s Report for February 2024.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

- d. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Transfer Report for February 2024.**

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 February 29, 2024, 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 February 29, 2024, 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.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

38. Old Business/Discussion

39. New Business/Discussion

40. Public Comment

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41. Executive Session

RESOLVED, that on the 30th of April 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.

42. 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.

43. Adjournment

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

The next Ocean Gate Board of Education Budget Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 6:30PM.