

**OCEAN GATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING**

August 15, 2023

**MINUTES**

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, August 15, 2023, at 6:30pm.

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call Attendance**

Present

Absent

Richard J. Casey

X \_\_\_\_\_

Michael T. Passeri

Late w/Notice \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel Fleming

X \_\_\_\_\_

Aaron Gottesman

X \_\_\_\_\_

Kerrie McGinley

X \_\_\_\_\_

In attendance are Melanie Patterson, Superintendent/Principal 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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**Comments:**

Susan Kempton, 132 East Ocean Gate, NJ

Questions on agenda items including:

Payment to retired Art Teacher position and other special area teacher position,

Maintenance of the school website, tech coordinator position

Non agenda items:

Technology plan expired in 2019 is still on the website and student handbook is from 2018-2019

School boards responsibility to ensure accurate updated information is available to the community.

Special education student population, self-contained and ICS

Library

Mrs. Patterson and Kerri McGinley responded.

Opposition to researching consolidation – Richard Casey responded.

Attendance issue and test scores – Mrs. Patterson and Aaron Gottesman responded.

Michael Passeri- My opinion Mike stated- I’m against consolidation (many reasons)

G&T students in kindergarten, counseling – Mrs. Patterson and Kerri McGinley responded.

Yes-Screening of Kindergarten students for special needs.

**6. Approval of Minutes**

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

<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>June 20, 2023</b>
<b>Closed Session</b>	<b>June 20, 2023</b>
<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>June 27, 2023</b>
<b>Closed Meeting</b>	<b>June 27, 2023</b>

**MOTION: Michael Passeri**

**SECOND: Daniel Gottesman**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes: Richard Casey, Michael Passeri, Daniel Fleming, Aaron Gottesman, Kerri McGinley**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**7. Correspondence None**

**8. Reports and Recommendations of the Superintendent:**

**MOTION: Michael Passeri**

**SECOND: Daniel Gottesman**

*Thank you to the office and custodial team for their dedication and hard work:  
Ms. Barger, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Megill, Mr. Clifton, Mrs. Conklin, & Mr. Szewczyk*

*Thank you to the community and volunteers for their support of the PTO booth & Gator Store on Ocean Gate Day. Thank you for all the donations of prizes for our Gator Store!*

***Update on Before & After Care Y-Kids Program***

***Please note the following upcoming “Back to School” event dates (pending BOE approval):***

***Preschool & Kindergarten Orientation ~ 8/30 @8:30am***

***Gator Alumni Meetup ~ 9/4 @9am***

***Back to School Kindness Chalk Walk ~ 9/4 (any time)***

***First Day of School (half day) ~ 9/5***

***Back to School Night ~ 9/21 @6:00pm***

***Save the Date for a September 11<sup>th</sup> ribbon cutting ceremony @9:15am: Conflict***

***“Ocean Gate: Past, Present, & Future” Morning Meeting***

**SCIP (School Improvement Panel):**

**School Climate & Safety Team:**

**District Safety, Security, and Threat Assessment Team:**

**Early Childhood Advisory Council:**

**PTO & SEPAG:**

**Shared Services:**

***Partnership with OCEAN Inc. – update on meeting with Dr. K. Honnick***

**Ocean Gate Municipal Alliance: Jason McGill**

***Meeting this Wednesday 8/16 @ 6:00pm (new members are encouraged to attend)***

**Ayes: Richard Casey, Michael Passeri, Daniel Fleming, Aaron Gottesman, Kerri McGinley**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

- a. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the following HIB (Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying) report for June 21, 2023 – August 15, 2023.**

<b># of reports/ investigations</b>	<b># of investigations resulting in HIB founded</b>	<b>Nature of the alleged or founded HIB &amp; Location</b>	<b>Investigator</b>	<b>Type/Nature of Discipline Imposed</b>	<b>Other Measures Imposed</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

<b># of reports/ investigations YTD</b>	<b># of investigations where HIB was founded YTD</b>	<b>Training Conducted (this time period)</b>	<b>Programs Implemented (this time period)</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		

- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the following drill report for June 21, 2023 – August 15, 2023:

Date	Drill or Security Related Action	Participants
August 9, 2023	Fire Security Alarm Inspection	Mr. Megill and Fire Security Technologies, Inc.
August 14, 2023	Fire Extinguisher Inspection & Replacement	Mr. Megill and Jersey Coast Fire Equipment

- c. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the following enrollment report for June 21, 2023 – August 15, 2023: 118

**MOTION:** Michael Passeri  
**SECOND:** Daniel Gottesman

**Ayes:** Richard Casey, Michael Passeri, Daniel Fleming, Aaron Gottesman, Kerri McGinley  
**Nays:**  
**Abstain:**

**9. Business Administrator’s Report**

*Update on Facilities Projects*

Gardens funded by Climate Change Awareness Grants

HVAC Projects 1. The 1 / 2 Building 2. Boilers in MP Room

3M Glass Protection installed on the main entrance doors through a Safety Grant

**10. Ocean Gate School District Collaborative Fiscal Monitoring Corrective Action Plan**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the revised Collaborative Fiscal Monitoring Plan and submission, dated August 15, 2023.

**11. Tuition Reimbursement**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve graduate school tuition reimbursement, as per the OGEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, for Special Education Teacher, Erin Colling, for the Fall semester 2023 at Rowan University in the full amount of the cost of tuition for 3 graduate credits for the successful completion of the following class:

*Characteristics of Young Children With Disabilities and Their Family*

The total cost is estimated to be: \$2,352.72, pending course completion, bill documentation, and transcript documentation at the conclusion of the Fall 2023 semester.

**12. Personnel**

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following OGEA Stipend Positions for the 2023-24 school year:

**Ocean Gate School District Stipend Positions 2023-24**

Activity	Teacher	OGEA Negotiated Stipend
Teacher in Charge	Dodie Parliman	\$1,500
Assistant Teacher in Charge	Hope Maute	\$600
OC Curriculum & Instruction Teacher Liaison	Sheri Hebrew	\$1,000
Online Instructional Platforms Administrator	Donna Cogan	\$2,000
Music Teacher/Spring Concert	Wesley Brown	\$175
NJSLA School Testing Coordinator	Donna Cogan	\$500
NJSLA Technology Coordinator	Robert Rosenthal	\$500
Student Safety Patrol	Nicole Flesch	\$400
Sixth Grade Class Coordinator	Nicole Flesch	\$450
Student Council Facilitator	Sandy McCue	\$950

- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following incentive pays as per the OGEA Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2022 – 2023 school year, which will be distributed in the September 15, 2023 payroll:

Jessica Corrigan	\$300.00
Dodie Parliman	\$150.00
Robynn Legendre	\$100.00

- c. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following substitute School Nurse for the 2023 – 2024 school year:

Lori Strazella	Substitute Nurse	\$175.00 per day
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- d. **RESOLVED** that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the sick leave unused days payout of \$4,322.50 to retired Art Teacher, Michele Dillon, retirement was effective January 31, 2023.

**13. School Improvement Panel**

**RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following staff for the 2023 – 24 School Improvement Panel (SCIP), as per N.J.A.C. 6A:10:**

**Donna Cogan  
Erin Colling  
Jessica Corrigan  
Rachel D’Ambrosia  
Sheri Hebrew  
Joanne Hickey-Esler  
Shannon Lalley  
Dodie Parliman  
Melanie Patterson  
Susan Phillips**

**14. School Climate & Safety Team (Lighthouse Team), HIB Coordinator, & HIB Specialist**

**RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following staff and stakeholders as the 2023-24 School Climate, Culture, & Safety Team, HIB Coordinator, and HIB Specialist, as per N.J.S.A. 18A:37-21.**

**Melanie Patterson, HIB Coordinator  
Joanne Hickey-Esler, HIB Specialist  
Chelsy Flakker, HIB Specialist  
Jessica Corrigan  
Rachel D’Ambrosia  
Sheri Hebrew  
Shannon Lalley  
Sandy McCue  
Andrea Murphy  
Dodie Parliman  
Kerrie McDonnell, Parent Liaison/SEPAG  
Andrea DePalma, Parent Liaison/PTO**

**15. District & School Safety, Security, & Threat Assessment Team (Ocean Gate CARES) and School Safety Specialists**

**RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following staff as the 2023 – 24 District & School Safety, Security, & Threat Assessment Team and School Safety Specialists, as per N.J.S.A.18A:17-43.3:**

**John Failla, School Safety Specialist  
Melanie Patterson, School Safety Specialist  
Stephanie Barger  
Susan Bentley  
Maria Colabella  
Elaine DeBenedett  
Chelsy Flakker  
Joanne Hickey-Esler**

**Jason Megill  
Dodie Parliman  
Robert Rosenthal  
Officer Rich Zonin, SRO or Representative  
Fire Chief Larry Murray or Representative**

**16. Early Childhood Advisory Council**

**RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following staff and stakeholders as the 2023 – 24 Early Childhood Advisory Council, in accordance with the Ocean Gate School PEA Program:**

**Melanie Patterson  
Joanne Hickey-Esler, Child Study Team Coordinator  
Dawn Henninger, Preschool Intervention Specialist & CPIS  
Kimberly Honnick, OCEAN Inc.  
Hope Maute  
LuAnne Risk  
Jacqueline Dringus  
Stephanie Lewandowski  
Chelsy Flakker  
Jessica Corrigan  
Dodie Parliman  
Gina Dorondovas, Parent Liaison  
Dan Fleming, Parent Liaison**

**17. Whole School Field Trip to Field of Dreams**

**RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve a whole school field trip to the RWJ Barnabas Field of Dreams with a cost of \$400.00 for a schoolwide team-building day for Respect Week on October 5, 2023 from 9:30AM-1:30PM, pending transportation information from Central Regional Board of Education.**

**18. Donations**

- a. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the donation of \$500.00 from Rob Bassie for the Margaret Althouse Humanitarian Award, for the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation for the next 10 years to be set aside in the Student Activities Account.**
- b. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the donation of \$50.00 to the Student Activities Account from Eileen Giffoniello to buy toy rewards for the Gator Store as part of our PBIS program.**
- c. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the donation of a \$50.00 gift card to Pet Supply Company from Aileen Alonzo for food and supplies for our school pet.**

**19. Creative Curriculum Preschool and Kindergarten Professional Development Training**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve a revised date of August 28, 2023 from 8:00am-3:00pm for Creative Curriculum professional development by Teaching Strategies for the preschool and kindergarten teachers and paraprofessionals due to cancellation of the previously approved training date (August 8, 2023) by Teaching Strategies.

**20. Preschool and Kindergarten Orientation Date Change**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve a revised date for Preschool and Kindergarten Orientation of August 30, 2023 at 8:30am.

**21. Back to School Night 2023-24**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve Back to School Night to be September 21, 2023 from 6:00-7:30pm.

**22. Gator Alumni Back to School Meetup**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve an Ocean Gate School Gator Alumni Back to School Meetup for the OGS Classes of 2022 and 2023 on September 4, 2023 from 9:00-10:00am.

**23. Back to School Kindness “Chalk The Walk” Event**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate School approve the Back to School Kindness “Chalk the Walk” around the perimeter of the school on September 4, 2023 (any time) This a part of our #GatorGoals positive behavioral supports and interventions plan (PBIS).

**24. Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Lavalette Board of Education for CEFM Services**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Shared Services Contract with the Borough of Lavalette Board of Education for Certified Educational Facilities Manager (CEFM) consultation services with Ocean Gate School District employee, Jason Megill, CEFM. The Lavallette Board of Education shall pay the Ocean Gate Board the sum of \$1,000 per month, beginning August 16, 2023 through June 1, 2024 for the provision of support and assistance as described above. Payment shall be made monthly in advance of the services.

**25. School Meal Prices**



**RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the school meal prices for the 2023 – 2024 school year as follows:**

	<u>2023 – 2024</u>
<b>Student Breakfast</b>	<b>\$ 1.85</b>
<b>Reduced Breakfast</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>Faculty &amp; Staff</b>	<b>2.60</b>
<b>Student Lunch</b>	<b>3.55</b>
<b>Reduced Lunch</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>Faculty &amp; Staff</b>	<b>4.75</b>

Note: NJ is covering reduced price amounts \$0.40 and \$0.30

**26. Financial**

- a. **RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the updated June 2023 Bills List. (see attachment) – Tabled**
  
- b. **RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the June and July 2023 Payrolls:**

<b>June 15</b>	<b>\$132,035.19</b> * includes 78 relief & medial waivers
<b>June 19</b>	<b>\$87,345.63</b>
<b>June 30</b>	<b>\$38,718.19</b>
<b>July 15</b>	<b>\$29,486.05</b>
<b>July 30</b>	<b>\$36,777.94</b>

- c. **RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Board Secretary’s Report for April, 2023.**

**Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11© 3, I, John Failla, Board Secretary, certify that as of April 30, 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 April 30, 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.**

**Motions 10 through 26**

Discussion: On Motions 13-16, Michael Passeri asked Mr. Failla is there any money involved.

Mrs. Patterson responded, No. Teachers/Staff Members are volunteering their time for these Teams. She also advised we are ahead of the new Threat Assessment requirements due to previous training of team members.  
Field of Dreams – we will be returning.  
Curriculum Training was postponed due to Trainer travel delay. Rescheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup>  
Lavalette Shared Services Agreement – Mrs. Patterson discussed CFM contract (Mr. Megill)  
Education Foundation discussed.

**MOTION: Michael Passeri**  
**SECOND: Daniel Fleming**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes: Richard Casey, Michael Passeri, Daniel Fleming, Aaron Gottesman, Kerri McGinley**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**27. Old Business/Discussion**

Curriculum and Policy

Consolidation – Michael Passeri clarified his position.

**28. New Business/Discussion**

**29. Public Comment**

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Jason Megill – consolidation of services

**30. Executive Session**

**RESOLVED, that the 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 at 8:06 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.**

**31. Open Session**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education re-enter into open session for at 9:08 PM for the purpose of continuing the meeting.

**MOTION:** Michael Passeri  
**SECOND:** Daniel Fleming

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:** Richard Casey, Michael Passeri, Daniel Fleming, Aaron Gottesman, Kerri McGinley

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**32. Adjournment**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education adjourn their Regular Meeting at 9:09 PM.

**MOTION:** Michael Passeri  
**SECOND:** Daniel Fleming

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:** Richard Casey, Michael Passeri, Daniel Fleming, Aaron Gottesman, Kerri McGinley

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**The next Regular Meeting of the Ocean Gate Board of Education is scheduled for August 29, 2023, at 6:30PM.**