

**OCEAN GATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**September 12, 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, September 12, 2023, at 6:35 PM.

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call Attendance**

**Present                      Absent**

<b>Richard J. Casey</b>	<b>X</b> _____	
<b>Michael T. Passeri</b>	<b>X</b> _____	
<b>Daniel Fleming</b>	_____	<b>With Notice</b>
<b>Aaron Gottesman</b>	<b>X</b> _____	
<b>Kerrie McGinley-McDonnell</b>	<b>X</b> _____	

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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Bruce Cox: Asked for a breakdown of the Enrollment, Pre-K and K-6. Mr. Cox also commented on the Tuition Policy – Non residence. There was a discussion about tuition rate for non-



**District Emergency Planning/Threat Assessment Team**

***Discussion on confidential SRO space*** – Request from Police Department to begin discussion for this space. Explained potential for tools to enter a classroom, locker for these items/rifle. Discussion about not sharing details of our plan in open session.

**Early Childhood Advisory Council:**

**Green Team:**

***Farm trip through Jersey Friendly Yards & OCC grant***

**PTO & SEPAG:**

***Next PTO Meeting 10/2/23 at 3:30 PM Library***

**Ocean Gate Municipal Alliance:**

***Next Meeting September 20<sup>th</sup>***

**Shared/Regional Services:**

***Lifelines Suicide Prevention, Intervention, & Postvention training discussion***

***Central Regional School District “Eagles Take Flight” Homecoming Parade – October 7<sup>th</sup>***

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the following HIB (Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying) report for August 30, 2023 – September 12, 2023.

# 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
0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

# of reports/ investigations YTD	# of investigations where HIB was founded YTD	Training Conducted (this time period)	Programs Implemented (this time period)
0		Lessons on HIB Policy & Code of Conduct for all grade levels through 9/21/23	#GatorGoals PBIS

- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the following drill report for August 29, 2023 – September 12, 2023:

Date	Drill Type	Participants
September 12, 2023	Fire Drill	Whole School
September 12, 2023	Non-Fire Evacuation	Whole School

- c. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the following current enrollment report for August 29, 2023 – September 12, 2023: 134

**MOTION:** Michael Passeri

**SECOND:** Aaron Gottesman

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:** Richard Casey, Michael Passeri, Aaron Gottesman, Kerrie McGinley-McDonnell

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

9. **Business Administrator’s Report**      None

10. **Danielson Evaluation Tool**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate School District approve the Charlotte Danielson: Framework for Teaching as the district’s teacher and certificated staff evaluation tool for the 2023-24 School Year in accordance with Achieve NJ.

11. **Professional Development**

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following staff professional development:

**Title I – Strengthening your Title 1 Program**

**Donna Cogan**

**Sheri Hebrew**

**Erin Colling**

**November 1 & 2, 2023**

**Total Cost: \$545.00**

- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve up to 4 hours of professional development for Grades K-5 ELA Teachers on Savvas Realize ELA program on October 6, 2023. Cost included with the initial purchase of Savvas Realize.

12. **NJ High-Impact Tutoring Competitive Grant**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the submission of the 2023-24 NJDOE High-Impact Tutoring Competitive Grant for districts serving students in grades three (3) and / or grade 4 (four), up to \$48,000.

13. **Ocean Gate School District Student/Parent Handbook**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the 2023-24 Student/Parent Handbook.

**14. Ocean Gate School District Code of Conduct**

**RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the revised Ocean Gate School District Code of Conduct.**

**15. Field Trips**

- a. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the kindergarten field trip to Atlantic Farms in Manasquan on October 24, 2023 from 9:00 am to approximately 2:00 pm with the cost of admission up to \$250. The cost of transportation is to be determined from Central Regional High School Transportation.**
- b. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Preschool field trip to Storybook Land, Egg Harbor Township, NJ, on October 20, 2023 from 8:30am to 3:00pm with the cost of admission up to \$600 The cost of transportation is to be determined from Central Regional High School Transportation.**

**16. Facilities Usage Requests**

- a. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the use of the hallway for the PTO Book Fair from September 21-29, 2023.**
- b. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the use of the Multipurpose Room on October 20, 2023 for the PTO Halloween Dance, from 6-8pm.**

**17. Policies**

**RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Second Readings of the following recommended policies for adoption:**

- a. 3327 Relations with Vendors: Changed Federal Exclusion Parties List System (EPLS) to System for Award Management (SAM)**
- b. 3542.2 School Meal Program Arrears: Content added in section titled Procedures for Charging Lunch: Unsubsidized students, Policy reconstructed.**
- c. 3542.31 Free or Reduced Price Lunches: Policy updated to include content required in N.J.S.A. 18A:33-11.3 and -12 on Breakfast After the Bell**
- d. 5131.5 Violence and Vandalism: Content added on threat assessment in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:36-45**
- e. 6145.3 Publication: Content added on Freedom of Expression – Journalism in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:36-45**
- f. 6164.1 Intervention and Referral: Expanded content on N.J.A.C. 6A:16-8.1(a) – Choosing a multidisciplinary team approach**
- g. 5131.1 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying: review and readopt**

- h. 5118 Nonresidents: review and adopt.

18. Personnel

- a. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve Gabriella Beil as a Paraprofessional at the rate of \$29.00 an hour, effective September 18, 2023, pending NJ sexual misconduct/child abuse disclosure and criminal background check/finger printing paperwork.
- b. RESOLVED, that Ocean Gate Board of Education reapprove Hope Wardell as a payroll training consultant for up to 20 hours at the rate of \$35.00 per hour until October 30, 2023.  
Tabled

19. Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the submission of the NJ Department of Education Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for the 2023-2024 School Year.

20. Statement of Assurance Regarding District Mentoring Plan

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the submission of the NJ Department of Education Statement of Assurance Regarding the District Mentoring Plan for the 2023-2024 School Year.

21. Statement of Assurance Regarding District Professional Development Plan

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the submission of the NJ Department of Education Statement of Assurance Regarding the District Professional Development Plan for the 2023-2024 School Year.

22. Fire Prevention Week

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education designate October 9, 2023 through October 13, 2023 as Fire Prevention Week. The Ocean Gate Fire Department's visit will be on Friday, October 13, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

23. Walk, Bike, or Roll to School Day

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education participate in National Walk or Roll to School Day on October 4, 2023 to promote safety & wellness in coordination with Ocean Gate Police Department and Ocean Gate Student Safety Patrol.

24. Financial

- a. **RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the September 2023 Bills List.**
- b. **RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the August Payroll:**

August 15, 2023	\$46,577.63
August 30, 2023	\$23,558.73

- c. **RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the month of May 2023.**
- d. **RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Treasurer’s Reports for April 2023.**
- 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 May 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 May 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.**

**Motions 10 -24**

Discussion:

- Richard Casey requested an explanation of PD cost item 11. A. Mrs. Patterson advised the Title 1 Grant monies will be used.
- 12. High Impact Tutoring Grant \$48,000. Mr. Casey requested additional information which Mrs. Patterson provided.
- 13. Parent Handbook - updated policy references
- 14. Code of Conduct – Kerrie McGinley-McDonnel feels this is an improvement. Richard Casey is satisfied with how it is written, discussed the dress code verbiage “extreme.”
- 15. Richard Casey – Central Regional Transportation cost TBD. Where are we with resolving the issue with being billed to use the bus we paid for? Mrs. Patterson advised we will restart this discussion with new Administration. Michael Passeri gave background on this issue.
- 17. h. Policy on Non-Residence, Mr. Casey stated this will start discussion at next meeting to start work on contract for tuition. He requested sample contract and discussion with BOE attorney.
- 17.d. Mr. Casey confirmed change in Violence and Vandalism Policy language.
- 18. b. Aaron Gottesman questioned the need for additional training. Mr. Failla advised that this was on staff feedback and request for additional consult for payroll.
- Item Tabled for discussion.
- 18. a. Paraprofessional approved is Garbiella Beil at a rate of \$29.00 per hour.

Mr. Casey asked could the BOE get a copy of the bills list at the meetings for the public? BOE agreed to this request.

**MOTION:** Michael Passeri

**SECOND:** Aaron Gottesman

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:** Richard Casey, Michael Passeri, Aaron Gottesman, Kerrie McGinley-McDonnell

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**Motion to bring 18a off the table for discussion**

**MOTION:** Michael Passeri

**SECOND:** Aaron Gottesman

Discussion: Mr. Casey we do not need any more time and did we hire the right person? Why do we need consult if we have a broker?

When was new person hired? May 15th, but transfer of payroll in the summer.

Is Mr. Failla able to train?

Motion for Roll Call Vote to amend not to exceed 5 hours until October 30, 2023

**MOTION:** Aaron Gottesman

**SECOND:** Kerrie McGinley-McDonnell

**Ayes:** Richard Casey, Michael Passeri, Aaron Gottesman, Kerrie McGinley-McDonnell

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**25. Old Business/Discussion**

Board Goals

Board Certification/Training

**26. New Business/Discussion**

Fire Alarm System briefing

**27. Public Comment**

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Bruce Cox commented on cost of Non-Resident, staff member's children.

**28. Executive Session**

**MOTION:** Michael Passeri

**SECOND:** Kerrie McGinley-McDonnell

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:** Richard Casey, Michael Passeri, Aaron Gottesman, Kerrie McGinley-McDonnell

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**RESOLVED, that the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 at 8:49 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.**

**29. Open Session**

**MOTION:** Michael Passeri

**SECOND:** Kerrie McGinley-McDonnell

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:** Richard Casey, Michael Passeri, Aaron Gottesman, Kerrie McGinley-McDonnell

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education re-enter into open session for at 9:07 PM for the purpose of continuing the meeting.**

**30. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Michael Passeri

**SECOND:** Kerrie McGinley-McDonnell

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:** Richard Casey, Michael Passeri, Aaron Gottesman, Kerrie McGinley-McDonnell

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education adjourn their regular meeting at 9:08 PM.**

**The next Regular Meeting of the Ocean Gate Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 6:30 PM.**