

**OCEAN GATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

August 29, 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 29, 2023.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call Attendance

	Present	Absent
Richard J. Casey	<u>X</u>	
Michael T. Passeri		<u>With Notice</u>
Daniel Fleming		<u>With Notice</u>
Aaron Gottesman	<u>X</u>	
Kerrie McGinley	<u>X</u>	

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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NONE

6. Approval of Minutes

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

Regular Meeting August 15, 2023
Closed Session August 15, 2023

MOTION: Aaron Gottesman
SECOND: Kerrie McGinley

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Richard Casey, Aaron Gottesman, Kerri McGinley
Nays:
Abstain:

7. Correspondence

Pre-audit letter from Holman Frenia Allison, P.C.

8. Reports and Recommendations of the Superintendent:

MOTION: Aaron Gottesman
SECOND: Kerrie McGinley

Up to 126 students registered with another 4 registrations pending
Ms. McGowan is here tonight on the agenda to be approved as our 2nd Pt PE teacher
District Goals 2023-24 Presentation
Ocean Gate Resident Survey – Back to School
NJ4S Student Support Services
Potential pilot for It’s Anonymous
NJPSS Grant - High Impact Tutoring for Grades 3-4 (or beyond)
SAVAAS ELA & NJPSA FEA LEGAL ONE Professional Development
Creative Curriculum training recap
Student #GatorVision24 Scavenger Hunt ~ Thanks to our community partners!
Coffee and Conversation revival - Community Academy & “Pages With Mrs. Patterson/Tuck-In Tuesday”
Update on Before & After Care Y-Kids Program
After-School Playground open to 4:05pm

Please note the following upcoming “Back to School” event dates:

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 11th ribbon cutting ceremony @10:00am:
“Ocean Gate: Past, Present, & Future” Morning Meeting

SCIP (School Improvement Panel):

School Climate & Safety Team:

District Emergency Planning/Threat Assessment Team

New Jersey Threat Assessment Guidance

Update on Threat Assessment Team Training from NJDOE Office of School Preparedness & Emergency Planning – September

Discussion on confidential SRO space

Early Childhood Advisory Council:

PTO & SEPAG:

Potential speaker/workshop on autism acceptance

Ocean Gate Municipal Alliance: *Paid for our Field of Dreams trip*

Shared/Regional Services:

Lifelines Suicide Prevention, Intervention, & Postvention training discussion

Central Regional School District “Eagles Take Flight” Homecoming Parade – October 7

Enrollment question Mr. Casey. Mrs. Patterson noted agenda item 10 is a request to move the Preschool cutoff date. NJDOEC approves the PEA date change. This will not change the Kindergarten cutoff date.

Richard Casey gave an update on shared services grant.

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the following HIB (Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying) report for August 15, 2023 – August 29, 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			

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the following drill report for August 15, 2023 – August 29, 2023:

Date	Drill Type	Participants
August 29, 2023	Fire Drill	Staff
August 29, 2023	Security Tabletop	Administration & OGPD

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- c. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the following current enrollment report for August 15, 2023 – August 29, 2023: **125**
 Projected enrollment by September 5, 2023: **130**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

9. Business Administrator’s Report

Summer Projects update

Pre audit letter

New school year grant updates

10. Change of Preschool Registration Age Cutoff Date

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve a change in the Preschool Registration date to 3 years old by October 31, 2023, for the 2023-24 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

11. Ocean Gate Curriculum Annual Readoption

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education readopt the following Ocean Gate Aligned Curriculum guides for the 2023 – 24 school year:

English Language Arts

Mathematics

Science

Social Studies

Technology

World Languages
Visual and Performing Arts:
Dance and Theater K-2
Dance and Theater 3-6
Instrumental Music 4-12
Vocal Music K-2
Vocal Music 3-6

All Ocean Gate School District curriculum guides are posted on the Ocean Gate School website.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

12. Savvas ELA Professional Development

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve professional development for English Language Arts Teachers (ELA) in grades K-6 on September 8, 2023 from 12:15-3:15pm in the multipurpose room. The ELA Professional Development will be for the Savvas My View (K-5) and My Perspective (Grade 6) ELA programs. (Cost for the in-person training, \$6,600.00, was included in the previous total program purchase.)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

13. Special Education Law Training

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve professional development in-service training for all district teachers and paraprofessionals on August 31, 2023 from 9:00-11:00am on Hot Topics in Special Education Law from NJPSA-FEA LEGAL ONE attorneys. Cost of training is \$1,600, charged to the FY24 ESEA Grant.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

14. Global Compliance Network

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education reapprove the use of GCN online training to satisfy state mandated professional development requirements and supplement staff professional development related to district goals and individual Staff Professional Development Plans (PDPs). Cost associated: \$1,000.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

15. SimpleK12

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the use of SimpleK12 for online, on demand, and virtual professional development and training in accordance with district goals and individual Staff Professional Development Plans (PDPs). Cost associated: \$5,010.00 to be charged to the ESEA Title IV, Part A grant under Activities to Support the Effective Use of Technology.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

16. Personnel

- a. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve Staci McGowan as a part-time (.4) Physical Education Teacher (tenure track) at the OGEA Step 1 BA contractual annual salary of \$22,572 (no health benefits), pending NJ sexual misconduct/child abuse disclosure and criminal background check/finger printing paperwork.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- b. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve an increase in assigned teaching time (.4 to .6) for Robynn Legendre, Physical Education & Heath Teacher, to teach Heath (K-6) at the OGEA Step 2-3 BA contractual annual salary of \$34,218 (no health benefits).**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- c. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve Jason Megill, Head Custodian/Educational Facilities Manager for the 2023 – 2024 school year (12 months). Annual salary to be \$51,575 annually effective July 1, 2023 (retroactive) through June 30, 2024. (Single health care coverage waived.)**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- d. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the 2023-24 contract (10 months) for Chelsy Flakker as a School Behavioral Specialist with the annual salary of \$48,470 and single coverage health benefits for the 2023-24 school year.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- e. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education reapprove Shayne Winn as a part-time Paraprofessional for the 2023-24 school year at the rate of \$22.00 an hour for up to 28.75 hours per week.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- f. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve Eric Szewczyk as a Substitute Custodian for the 2023 – 2024 school year at an hourly rate of \$17.00 an hour, for up to 27.5 hours per week.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- g. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education reapprove the following staff members as per diem substitute teachers at the rate of \$150.00 per day:**

**Ellyn Kroon
Laura Bradley
Jackie Dringus
Stephanie Lewandowski
Fran Gargano
Christine Huebler
Therese Hagan
Shannon Lalley
Judy Rose
Shayne Winn**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

- h. 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 September 30, 2023.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

17. Computer Science

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Computer Science Curriculum Guide for the 2023-24 school year. Donna Cogan is scheduled to teach computer science for half the school year to students in grades K-6.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

18. Spanish Class

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve Sheri Hebrew to teach Spanish for half the school year to students in grades K-6.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

19. Health Class

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve Robynn Legendre to teach Health for the 2023-24 school year to students in grades K-6.

Motions 10 through 19

Discussion:

Richard Casey noted that moving Preschool date is a great thing/
Agenda item # 11 what changes were made in the areas of Math, Science and Social Studies? Ms. Patterson said nothing. The State is revising ELA and Math but they are not completed. We will change after those are in place.

MOTION: Aaron Gottesman

SECOND: Kerrie McGinley

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Richard Casey, Aaron Gottesman, Kerri McGinley

Nays:

Abstain:

20. Ocean Gate School District Student/Parent Handbook

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

Request a MOTION to Table Richard Casey

FIRST Aaron Gottesman

SECOND Kerrie McGinley

21. 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.

Request a MOTION to Table Richard Casey

FIRST Aaron Gottesman

SECOND Kerrie McGinley

22. Annual Submission of District Remote Learning Plan

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the submission of the annual Ocean Gate Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan for the 2023-2024 School Year. *In the event of an emergency situation, school closure would be recommended by the Superintendent only after consultation with the Ocean Gate Board of Education President.*

23. Facilities Usage Requests

a. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the use of the multipurpose room for the Municipal Alliance Tae Kwan Do program on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:00-7:00pm for the duration of the 2023-24 school year, except on days when school is not in session.

b. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the use of Room 109 on Wednesdays for the Ocean Gate Girls Scouts program, from 3:15-4:30pm for the duration of the 2023-24 school year, except on days when school is not in session.

Motions 22 and 23

MOTION: Aaron Gottesman

SECOND: Kerrie McGinley

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Richard Casey, Aaron Gottesman, Kerri McGinley

Nays:

Abstain:

Mrs. Patterson congratulated the Girl Scouts program last year they were Jersey Shores New Girl Scout Leaders of the year last year. Also, congratulations to Municipal Alliance Tae Kwan Do on their program and success in this past weekend's tournament.

Welcome to new hire PE teacher Ms. McGowan.

Appreciation to our secretaries and custodial staff for all the work over the summer.

Thank you to all our community partners who made the summer program successful.

24. Policies

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the First Readings of the following recommended policies:

- a. **3327 Relations with Vendors: Changed Federal Exclusion Parties List System (EPLS) to System for Award Management (SAM)**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- b. **3542.2 School Meal Program Arrears: Content added in section titled Procedures for Charging Lunch: Unsubsidized students, Policy reconstructed.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- 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**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- d. **5131.5 Violence and Vandalism: Content added on threat assessment in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:36-45**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- e. **6145.3 Publication: Content added on Freedom of Expression – Journalism in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:36-45**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- f. **6164.1 Intervention and Referral: Expanded content on N.J.A.C. 6A:16-8.1(a) – Choosing a multidisciplinary team approach**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- g. **5131.1 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying: review and readopt**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- h. **5118 Nonresidents: review and adopt**

MOTION: Aaron Gottesman

SECOND: Kerrie McGinley

Discussion: Mr. Casey asked for clarification on some policies and Ms. Patterson gave an overview of the changes. These policies are direct from NJ School Boards recommendations. 24. g. Mr. Casey questioned the language of the violence piece of the policy regarding police notification. Ms. Patterson clarified the procedure including the “immediate” police department and SRO.

24. h. Recommendation of Ms. Patterson for tuition for non-resident (non staff member) is \$5,000.00. Preschool is PEA funded so we can allow non-resident staff member student but we cannot charge tuition. Ms. Patterson will have to look into other towns Preschool students.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Richard Casey, Aaron Gottesman, Kerri McGinley

Nays:

Abstain:

25. Title I Program Approval

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following Title I Teacher staffing assignments, charged to the FY24 ESEA Grant, for up to 20 hours per week for Targeted Instructional Assistance:

**Sheri Hebrew (ELA): \$15,000
Donna Cogan (Math): \$15,000**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:**

26. FY23 ESEA Grant Amendment

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the amendment of the FY23 ESEA application in collaboration with the Collaborative Fiscal Monitoring Corrective Action Plan.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:**

27. ARP ESSER Grant Amendment

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

		Grant Amount	Balance	Transfer/Amendment
	Instruction			
ARP ESSER	20-487-100-300	12,000.00	12,000.00	(12,000.00)
ARP ESSER	20-487-100-500	30,880.00	30,880.00	(30,880.00)
ARP ESSER	20-487-100-600	36,332.00	29,074.22	(29,074.22)
ARP ESSER	20-487-100-800	-		
	Support			
ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	16,000.00	16,000.00	(16,000.00)
ARP ESSER	20-487-200-200	-	-	

ARP ESSER	20-487-200-300	15,000.00	7,961.29	(7,961.29)
ARP ESSER	20-487-200-600		(331.94)	331.94
	Fac Acq and Const			
ARP ESSER	20-487-400-720	302,120.00	240,543.17	118,083.57
ARP ESSER	20-487-400-731	22,500.00	22,500.00	(22,500.00)
ARP ESSER	20-487-400-732	-		

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

28. Teacher 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 partial amount of the cost of tuition for 3 graduate credits for the successful completion of the following class:

Special Education Policy, Advocacy, and Teacher Leadership

The total cost asked for is: \$2,352.72, pending course completion, bill documentation, and transcript documentation at the conclusion of the Fall 2023 semester. However, the OGEA contract permits tuition reimbursement up to \$4,500.00 cap for OGEA full-time staff members for the school year. Ms. Colling would be eligible for up to \$4,500.00 for tuition reimbursement in total.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

29. 2023-24 Ocean Gate School District Goals

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the 2023-24 District Goals and Action Plans. (see attachment)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

30. Healthcare Relief

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve health care relief for the following employees:

Stephanie Barger	\$186.51
John Failla	\$876.39
Hope Wardell	\$268.41

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

31. Out of District Placement

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the out of district placement and contract with the Manchester School District's Regional Day School for student #201632 at the cost of \$72,000 plus transportation, which is up to \$200.00 per school day for the 2023-24 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

32. Approval of Initial Temporary Space

a. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Renewal of the Temporary Space for student usage of the stage area for music, art, band, and chorus.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

b. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Toilet Room Facilities for Preschool Classrooms.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

33. Stabilization Aid Submission

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the submission of the FY24 Stabilization Aid Application due the reduction in state aid.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

34. Financial

- a. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the August 2023 Bills List. (see attachment)**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- b. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Treasurer’s Report for March 2023.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

- c. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Board Secretary’s Report for May 31, 2023.**

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.

MOTION: Aaron Gottesman

SECOND: Kerrie McGinley

Discussion: Motion 33 Mr. Casey asked if Stabilization Aide is this year. Ms. Patterson and Mr. Failla confirmed that it is and explained the process and acceptable use. Requesting permission to submit application.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Richard Casey, Aaron Gottesman, Kerri McGinley

Nays:

Abstain:

35. Old Business/Discussion

Alumni Association

Ms. Patterson discussed joining with the Central Regional Alumni Association. Mr. Casey is in favor as was Kerri McGinley.

36. New Business/Discussion

None

37. Public Comment

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None

38. Executive Session No executive session, removed from agenda.

39. Open Session No continuation, removed from agenda.

40. Adjournment

MOTION: Aaron Gottesman

SECOND: Kerrie McGinley

Ayes: Richard Casey, Aaron Gottesman, Kerri McGinley

Nays:

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education adjourned their Regular Meeting at 8:01 PM.

The next Regular Meeting of the Ocean Gate Board of Education is scheduled for September 12, 2023, at 6:30PM.