

**OCEAN GATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

**November 14, 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, November 14, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

1. Call to Order 6:31pm

2. Roll Call Attendance

Present Absent

Richard J. Casey	X _____	
Michael T. Passeri	X _____	
Daniel Fleming	X _____	
Aaron Gottesman	X _____	
Kerrie McGinley-McDonnell	X _____	

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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NONE

6. Approval of Minutes

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

Regular Meeting	October 17, 2023
Closed Session	October 17, 2023

Tabled

7. Correspondence

Department of Labor – Unemployment case decided in favor of Ocean Gate District (case was in the amount of \$27,000)

Thank you for the field trip from Mrs. Parlman and kindergarten class.

8. Reports and Recommendations of the Superintendent:

District Goal #1: Building a formalized, rigorous, and equitable Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS – “Gator Gains”) to meet the personalized needs of each diverse learner. Seeking more academic enrichment, academic intervention, and innovative learning opportunities to serve individual and collective needs of 21st century, global learners, thinkers, and leaders. #GatorGains #GatorEarlyLearners #GatorInnovators #GatorGenius

**G&T and Title I programs started for the 2023-24 school year (needs identified)*

**Title I Parent meeting took place on October 30th – thank you to participants*

**Applying to be considered for a schoolwide Title I model versus targeted. This would enable our Title I funds to be utilized to meet the needs of the larger whole school population.*

**Round 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences - November 20th & 21st*

District Goal #2: Enhance the Ocean Gate School District’s Safety and Security plan and threat assessment practices for student and staff safety. Continue to develop and emphasize character education and Positive Behavioral Supports in Schools (PBSIS) for student and staff wellness. #GatorGoals #GatorWellness

**Continued Positive Behavior Interventions & Support with a whole school model of practices: Gator Bucks, Gator Goal Setting, Monthly Morning Meetings, Gator Store, Tier 1 & Tier 2 Interventions for small group or 1-1 needs*

**Tom DeBlass speaks to our students (grades 3-6) on 11/15 – “Buddies Over Bullies”*

**First meeting of the Ocean County Safety & Security Committee meeting today*

**Cast your nomination for Teacher, ESP, and Staff Members of the Year*

District Goal #3: Work collaboratively with the Ocean Gate School parents & families, as well as the Ocean Gate residents, Central Regional School District, Ocean Gate municipal government, Municipal Alliance, Social Club, and Garden Club to form stronger partnerships for community education, shared services, and the extension of learning and community service in the region, Ocean Gate, and Ocean County. Work collaboratively with Central Regional School District, Ocean County College, OCEAN Inc., Barnegat Bay Partnership, and the Jersey-Friendly Yards Program to enhance educational opportunities for our students, build a greener school environment to enhance outdoor learning spaces, and take steps toward being a certified Jersey-Friendly school district. #GatorsServe #GatorGreenTeam #CommunityPartnerships

- *Review of Challenge Day at Central Regional High School
- *3rd and 4th grade trip to Silverton Farms from OCC and Jersey-Friendly Yards
- *Bailey Sanders from OCC enriched Preschool's Tree Study
- *Ocean County Librarian coming on November 29th
- *Central Regional Band visiting on December 7th
- *Students singing for the Social Club on December 15th
- *Contact with Ocean Gate Garden Club to support our student programming
- *Concept of Ocean Gate School Community Stakeholder Group
- *Communication with Central Regional School District to discuss potential future program and staffing needs
- *Upcoming meeting on 11/17 with OCEAN Inc. to review partnership opportunities

Early Childhood Advisory Council

Next meeting

PTO & SEPAG

Upcoming December events

Ocean Gate Municipal Alliance

Next meeting 11/15

Ocean Gate Shared Services Committee Report

Met today, November 14th with Mark Magyar from Rowan University for an informational meeting. Report forthcoming at a future meeting.

Student Council Liaison Report

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the following HIB (Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying) report for October 17, 2023 – November 14, 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)
3	2	N/A	Whole school PBIS

- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the following drill report for October 18, 2023 – November 14, 2023:

Date	Drill Type	Participants
October 30, 2022	Fire Drill	Whole School
October 31, 2022	Shelter in Place	Whole School

- c. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the following enrollment report for November 14, 2023: 134

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
11	13	18	15	15	14	14	18	15	1	134

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

9. Business Administrator’s Report

Facilities Projects Update

Discussion about the project not being completed. Working on controls. Delayed due to delay receiving variable drive.

Budget Update – Calendar no change

Mr. Casey asked questions about the financial report, status of monthly reconciliations and Business Administrator’s statement of assurances missing from the agenda. Mr. Casey requested a plan to bring the district financials up to date. Discussion of approving bills list and payroll. Mr. Failla responded.

10. Professional Development

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following professional development opportunities and associated travel fees:

- a. **Stephanie Barger**
USDA Foods Conference
NJ Convention Center, Edison NJ
Tuesday, December 12, 2023
9:00am – 3:30pm
No Registration fee
Mileage: \$45.87
Total: \$45.87
- b. **Jason Megill**
USDA Foods Conference
NJ Convention Center, Edison NJ
Tuesday, December 12, 2023
9:00am – 3:30pm

No Registration fee
Mileage/tolls: \$52.64
Total: \$52.64

11. Ocean County Librarian Visit

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve a visit from Ocean County Childrens' Librarian, Joanne Halloran, on November 29, 2023, from 9-2pm. She will read to the classes and register students for Ocean County Library Cards.

12. Central Regional Performance at Ocean Gate School

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve a school performance from the Central Regional Middle School Band in the multi-purpose room on December 7, 2023, at 9:15am.

13. Dinner with Santa

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Dinner with Santa Night with the OGEA and PTO on December 7, 2023, at 6:00pm in the Ocean Gate School Multipurpose Room.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

14. Author Visit

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve a visit and presentation for grades PK-6 from author, K.A. Mullins, to promote kindness and being an author through sharing her story and book, "Kapi the Kind Dog," on December 8, 2023, from 9-11am.

15. PTO Events

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the PTO Holiday Sale from December 7-15, 2023.
- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve a PTO Movie night on December 15, 2023, from 6:00-8:30pm.

16. Chorus Trip to Social Club

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approves a walking trip for the Chorus to the Ocean Gate Social Club meeting at Adrian Hall to perform on December 15, 2023, from 11:30-1:30pm.

17. Winter Concert

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Ocean Gate School Winter Concert on December 19, 2023, from 6:00-8:00pm in the multi-purpose room.

MOTIONS 1-17: Daniel Fleming

SECOND: Michael Passeri

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

18. Board Goals

Mr. Casey gave an overview of the goals. Mr. Passeri and Kerrie McGinley-McDonnell discussed the training.

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education review and approve the 2023-24 Ocean Gate Board of Education Board Goals.

MOTION: Michael Passeri

SECOND: Aaron Gottesman

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

19. Policy

- a. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the second review of district policy 5145.7 – Gender Identity and Expression for potential readoption.**

Discussion. Ms. Patterson read the policy which is a model policy from School Boards that was adopted by the district in 2017. Mr. Casey advised that policy is not mandate and may be redundant due to other policies addressing the same items. Mrs. Patterson discussed staff training.

Mr. Casey requested a MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM to read:

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the removal of district policy 5145.7 – Gender Identity and Expression for potential readoption.

MOTION: Richard Casey

Ayes: All in favor

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays:

Abstain

- b. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the second review of district policy 5118 – Nonresidents for potential readoption.**

Without objection MOTION to Table until after executive session: Richard Casey

20. DRTRS 2023

Amended to add b.

- a. **RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education authorize John Failla, School Business Administrator, to submit the District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS) data report and certify that the data is accurate for the 2023 – 2024 school year.**
- b. **RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education authorize John Failla, School Business Administrator, to submit the ASSA State AID 2024-2025 report.**

21. School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance.

22. Annual Preschool Update B

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Annual Preschool Update B submission for the 2024-25 school year.

23. Donations

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the donation of \$30.00 to the Student Activities Account from Eileen Giffoniello to buy toy rewards for the Gator Store as part of our PBIS program.

24. McKinney-Vento Contract

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the 2023-24 tuition contract as follows:

1 student, Grade 1; Egg Harbor Township School District; Tuition \$105.36 per diem (180 days), \$18,964.80 total; Effective September 6, 2023, through June 30, 2024

Discussion on Motions 20 – 24

Mrs. Patterson gave an overview of the Annual Preschool Update.

Thank you for the Gator Store donation.

Mr. Failla requested the addition to Motion to add 20b. ASSA State Aide submission.

MOTION: Aaron Gottesman

SECOND: Daniel Fleming

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

25. Financial

- a. **RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the November 2023 Bills List. (see attached)**
- b. **RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the October 2023 Payroll:**

October 15	\$112,230.64
October 30	\$111,704.24

Discussion: Mr. Casey asked what the ramifications are if motion is not approved. Mr. Failla advised these are our operating bills. The vendors will not be paid, services could be stopped, and we can also incur late fees. Mrs. Patterson stated therapists will not be paid. Mr. Failla stated that this meeting date was moved up a week and school was closed last week. Information was not available to provide accurate reports, so they were removed from the agenda. Mrs. McGinley-McDonnell is concerned that therapy services could stop if not paid. Mr. Fleming stated he thinks better communication is necessary.

MOTION: Michael Passeri
SECOND: Aaron Gottesman

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Daniel Fleming, Aaron Gottesman, Kerrie McGinley-McDonnell, Michael Passeri
Nays: Richard Casey
Abstain:

26. Old Business/Discussion

Stakeholder Group will be added to the December agenda.

27. New Business/Discussion

Board Meeting Calendar - missing.
Discussion of additional meetings – work sessions and training.
December and January meeting dates.
Website – Agendas and minutes. Mr. Casey asked who is responsible for maintaining these items on the website. Mr. Failla stated he was told they were all updated but he did not verify.
Discussion about how long to keep these items posted.
Bylaws regarding agendas and minutes and posting of same will be discussed at next meeting.
Policies on testing and vaccinations will be discussed at the next meeting.

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None

29. Executive Session

MOTION: Michael Passeri

SECOND: Aaron Gottesman

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Richard Casey, Michael Passeri, Daniel Fleming, Aaron Gottesman, Kerrie McGinely-McDonnell

Nays:

Abstain:

RESOLVED, that the 14th of November 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.

30. Open Session

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education re-enter into open session for at 9:48 PM for the purpose of continuing the meeting.

MOTION: Aaron Gottesman

SECOND: Michael Passeri

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

31. Adjournment

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education adjourned their regular meeting at 9:48 PM.

MOTION: Michael Passeri

SECOND: Aaron Gottesman

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

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