

**OCEAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
WARETOWN, NEW JERSEY
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 10, 2018**

Regular Meeting 6:15 p.m.

Call to Order:

Pledge to the Flag

Open Public Meetings Act:

This is to advise the general public that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Ocean Township Board of Education caused to be posted at the Office of the Board of Education located at 64 Railroad Avenue, Waretown, NJ and faxed on January 11, 2018 to the Asbury Park Press, Atlantic City Press and to the Office of the Municipal Clerk of Ocean Township, a meeting notice setting forth the time, date and location of this meeting.

Roll Call:

Mr. Eberenz- Present, Mrs. McDowell- Present, Mr. Tart- Present, Mrs. Zuzic- Present, Mr. Denning, Jr.- Present

Open Public Forum: Agenda Items Only

A Motion was made by Mrs. McDowell and seconded by Mrs. Zuzic to open Public Forum
Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote

No Comments

A Motion was made by Mr. Eberenz and seconded by Mr. Tart to close Public Forum
Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote

Work Session Meeting:

Ideas to communicate with the public were discussed:

- Facebook
- Social Media ideas
- Links on the website
- Who would control and administer it?

All members agreed the idea is worth exploring, and the legal side needs to be examined .

Educational and Community Highlights:

Mrs Zuzic - reported that she and Mrs McDowell attended the delegate meeting at NJSBA.

Best wishes were given to the Waretown Library Tree lighting.

She attended the Fall Play and stated that it was a great success, it was an exceptional evening of theatre and recommends that community and members attend some of the plays and events that Southern Regional hosts.

Mrs McDowell wanted to remind everyone about the PTA pie sale.

Committee Reports:

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Mrs McDowell reported on the SBA governance courses currently available and where they were being held. NJ SBA would like innovative program ideas or formats shared with them.

Correspondence:

None

Minutes:

B1. Motion to accept the minutes of the following Board of Education Meetings:

- Regular Meeting for November 12, 2018 (Attachment B1)

Motion by Mr Eberenz, seconded by Mrs McDowell

Roll Call:

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote

FINANCIAL

Motion to approve the following – (see attached)

B2. **Warrants for Payment** – November/December

B3. **Budget Transfers** –October

B4. **Certification of the Budget Report** – October

B5. **Secretary’s Report**- October

B6. **Treasurer’s Report** – October

B7. **Tax Levy Receivable Report** -December

B8. **BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE OCEAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION** to authorize the Business Administrator to allocation C. Nagles salary to be paid from federal grant fund Title 1 in the amount \$5,895 during the 2018-2019 School Year.

B9. to approve the 2019/2020 Budget Calendar (see attached)

Motion by Mr Eberenz, seconded by Mr Tart

Roll Call:

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote

Superintendent’s Report Motion to approve the following, on recommendation of the Superintendent:

- **S1. Report of the Superintendent.** (see attached)
- **S2. Staff Reports:** (see attached)

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- Principal’s Report
- Special Education Report
- Transportation Liaison’s Report
- Student Attendance Report
- Nurses Report (2)
- Facilities Manager Report
- Staff Attendance Report
- Counselor’s Report (2)
- Extended Day Report
- Cafeteria Manager’s Report

- **S3. Building Use:** (see attached)
 - Priff Student Council Blood Drive
 - Priff Theatre Arts
- Priff Gym – Wednesday, 01/23/19 – 3:30pm – 8:00pm
 Priff Gym-Saturdays 12/15/18 – 9:00am - 12:00pm
 1/5/19-03/23/19 – 9:00am - 12:00pm
 03/30/19-04/13/19 – 9:00am - 1:00pm
 Monday & Tuesday 04/15/19 & 04/16/19 – 3:30pm – 9:00pm

- **S4. Transportation/Trips**
 - 5th Grade Trip to the Constitution Center & American Revolution Museum on June 13, 2019.

- **S5. Professional Development**
 - Staff Member: Sarah Reinhold
 - Workshop: Relias Academy Behavior Interventions
 - Destination: On-line
 - Date: November 9, 2018
 - Estimated Cost of Workshop: \$180.00
 - Estimated Total Mileage/Tolls: \$0
 - Purpose: BCBA Professional Development Course

- **S6. HIB Investigations #2019-W2; #2019-W3; & #2019-F3:**
 - The affirmation of the administrative decision on HIB Investigations #2019-W2; #2019-W3; and #2019-F3.

- **S7. Special Education:**
 - The following independent providers for Child Study Team and Intervention and Referral Service evaluation purposes:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Fee</u>
School Answers	Home Instruction	\$75.00/hr.
School Answers	Occupational Therapy	\$85.00/hr.(2hr. min.) - \$400.00/evaluation
School Answers	Speech Therapy	\$77.00/hr.(2hr. min.) - \$400.00/evaluation
School Answers	Physical Therapy	\$95.00/hr.(2hr. min.) - \$400.00/evaluation
School Answers	LDTTC	\$85.00/hr.
School Answers	Psychologist	\$85.00/hr.
School Answers	Social Worker	\$75.00/hr.
School Answers	CST Evaluations	\$400.00 testing/per report/each discipline
School Answers	Independent Evaluation	\$750.00

Motion by Mrs McDowell, seconded by Mrs Zuzic

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote

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Personnel/Instruction:

Motion to approve the following, on recommendation of the Superintendent:

- **P1. Employments:**
 - Madeline Lyon as an after school club assistant/bus aide for November 30, 2018 and December 7, 2018 at the current 2017-2018 WEA Contract Guide hourly rate.
 - Janice Cusmano as an after school club advisor for the WES Homework Club for the 2018-2019 school year effective January 3, 2019 at the current 2017-2018 WEA Contract Guide hourly rate of \$44.00.

- **P2. Substitutes:**
 - Teacher substitutes for the 2018-2019 school year at the established rate – Madison Demand*; Bonnie Worthy*.
 - Instructional Assistant substitutes for the 2018-2019 school year at the established rate - Madison Demand*; Susan Green*; Josephine Igneri.
 - Cafeteria substitute for the 2018-2019 school year at the established rate - Susan Green*; Josephine Igneri*.
 *pending completion of paperwork

Motion by Mrs McDowell, seconded by Mrs Zuzic

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote

FYI ~ Additional Staff Attending Workshops

<u>Name</u>	<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Sarah Reinhold	ESSA Grant Funding Workshop	12/07/2018	-0-
Jeffrey von Schmidt	NJSBGA Expo	03/11,12&13/2019	-0-
Jeffrey von Schmidt \$25.00/day	Pesticide Training	02/20/19, 3/20/19	
Joseph Hagan	Using Schools as a Shelter During a Crisis	12/17/2018	-0-
Laura Edson*, Suzanne Kelly, Manga Nalla*, Bonnie Nelson, Debra Woods*, Brent Cunningham*	SRMS Articulation Meeting	01/10/2019	-0-

*Substitute needed

Open Public Forum:

Motion by Mr Eberenz, Seconded by Mr Tart to Open Public Forum

- **Member of the public** - Would like to know the status of negotiations. States her concerns regarding school teachers, says their quality of education is great and hopes the Board will support the teachers.
- **Member of the public**- How long have the teachers gone without a contract? The Board answered that they are currently working under the previous contract.
- **Member of the public** - Supports the teachers , the CST Dept is fantastic, and would like the Board to know that moral is down amongst the teachers and that she feels it is affecting the children.

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- **Member of the public** - commented that she is a State Employee herself and doesn't want this negotiation to be dragged out.
- **Board President** - stated that everyone is working hard and in good faith to come to an agreement.
- **Member of the Public** - Why is the next meeting not until January? The Board responded that due to the various schedules of the mediators, the Board Attorney and the various members of the 2 negotiating teams (as well as the holidays falling in between) this was the soonest acceptable date for all parties concerned.
- **Board** - Responded that they have heard the public's concerns and are working diligently to come to a mutually acceptable agreement.

Motion by Mrs McDowell, seconded by Mr Eberenz to close Public Forum

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote

Board Comments:

- Mrs McDowell asked Dr Lommerin about the school safety specialist, when he would be on-site.
- Mr Eberenz wanted to know when he will be in district for people to be introduced to him.
- Mr Tart, states that he knows the situation of the teachers being a teacher himself, he respects them, the board respects them.
- Mrs Zuzic thanks all the teachers and parents present, assures them that the board respects their comments. Mrs Zuzic read a prepared statement.
- Mr Denning commented on the following:
 - Reflected on achievements of improving school security and hiring a Class III officer as well as coordinating our security with the police department.
 - Discussed the potential impacts of the proposed cuts in our state aid of about \$6 million.
 - Explained sacrifices may need to be made by all stakeholders to achieve the most successful student outcomes and not one group of stakeholders can bear the burden of these cuts alone.
 - Our district enjoys class sizes of under 20 pupils and well maintained facilities. It is my goal to help maintain our current educational environment, however we will need to adapt as these proposed cuts of state aid are phased in.
 - We are currently negotiating with the WEA and are hopeful to come to a settlement that is mutually agreeable.

Board Re-Opened Public Forum

Motion by Mrs McDowell, seconded by Mr Eberenz to re-open Public Forum

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote

- **Member of Public** - Stated that any speech a board member reads becomes part of the official record, and she felt that the Board Members are fear mongering to the public.
- **Member of Public** - Has the Board considered joining other districts in lawsuits that are being mounted to fight the state aid reductions.the Board stated that they are looking into all avenues to deal with this situation.
- **Member of Public** - Asked to have all Board Members introduce themselves so that the public could put names to the faces.
- **Member of Public** - Stated that she found Mrs. Zuzics comments aggressive. Mrs. Zuzic commented that she apologizes and did not mean her comments to be seen as aggressive.

- **Member of Public** - Commented that a prior offer to have a committee for food policy at school was never implemented.

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Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote

Executive Session

Motion to move into Executive Session at 7:20PM pm

The Board will be in Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes and the Board _____ does or ___X___ does not anticipate action upon return to the public session.

Motion by Mrs Zuzic, Seconded by Mrs. McDowell WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b, known as the Open Public Meetings Act, provides that a public body may not exclude the public from any meeting to discuss any matter described therein until the public body has first adopted a Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean Township Board of Education has determined that the following items must be discussed in executive session and that the public must be excluded from said deliberations; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean Township Board of Education has determined that the subject matter of the executive session discussion falls within those matters described in subsection 7b of the Open Public Meeting Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE OCEAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION, that:

It is recommended that the Board of Education, by resolution, adjourn to Executive Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss:

- x Student Matters -
- Personnel –
- Negotiations –
- Security –
- Attorney/Client Privilege –
- Other:_____

Roll Call:

Motion carried by Unanimous roll call vote

Return to Public Forum:

Motion by _Mrs McDowell, Seconded by Mrs Zuzic BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE OCEAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION to return to public forum at 7:25 pm.

VOTE: YES___X___ NO_____ ABSTAIN_____

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Announcement

The next Board of Education meeting will be the Board of Education Regular Board Meeting and is scheduled for Monday, January 7, 2019 at 6:15 pm.

Adjourn

Motion by Mrs McDowell, seconded by Mrs Zuzic, to adjourn at 7:35 pm.

Ayes_X____ Nays_____

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George Gahles

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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#2 Executive Session (when necessary)

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b, known as the Open Public Meetings Act, provides that a public body may not exclude the public from any meeting to discuss any matter described therein until the public body has first adopted a Resolution; and

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Topics:

Return to Public Forum:

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE OCEAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION to return to public forum at _____ pm.

VOTE: YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN _____