



Charging Ahead!

**Oceanport Board of Education
29 Wolf Hill Avenue
Oceanport, NJ**

**Regular Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2023 5:30 P.M.
Hybrid Meeting**

A meeting of the Oceanport Board of Education will be held remotely and in the Media Center of Wolf Hill School, 29 Wolf Hill Avenue, Oceanport, NJ this day, as advertised. Members of the public can access this hybrid meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86778166150>. The order of business and agenda for the meeting are:

I. CALL TO ORDER – Board of Education President Mark Patterson

Meeting called to order at 5:30

**II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT -
Board of Education President Mark Patterson**

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975 c. 231 the Oceanport Board of Education has issued notice of this meeting to be publicized by having the date, time, and location of the meeting posted at Maple Place School, Wolf Hill School, Oceanport Borough, Sea Bright Borough, The Link, and Asbury Park Press. Notice has been filed with the Monmouth County Superintendent of Schools, the Borough Clerk of Oceanport, and the Borough Clerk of Sea Bright and sent to those persons requesting that such notice be mailed to them.

III. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Deirdre Bova	Present	Mark Patterson	Present
Jamie Gough	Present	Daniel Peltz	Present
Patricia Kelly	Present	Neal Usatin	Present
Samantha Mahoney	Present	Marion Wilhalme	Present
Patrick McSorley	Present		

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC

Oftentimes it may appear to members of our audience that the Board of Education takes action with very little comment and in many cases by unanimous vote. Before a matter is placed on the agenda at a public meeting, the administration has thoroughly reviewed the matter with the Superintendent of Schools. If the Superintendent of Schools is satisfied that the matter is ready to be presented to the Board of Education, it is then referred for Board review at a Board Committee meeting. The members of the Board work via committees with the Superintendent and the Administration to assure that the members fully understand the matter. When the Board and

Administration are satisfied with the matter, it is placed on the agenda for action at a public meeting. In rare instances, matters are presented to the Board of Education for discussion at the same meeting that final action may be taken.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 15, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- November 15, 2023 Executive Session Minutes

Motion to approve minutes Mr. Usatin. Second Ms. Bova. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT & PRESENTATIONS – Dr. Laura Godlesky

- Thank you to the Oceanport Garden Club for the beautiful holiday arrangements they provided and delivered to each school. They have added a festive holiday look to our offices and common areas.
- I am excited to announce that the second floor of Wolf Hill School is open and we are currently in the process of changing classrooms to utilize the new space. The attic expansion is nearly complete and will be open when we return from winter break. I have to mention that construction during the school year is challenging on staff and students alike, and we greatly appreciate everyone's flexibility and willingness to work together for the betterment of the district.
- We will have preschool orientation for our NEW students on December 21, 2023 at 4pm and will be welcoming two new classes of preschool students on January 2, 2024.
- I will be requesting an executive session this evening for reasons #3, #4, #5, and #7.
- HIB Report

10/19/23-11/14/23	Investigated Incidents	Confirmed Incidents	Confirmed Incidents Year to Date
Wolf Hill School	1	0	0
Maple Place School	2	2	2
Total	3	2	2

2023-2024 Oceanport School District Enrollment

Grade	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
PK	23	23	23	23						
K	56	56	56	56						
1	52	52	52	52						

2	39	39	39	39						
3	64	63	63	63						
4	59	59	58	58						
Wolf Hill School Total	293	292	291	291						
5	63	63	63	63						
6	66	66	66	66						
7	67	67	67	67						
8	79	78	78	79						
Maple Place School Total	275	274	274	275						
District Total	568	566	565	566						

Motion to approve Mr. McSorley. Second Mr. Usatin. Abstain Ms. Gough and Ms. Kelly. Motion passed by all remaining board members.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Comments are invited on agenda items only. Upon being recognized, state your name and address. Statements shall be limited to three minutes. The Board reserves the right to terminate remarks not keeping with the conduct of a proper and efficient meeting. The public is discouraged from speaking negatively about any employee or student. Individuals can be held personally liable for defamatory or libelous statements. Comments regarding employees, students, and security cannot be legally responded to by the Board. The Board bears no responsibility for comments made by the public. Questions from the public will be responded to, if feasible, after the close of public comment.

Public comment opened to both agenda and non agenda items due to the delay from executive session.

Mrs. Mazza resident of 273 Port a peck ave Oceanport. Requesting a 6 week extension of the residency requirement.

VIII. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

A. Education, Technology, Curriculum, Instruction Committee:

Deirdre Bova, Chairperson

Committee Report: December 2023 Meeting of the Education, Technology, Curriculum, Instruction Committee

A-1 Motion to approve the following Professional Development:

Staff Member	Event	Vendor/Location	Date(s)	Cost
Annalesia DiLaurenzio	NJ Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Annual Conference	NJASPERD / Princeton	2/27/2024	\$264.42
Todd Eichler	NJSLA - DTC	NJDOE / Monroe	1/24/2024	n/a
Nicole Goldsmith	NJ Association of Gifted Children Conference 2024	NJAGC / West Windsor	4/12/2024	\$45.40
Renee Lisotto	"Well in the Classroom" Strategies for Students Diagnosed with Anxiety	RPDA / Eatontown	3/7/2024	n/a
Renee Lisotto	A Structured Literacy Approach to Teaching Reading	RPDA / Eatontown	3/14/2024	n/a
Lauren Malaney	2023/2024 Regional Preschool Administrator Meeting	NJDOE / Jackson	1/25/2024	\$28.39
Geraldine Martinez	Cultivating Teacher Leadership	NJPSA FEA / Virtual	12/15/2023	n/a
Geraldine Martinez	NJSLA - DTC	NJDOE / Monroe	1/24/2024	\$12.22
Kristen Olsen	Science of Reading	MOESC / Tinton Falls	1/10/2024	\$125

A-2 Motion to approve the following field trips pursuant to Board of Education Policy 2340:

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Date	Destination	Grade Level/Staff Members	Subject Matter
1/10/2024	TCNJ / Ewing	Maple Place Student Council / Renee Lisotto	NJ Association of Student Councils 2024 Winter Convention to hear nationally recognized keynote speaker, attend workshops conducted by fellow student leaders to share and discuss ideas. 6.3.8 civics pl.1, 9.4.8.ct.1, 9.4.8.ct2
1/31/2024	Michael T. Lake Performing Arts Center / Neptune City	Grades 5-8 Band Members / Daniel DiTommaso, Erica Bach	Students will attend the All-Shore Band Concert. This group is comprised of the top musical students from Monmouth and Ocean Counties. Three students from Maple Place are auditioning to be a part of this group. Students will be able to listen and critique live band performance. Visual & Performing Arts 1.3A.8.Pr6b & 1.3A.8.Cn10a
3/1/2024	Liberty Science Center / Jersey City	6th Grade G&T Students / Nicole Goldsmith	Learn about NASA's plans to colonize Mars and how they are using satellites and rovers to gather data about Mars. MS-ETS1-2, RST.6-8.9, 7.EE.3 (math) (design & CS) 8.1.8.AP.4
3/12/2024	State Theater / New Brunswick	8th Grade G&T / Nicole Goldsmith	Poetry Slam Convocation. ELA- W.8.3, W.8.4.
5/16/2024	Manasquan Reservoir	2nd Grade Students / Noelle Albrink, Nadine Bauer, Michele Lomazzo	Students will discover some of the little animals that call the park home. Participants create a craft and explore the outside world for animal life. The program also includes a live animal presentation. 2-LS4-1, W.2.8
5/17/2024	Six Flags Great Adventure / Jackson	Charger Band & Jazz Band / Daniel DiTommaso, Erica Bach	Students will perform at a local HS TBD or at Six Flags. With proper audience etiquette, students actively watch and listen to the schools that are scheduled. After the performance students spend the day at the park and attend an awards ceremony.
5/22/2024	Independence Hall / Philadelphia, PA	7th Grade Students / Renee Lisotto, Peter Evertz, Tracy Jones, Emily Iannotta, Erica Spenard, Megan Scardilli	Students will take a two hour walking tour of America's most historic square mile. The History Maker tour guides portray real people from America's past and deliver an authentic experience rich with historical content and first person

			<p>narrative. Along the two hour journey stops will be made at 5 or 6 speaking locations including the Liberty Bell, Second Bank of the United States and Christ Church Burial Ground. The day ends with a tour of Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence was drafted and signed.</p> <p>6.1.8.HistorySE.3.a, 6.1.8.HistoryUP.3.b, 6.1.8.HistorySE.3.b</p>
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A-3 Motion to approve the following Neurologist of *Developmental Pediatrics of Central Jersey*, should an evaluation be necessary at \$575/evaluation:

Dr. Alison Smoller

A-4 Motion to approve the following Neurologist of *RWJ Barnabas Health*, should an evaluation be necessary at \$575/evaluation:

Dr. Aviva Kupershtok-Bojko

A-5 Motion to approve the 2023-2024 Nursing Services Plan.

Motion to block A-1 through A-7 Mrs. Bova, second Ms. Kelly. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Policy Committee: Patricia Kelly, Chairperson

Committee Report: December 2023 Meeting of the Policy Committee

B-1 Motion to approve for first reading, the following Policy:

P 2416.01 Postnatal Accommodations for Students

B-2 Motion to approve for second reading and approval, the following Policies and Regulations:

P&R 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) (Revised)

P&R 5116 Education of Homeless Children and Youths (Revised)

Motion to block B-1 through B-2 Mrs. Kelly, second Ms. Usatin. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Personnel Committee: Marion Wilhalme, Chairperson

Committee Report: December 2023 Meeting of the Personnel Committee

C-1 Motion to retroactively accept the resignation, with regret, of Joanne Goff effective 11/27/23.

C-2 Motion to accept the resignation of Alyssa Stutz, from her position as Wolf Hill School lunch monitor, effective 12/15/2023.

C-3 Motion to approve the employment of the following individual:

Name	Position	Compensation	Effective Dates
Alyssa Stutz	Paraprofessional	Step 4: \$24.01/hour	12/18/2023 - 6/30/2024

C-4 Motion to retroactively approve a long term leave for staff member #4008 effective 11/13/2023 - 12/22/2023.

C-5 Motion to approve the following individuals in Schedule B positions with terms as stated:

Schedule B Position	Staff Member	Compensation
Spring Sports Coordinator	Joanne Wilkes	\$738.84
Enrichment Club - Debate Club	Emily Iannotta	\$1,300.50

Motion to approve C-2 Mrs. Wilhelme, second Mr. Peltz, Motion carried

Unanimously.

Motion to block C-1 with C-3 through C-5 Mrs. Wilhelme, second Ms. Kelly,

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Finance Committee: Dan Peltz, Chairperson

Committee Report: December 2023 Meeting of the Finance Committee

D-1 Motion to approve the bills list for the month of December 2023 in the amount of \$901,553.25 to be approved for payment.

D-2 Transfers - November

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
11-000-221-102-00-00-07-000	Sal of Dir of Ins	\$ (9,096.57)
11-000-230-100-00-00-07-000	Sal Adm Secy	\$ (22,402.00)
11-213-100-610-01-00-05-050	Sal Sup	\$ 13,525.00

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11-000-240-105-01-00-07-050	Princ Sec WH	\$ (5,496.12)
11-120-100-101-06-00-01-050	Sal Acct pay	\$ 10,038.25
11-000-251-330-00-00-07-000	Purch Pro Sev	\$ (7,715.99)
11-120-100-101-05-00-01-050	Supplies	\$ 701.97
11-110-100-101-06-00-01-000	BA Dues / Pro Dues	\$ 4,753.31
11-000-252-600-00-00-04-000	Tech Supplies	\$ (10,264.81)
11-000-262-100-06-00-07-000	Custodian Salary	\$ (9,213.00)
11-130-100-101-05-00-02-030	Salaries Cafe Monitor	\$ 1,500.00
11-130-100-101-06-00-02-030	Property Insurance	\$ 5,496.12
11-130-100-101-02-00-07-030	Teachers 6-8	\$ (7,777.54)
11-190-100-500-00-00-04-000	Teachers 6-8 Xtra	\$ 717.00
11-000-230-100-00-00-07-000	Instruct Technology	\$ 10,264.81
11-190-100-610-01-00-01-050	Int supplies WH	\$ (12,921.49)
11-000-262-107-00-00-01-050	Textbooks WH	\$ 1,295.56
11-000-251-100-03-00-07-000	Textbooks MP	\$ 11,625.93
11-190-100-640-01-00-06-050	Resource RM Supplies WH	\$ 388.80
11-240-100-610-06-00-05-000	Bilingual Supplies	\$ (388.80)
11-190-100-640-02-00-06-030	Seabright Legal Service	\$ 8,877.00
11-00-030-331-00-00-07-001	Teachers 6-8 Subs	\$ 1,120.00
11-000-251-100-03-00-07-000	Teachers 1-5 Subs	\$ 1,200.00
11-000-251-600-00-00-07-000	Teachers 1-5 XTRA	\$ 48.26
11-000-251-890-00-00-07-000	Cust Sal - Xtra	\$ 18,309.57
11-000-262-520-00-00-03-000	KDG - XTRA	\$ 48.26
11-216-100-106-01-00-01-000	other salaries for instruction	\$ (4,633.52)

D-3 Motion to receive, accept and approve July 2023, August 2023, and September 2023 Financial Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer.

Treasurer Reports	Board Secretary Reports
July 2023	July 2023
August 2023	August 2023
September 2023	September 2023

D-4 Motion to approve \$131,350.17 withdrawal from Capital Reserves to pay for emergency repairs. Damage to our window Lintels was discovered when the EIFS siding was removed during the reskinning portion of our referendum work. The contractor completing the referendum work Pharos Construction will be completing these emergency repairs.

D-5 Motion to approve contracted services with MOESC for a Bus Aide at a rate of \$30 per hour not to exceed \$14,040 effective 1/2/24.

D-6 Motion to approve the fiscal year 2024 Memorandum of Understanding Between the Title III Consortium Fiscal Agent (Belmar Public Schools) and Member Districts of which Oceanport is one.

**Motion to block D-1 through D-6 Mr. Peltz, seconded by Mr. McSorley
Motion passed unanimously.**

E. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Jamie Gough, Chairperson
Committee Report: December 2023 Meeting of the Buildings & Grounds Committee

E-1 Emergency Drill Logs

1. Wolf Hill School

Date	Drill	Participants
11/3/2023	Fire Alarm	All Staff & Students
11/21/2023	Non Fire Evacuation	All Staff & Students

2. Maple Place School

Date	Drill	Participants
11/14/2023	Fire Alarm	All Staff & Students
11/21/2023	Non Fire Evacuation	All Staff & Students

E-2 Building Use Request

Building	Room	Date/Time	Organization/Event
Maple Place School	Gymnasium	12/24/2023 8:30am-11:30am	Oceanport Basketball Association
Maple Place School Wolf Hill School	Gymnasium	12/27/2023, 12/28/2023 7:00am-3:00pm	Oceanport Basketball Association
Wolf Hill School	Gymnasium	1/8/2024, 1/22/2024, 1/29/2024 3:20pm -3:50pm	District Wellness Committee / Staff Yoga

Maple Place School	Cafeteria	1/25/2024 & 1/26/2024 4:00pm - 9:00pm	Oceanport's Got Talent - District Variety Show
Maple Place School	Cafeteria	4/30/2024 2:45pm-4:00pm 5/1/2024 5:00pm-7:30pm	Maple Place Chapter of National Junior Honor Society / Induction of new NJHS members

**Motion to block E-1 and E-2 Mrs. Gough, second by Mrs. Wilhelme,
Motion passed unanimously.**

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA & NON-AGENDA ITEMS

At this time, comments are invited on school matters of community interest. Comments are invited on agenda and non-agenda items. Upon being recognized, state your name and address. Statements shall be limited to three minutes. The Board reserves the right to terminate remarks not keeping with the conduct of a proper and efficient meeting. The public is discouraged from speaking negatively about any employee or student. Individuals can be held personally liable for defamatory or libelous statements. Comments regarding employees, students, and security cannot be legally responded to by the Board. The Board bears no responsibility for comments made by the public. Questions from the public will be responded to, if feasible, after the close of public comment.

X. LIAISON REPORTS

NJSBA/MCSBA – Neal Usatin Presentation of Roberts Rules. Next meeting Tuesday February 6th, and Tuesday March 12th in person.

PTO – Daniel Peltz - Has not been a PTO meeting since the last board meeting. Winter Wonderland Dec 15th tickets are for sale on the PTO website. Next meeting in January

ADL (Advocates for Diverse Learners) – Jamie Gough

Sea Bright Borough Council – Jamie Gough -Next meeting Monday February 12th for Seabright.

Oceanport Borough Council – Patrick McSorley Boro council meets tomorrow. Santa comes around on Saturday on the fire trucks.

Shore Regional BOE Liaison – Samantha Mahoney - Nothing to report tonight.

XI. BOARD BUSINESS

XII. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

XIII. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS Email related to School Resource Officer.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

XV. OLD BUSINESS

XVI. CORRESPONDENCE

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. allows for the exclusion of the public from that portion of a public meeting when certain matters which might endanger the public interest or risk the deprivation of individual rights are discussed, and the Board of Education wishes to discuss the following matters in a non-public closed meeting with the resulting discussion being made public when a proper conclusion has been reached and there is no longer a need for confidentiality:

Brief Description

- _____ 1. Matters rendered expressly confidential by state or federal law or a rule of court.
- _____ 2. Matters in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the United States Government.
- __X__ 3. Any matter the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy unless the affected individual or his or her parent or guardian shall request in writing that the matter be disclosed at a public meeting.
- __X__ 4. Pending or anticipated negotiations concerning a collective bargaining agreement with the Oceanport Education Association.
- __X__ 5. Any matter involving the purchase of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates, or investment of public funds.
- _____ 6. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigations of violations or possible violations of law.
- __X__ 7. Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations other than collective bargaining contract negotiations in which the Board of Education is or may become a party or any matter falling within the attorney-client privilege to the extent confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his or her ethical duties as an attorney.

_____ 8. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment and the conditions of employment, evaluation, or disciplining of any specific employee, unless the individual employee requests in writing that the matter be discussed at a public meeting

_____ 9. Any deliberations that may result in the imposition of a civil penalty or suspension.

_____ 10. Any appointment of a public official.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Oceanport Board of Education will hold a closed executive session remotely, as advertised. It is anticipated that the closed session will not last longer than one hour. [Action may be taken during the public portion of the meeting following the recess of the executive session unless otherwise indicated].

XVIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Mr. Peltz, second Mr. McSorley. Motion passed unanimously at 5:37.

XIX. RETURN TO OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Motion Mr. Patterson, second Mr. Peltz. Motion passed unanimously at 6:35.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

WHEREAS, there being no further business of the Oceanport Board of Education to attend to on the 13th day of December 2023; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the December 13, 2023 meeting of the Oceanport Board of Education be and is hereby adjourned at 6:57PM.

*The Oceanport School District will support students' growth
along their educational journey and maximize their academic achievement.
Our educational community will work collaboratively to provide
an innovative, nurturing, and safe environment
with opportunities for ALL learners.*