

**OCEAN GATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

May 13, 2025

MINUTES

The Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Ocean Gate Board of Education took place in the Ocean Gate School Multipurpose Room and via live stream video using Youtube on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. Executive session will start at 6:00pm, with Public session starting promptly at 6:30pm.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call Attendance

	Present	Absent
Richard J. Casey	X _____	
Daniel Fleming	X _____	
Aaron Gottesman	Arrived at 6 :20 PM _____	
Scott Vosper	X _____	
Andrew Scott	X _____	

In attendance are Doug Corbett, Superintendent, Kevin O’Shea, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Chris Ott, Principal.

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, District Website and District Facebook Page.

5. Executive Session

RESOLVED, that on the 13th of May, 2025 at 6:01 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.

MOTION: Andrew Scott
SECOND: Aaron Fleming

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Richard Casey, Daniel Fleming, Aaron Gottesman, Scott Vosper, Andrew Scott
Nays:
Abstain:

6. Open Session

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education re-enter into open session for at 6:37 PM for the purpose of continuing the meeting.

MOTION: Aaron Gottesman

SECOND: Scott Vosper

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Richard Casey, Daniel Fleming, Aaron Gottesman, Scott Vosper, Andrew Scott

Nays:

Abstain:

7. Recognition

a. State of the Gator- Student Council

Student Council representatives, Amelia Baker, Miley Knierim, Maggie McDonnell

Students discussed events around the district

8. Public Comments

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Alicia Capuano gave a Green Team update.

9. Approval of Minutes

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

Regular Meeting April 29, 2025

Closed Session April 29, 2025

MOTION: Aaron Gottesman

SECOND: Scott Vosper

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Richard Casey, Daniel Fleming, Aaron Gottesman, Scott Vosper, Andrew Scott

Nays:

Abstain:

10. Correspondence

None

11. Reports and Recommendations of the Superintendent

Dr. Corbett thanked Donna Conklin for her years of service.

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education accept the following drill report for April 30, 2025 – May 13, 2025:

Date/Time	Drill Type	Participants
5/8/25	Fire Drill	Whole School
5/12/25	Shelter in Place Drill	Whole School

MOTION: Daniel Fleming

SECOND: Scott Vosper

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Richard Casey, Daniel Fleming, Aaron Gottesman, Scott Vosper, Andrew Scott

Nays:

Abstain:

12. Business Administrator’s Report

13. Students

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve students #201703 & #100070 to complete the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, then transfer to a new residency district.

14. HIB Grade

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the 2023-2024 HIB Grade report

15. Personnel

- a. RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following tenured staff for the 2025-26 school year, salaries to be determined pending the outcome of negotiations:**

Position	Name
Admin Assistant	Stephanie Barger
FT Teacher	Donna Cogan
FT Teacher	Erin Colling
FT Teacher	Jessica Corrigan
FT Teacher	Rachel D’Ambrosia
FT Teacher	Elaine DeBenedett
FT Teacher	Sheri Hebrew
FT Teacher	Hope Maute

FT Teacher	Sandra McCue
FT Teacher	Dodie Parliman
FT Teacher	Susan Phillips
FT Teacher	Mary Szewczyk

- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following non tenured staff for the 2025-26 school year, salaries to be determined pending the outcome of negotiations:

Position	Name
PT Speech	Linsey Anderson
FT Nurse	Joy Bamforth
PT Teacher	John Dondero
FT Teacher Assistant	Jacquelyn Dringus
FT Teacher	Nicole Flesch
FT LT Sub Teacher	Madyson Garthly
PT Teacher	Jamie Jarka
FT Teacher Assistant	Jennifer McQuillan
FT Teacher	Lucretia Risk
Principal	Christopher Ott
Treasurer	Stephen Brennan
PT Cafeteria Worker	Christina Natkie
PT Paraprofessional	Kaitlyn Beaulieu
PT Paraprofessional	Gintare Dorondovas
PT Paraprofessional	Allisyn Gall
PT Paraprofessional	Fran Gargano
PT Paraprofessional	Therese Hagan
PT Paraprofessional	Lee Ann Holmberg
PT Paraprofessional	Megan Kasinec
PT Paraprofessional	Shannon Lalley
PT Paraprofessional	Kelly Parks
PT Paraprofessional	Judy Rose
PT Paraprofessional	Jennifer Smith
PT Paraprofessional	Meagan Sweet
PT Lunch Aide	Susan Marcinczyk
PT Custodian	Barry Anderson
PT Custodian	Stuart Clifton

- c. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the resignation of Donna Conklin, Custodian, effective May 16, 2025.
- d. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education abolish the following positions for the 2025-26 year due to financial considerations:
1. **Technology Teacher**
 2. **Social Worker**
 3. **School Behavioral Specialist**

- e. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education abolish the position of part-time Physical Education Teacher for the 2025-26 year due to educational considerations:
- f. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve to post and advertise for a full time Physical Education teacher for the 2025-26 year
- g. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve payment on June 13 not to exceed 25% of cost of health plan or \$2500 (whichever is less) to four (4) employees whose names are on file in the Business Office for waiving healthcare for the period January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025
- h. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following staff recommendations for the 2025 Extended School Year. The program is set to take place Monday- Thursday, July 1st- 31st, 2025.

Position	Name	Hourly Rate and Projected Stipend Amount (pending staff attendance)
Special Education Teacher	Hope Maute	4.5 hrs./day x 19 days x \$45.00 hourly = \$3,847.50
Special Education Teacher	Sandy McCue	4.5 hrs./day x 19 days x \$45.00 hourly = \$3,847.50
Special Education Teacher	Jessica Corrigan	4.5 hrs./day x 19 days x \$45.00 hourly = \$3,847.50
Paraprofessional	Meagan Sweet	4 hrs./day x 19 days x \$25.00 hourly = \$1,900
Paraprofessional	Jennifer McQuillan	4 hrs./day x 19 days x \$25.00 hourly = \$1,900
Paraprofessional	Fran Gargano	4 hrs./day x 19 days x \$25.00 hourly = \$1,900
Paraprofessional	Shannon Lalley	4 hrs./day x 19 days x \$25.00 hourly = \$1,900
Paraprofessional	Megan Kasinec	4 hrs./day x 19 days x \$25.00 hourly = \$1,900
Paraprofessional	Lee Ann Holmberg	4 hrs./day x 19 days x \$25.00 hourly = \$1,900
Nurse	Joy Bamforth	4 hrs./day x \$45.00 hourly
Substitute Teacher	Elaine DeBenedett	4.5 hrs./day x \$45.00 hourly
Substitute Teacher	Susan Phillips	4.5 hrs./day x \$45.00 hourly
Substitute Teacher	Therese Hagan	4.5 hrs./day x \$45.00 hourly
Substitute Nurse	Diane Wozniak	4 hrs./day x \$45.00 hourly
Substitute Nurse	Ann Kleiner	4 hrs./day x \$45.00 hourly

- i. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve Carly Cauda as a Substitute Teacher at the rate of \$150.00 per day, pending NJ sexual misconduct/child abuse disclosure and criminal background check/fingerprinting paperwork.

16. Field Trips

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean gate Board of Education approve the Preschool end of year field trip to John C. Bartlett Jr. County Park in Bayville on June 19, 2025 from 9:00am-12:30pm. The cost of the park reservation is \$130.00 and transportation will be provided by Central Regional Transportation.

17. Financial

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the requisition of taxes for the 2025-26 year to be in equal monthly installments.

- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve a shared services contract with the Seaside Heights Board of Education for Preschool services for the 2025-26 school year at a cost of \$32,246.
- c. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve a professional service contract with HFA, Lakewood, NJ for audit services for the June 30, 2025 audit at a cost of \$33,600.
- d. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the following proprietary service contracts for the 2025-26 year:
 - a. Asbury Park BOE IT - Payroll/Personnel \$8,745 plus incidentals
 - b. Systems 3000 - Accounting Software \$9,936
 - c. Realtime - Student database \$8,511.11
- e. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve a professional service contract with Vanessa Hausser for Occupational Therapy services at a rate of \$87.50 per hour as needed for the ESY program.
- f. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve a professional service contract with Preferred Behavioral Health, Lakewood, NJ for fit to return assessments for the 2025-26 year at a cost of \$400 per evaluation.
- g. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the May 2025 Bills List.
- h. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the April 2025 Payroll:

April 15th	\$118,839.57
April 30th	\$120,074.61
- i. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Treasurer’s Report for April 2025.
- d. **RESOLVED**, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education approve the Transfer Report for April 2025.
- e. **Board Secretary’s Report**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11© 3, I, Kevin O’Shea, Board Secretary, certify that as of April 30, 2025, 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 April 30, 2025, 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 13 TO 17: Aaron Gottesman

SECOND: Scott Vosper

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Richard Casey, Daniel Fleming, Aaron Gottesman, Scott Vosper, Andrew Scott

Nays:

Abstain:

18. Old Business/Discussion

Mr Casey mentioned the CSA evaluation

19. New Business/Discussion

Dr. Corbett shared the end of the year events schedule

20. Public Comment

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None

21. NJ School Boards Association Training/Presentation - Tim Teehan

22. Adjournment

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Gate Board of Education adjourn their regular meeting at 7:56_ PM.

MOTION: Aaron Gottesman

SECOND: Andrew Scott

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Richard Casey, Daniel Fleming, Aaron Gottesman, Scott Vosper, Andrew Scott

Nays:

Abstain:

The next Ocean Gate Board of Education Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 6:30PM.