

**OCEAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WARETOWN, NEW JERSEY  
MEETING AGENDA  
DECEMBER 9, 2024**

**Regular Meeting**

**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 emailed on December 2, 2024 to the Asbury Park Press and to the Office of the Municipal Clerk of Ocean Township, a meeting notice setting forth the time change, date, and location of this meeting.

**Roll Call:**

Mrs. Fuchs \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Leaming \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Pimm \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tart \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Zuzic \_\_\_\_\_

**Executive Session**

Motion to move into Executive Session at \_\_\_\_\_ pm

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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.

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- Personnel
- Negotiations
- Security
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**Roll Call:**

Mrs. Fuchs \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Leaming \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Pimm \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tart \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Zuzic \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

**Roll Call:**

Mrs. Fuchs \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Leaming \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Pimm \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tart \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Zuzic \_\_\_\_\_

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**Open Public Forum: Agenda Items Only**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to open public forum.

**Roll Call:**

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**Limit five (5) minutes (Board Policy #0167)**

**Close Public Forum:**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to close public forum.

**Roll Call:**

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**Educational and Community Highlights:**

Club Presentation - Priff School PLUS Club - Mrs. Ball and Ms. Barry

NJSBA Presentation - Facilitating Effective Board Meetings - MaryAnn Friedman & Dr. Laurie Bandlow

**Committee Reports:**

**Correspondence:**

**Minutes:**

Motion to accept the minutes of the following Board of Education Meeting:

- Regular Meeting for November 11, 2024
- Executive Meeting for November 11, 2024

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Roll Call:**

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**FINANCIAL**

Motion to approve the following – (see attached)

- B1. **Report of the Business Administrator.**
- B2. **Warrants for Payment** – Nov & Dec 2024
- B3. **Budget Transfers** – Oct 2024
- B4. **Certification of the Budget Report** – Oct 2024
- B5. **Secretary’s Report**- Oct 2024
- B6. **Treasurer’s Report** – Oct 2024
- B7. **Tax Levy** - Nov & Dec 2024
- B8. **Out of District Tuition** - to approve the following 2024-2025 SY (Sept 25, 2024 - May 20,2025) out of district tuition: 5th grade regular education McKinney-Vento student, East Windsor Regional School District tuition - \$17,088.00 and transportation - \$622.71.
- B9. **Obsolete Technology Equipment** - to approve the disposal of obsolete computer equipment.
- B10. **ESEA C/O Amendment** - to approve to amend the carry over funds from the 2023-2024 ESEA Consolidated Grant application into the 2024-2025 ESEA Consolidated Grant application.
- B11. **Preschool Playground** - to approve the purchase of preschool playground equipment and services in the amount of \$185,706.17 from Ben Shaffer Recreation, using ESCNJ Bid #20/21-22; Co-op #65MCESCCPS. \$70,000 of this purchase will be supported by the awarded FY 24 Local Recreation Improvement Grant and \$115,706.17 of State of NJ PEA funds.
- B12. **Support Position Substitute Rates** - to approve an increase in the following hourly substitute rates from \$15.13/hour to \$15.49/hour, effective January 1, 2025, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 34:11-56a et. Seq.: Substitute Instructional Assistant, Substitute Custodian and Substitute Lunch/Recess Assistant. This is due to the minimum wage increase.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

Board discussion.

**Roll Call:**

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

- **S1. Report of the Superintendent.**
- **S2. Staff Reports:**
  - Principal’s Report
  - Special Education Report
  - Transportation Liaison’s Report
  - Staff Attendance Report
  - Student Attendance Reports
  - Extended Day Report
  - Facilities Manager Report
  - Nurses’s Reports
  - Counselor’s Report
  - Technology Report

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● **S3. Building Use:**

- Stafford Baseball Priff Gym – Fridays; 1/3/25 - 3/21/25; - 6:45pm - 10:00pm.
- NY Blood Drive Center Priff Gym – Wednesday 2/12/25; - 1:30pm - 8:00pm.

● **S4. Transportation/Trips:**

- Safety Patrol Trip to Wells Mills County Park on May 19, 2025.
- 5th Grade Trip to Cattus Island Park on May 29, 2025.
- 3rd Grade Trip to Tuckerton Seaport on May 30, 2025.
- 4th Grade Trip to Jenkinson’s Aquarium on June 2, 2025.
- Mrs. Bridger’s Class & Mrs. Ferraiuolo’s Class Trip to Field of Dreams & Trailside Gardens on June 4, 2025.

● **S5. Class Trip (on school grounds):**

- Preschool - Insectropolis “Bugs on the Go” will visit the Preschool classes on April 29, 2025. (paid from PEA funds)

● **S6. QSAC District Improvement Plan:**

- The submission of our district improvement plan to the NJ Department of Education.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

Board discussion.

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**Personnel/Instruction:** Motion to approve the following, on recommendation of the Superintendent:

● **P1. Employments:**

- Nicole Dennis as a full-time instructional assistant for the 2024-2025 school year effective December 10, 2024. Salary based on Step 1 of the current W.E.A. Contract Guide at \$23,305.00 (prorated). This is due to an in-house transfer subsequent to a resignation.
- Ashley Del Piano as a leave replacement kindergarten teacher from January 2, 2025 through June 30, 2025. Salary based on Step A of the current W.E.A. Contract Guide at \$55,000.00 (prorated).

● **P2. Transfers:**

- Transfer of Patrice Arneth, instructional assistant, from preschool to kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year at her current salary of \$23,905.00 (funded by Title I funds). This is due to a resignation.
- Transfer of Amanda Harrison, instructional assistant, from MD I Class to preschool for the 2024-2025 school year at her current salary of \$23,505.00. This is due to an in-house transfer subsequent to a resignation.

● **P3. Curriculum Writers:**

- The following staff members as a District Curriculum Writers for the 2024-2025 school year at the current contracted rate of \$44.00/hr.: Ashley Bleichner; Annie Forte.

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● **P4. Substitutes:**

- Teacher substitute at \$122.00/day for the 2024-2025 school year – Debra Brown\*; Lauren Ricci; Christina Rizzo\*.
- Instructional Assistant (15.13/hr.)/Bus Aide (16.07 hr.) substitute for the 2024-2025 school year – Debra Brown\*; Lauren Ricci; Christina Rizzo\*.
- Cafeteria (\$15.13/hr.) substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year – Shannon DiDonato; Nicole Callaghan.

\*Pending completion of paperwork

● **P5. MOA:**

- To ratify the Memorandum of Agreement with the Waretown Education Association, covering the term from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 as agreed to by the parties.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

Board discussion.

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**Policy/Regulation:** Motion to approve the following, on recommendation of the Superintendent:

● **New/Revised Policies & Regulations: (Second Reading)**

- 1320 Duties of School Business Administrator – Policy
- 1330 Evaluation of School Business Administrator – Policy
- 1350 Incapacity of School Business Administrator – Policy
- 1642.01 Sick Leave – Regulation

● **New/Revised Policies & Regulations: (First Reading)**

- 2110 Philosophy of Education/District Mission Statement – Policy
- 2360 Use of Technology – Policy
- 2414 Programs & Services for Students in High Poverty and in High Needs Districts – Policy
- 2415.50 School Parent and Family Engagement – Policy
- 2417 Student Intervention and Referral – Policy
- 2624 Grading System – Policy
- 2700 Services to Nonpublic School Students – Policy
- R2431.2 Medical Examination Prior to Participation on a School-Sponsored Interscholastic or Intramural Team or Squad - Regulation

● **Abolish Policies & Regulations:**

- 2432 School Sponsored Publications – Policy & Regulation
- 2461 through 2461.12 Special Education Receiving Schools – Regulations

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

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***FYI ~ Additional Staff Attending Workshops***

<u>Name</u>	<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>
D. Ball	Nurtured Heart Approach for School Refusal	11/13/2024	-0-
L. Eberenz	NHA Training (DREAMS Grant)	12/9 - 12/13/2024	-0-
S. Jensen	GOLD for Administrators	12/16 & 12/17 2024	-0-
N. Nolan*	O.C. Curriculum Consortium	12/12/2024	-0-
A. Phillips	Reunification Planning	12/18/2024	-0-
J. Farnung	Behavioral Threat Assessment Training	12/19/2024	-0-
D. Ball	Spring 2025 NJSLA Training	1/16/2025	-0-
S. Jensen	New PS Instructional Coach Seminar	2/3/25, 2/4/25, 2/6/25, 2/7/25, 2/20/25, 3/6/25, 4/3/25, 5/1/25, 5/15/25, 5/29/25	-0-

\* Substitute needed  
 \*\*\*Grant funds used for registration

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**Board Comments:**

**Announcement**

The next Board of Education meeting will be the re-organization and regular monthly meeting scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:15 pm.

**Adjourn (if there is not a 2nd executive)**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to adjourn at \_\_\_\_\_ pm.

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_

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**Executive Session #2 (when necessary)**

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**Adjourn**

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