

**OCEAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
WARETOWN, NEW JERSEY
MEETING AGENDA
JANUARY 6, 2025**

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 January 9, 2024 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:

Mrs. Fuchs _____ Mrs. Leaming _____ Mrs. Thomas _____ Mr. Tart _____ Mrs. Zuzic _____

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:

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Educational and Community Highlights:

Responsive Classroom Presentation - Ms. Forte, Ms. Nolan, Mrs. Rapolla

Committee Reports:

Correspondence:

Minutes:

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

- Regular Meeting for December 9, 2024
- Executive Meeting for December 9, 2024

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Board discussion.

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FINANCIAL

Motion to approve the following – (see attached)

- B1. **Report of the Business Administrator**
- B2. **Warrants for Payment** – Dec 2024 and Jan 2025
- B3. **Budget Transfers** – Nov 2024
- B4. **Certification of the Budget Report** – Nov 2024
- B5. **Secretary’s Report**- Nov 2024
- B6. **Treasurer’s Report** – Nov 2024
- B7. **Tax Levy** -
- B8. **Architect of Record** - to approve Spiegle Architectural Group, Inc. as the district Architect of Record for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 with the option to renew as permitted by law.
- B9. **2025 LRIG** - to approve the attached resolution to apply for the FY25 NJDCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant to make improvements to the OTSD playgrounds.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

Board discussion.

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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	Extended Day Report
Special Education Report	Facilities Manager Report
Transportation Liaison’s Report	Nurses’s Reports (2)
Counselor’s Report	Technology Report
- **S3. Building Use:**
 - o Southern Rams Baseball Team WES Gym – Wednesdays; 1/8/25 - 3/5/25 - 6:15pm - 8:00pm.
 - o Celebration of the Arts Priff Gym – Wednesday; 4/30/25 - 5:30pm - 8:00pm.
- **S4. Transportation/Trips:**
 - o o Kindergarten Trip to Out of Sight Alpacas on May 13, 2025.
- **S5. School Calendar:**
 - o Approval of the 2025-2026 District School Calendar.

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S6. SSDS (Student Safety Data System) Period 1 Report to NJDOE:

- Incidents (reporting period of September 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024):

Waretown Elementary School	Frederic A. Priff School
Reported 0 incident	Reported 6 incidents
- HIB Confirmed (reporting period of September 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024):

Waretown Elementary School	Frederic A. Priff School
Reported 0 incident	Reported 0 incident
- HIB Alleged (reporting period of September 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024):

Waretown Elementary School	Frederic A. Priff School
Reported 1 incident	Reported 0 incident

S7. Professional Development:

- Staff Member: Suzanne Kelly; Gina LaHaye
Workshop: NJSHA Convention
Destination: Harrah’s Resort/Atlantic City
Date: March 27 & 28, 2025
Estimated Cost of Workshop: \$255.00 each
Estimated Total Mileage/Tolls: \$86.86 each
Purpose: Professional Development/Continuing education courses relating to speech therapy.
- Staff Member: Donna Bridger*
Workshop: Ukeru Train the Trainer recertification
Destination: Easton, PA.
Date: February 19, 2025
Estimated Cost of Workshop: \$575.50 each
Estimated Total Mileage/Tolls: \$111.86 each
Purpose: To be recertified to facilitate training staff in the district.
- Staff Member: Steve Soletto
Workshop: NJASA Techspo ‘25
Destination: Atlantic City, NJ
Date: January 29, 30, 31, 2025
Estimated Cost of Workshop: \$495.00
Estimated Total Mileage/Tolls: \$0
Purpose: To attend NJASA Technology Expo as a partnered speaker. Attend cybersecurity seminars for K-12 education. Speak with K-12 vendors for cost effective solutions to benefit our school district..

* Substitute needed

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

● **P1. Employments:**

- o Shayna Bezak (instructional assistant) to receive a stipend of \$1100.00 (prorated from date certificate was issued) for the 2024-25 school year for possessing an elementary substitute teaching certificate issued December 9, 2024.
- o Payment of a \$550.00 (prorated for only 12 weeks) mentoring fee to Kimberly O’Connell for mentoring Ashley Del Piano (kindergarten leave replacement teacher) for the 2024-2025 school year, pending successful completion of the mentoring and the signing of the customary promissory note).
- o Barbara Byrnes, Emily Byrnes, Karen Olkowski, and Ashley Bleichner as club advisors for the Learning Factory Club in WES for the 2024-2025 school year at the W.E.A. Contract Guide hourly rate of \$46.00 (paid for by Title I grant funds).
- o Lisa Dwyer as a part-time (3.50 hours/day) instructional assistant for the 2024-2025 school year effective January 7, 2025. Salary based on Step 1 of the W.E.A. Contract Guide at \$12,132.96 annually, \$18.84/hour (prorated). This is due to a resignation.

● **P2. Substitutes:**

- o Teacher substitute at \$122.00/day for the 2024-2025 school year – Anthony Suleski*
- o Instructional Assistant (15.49/hr.)/Bus Aide (17.25 hr.) substitute for the 2024-2025 school year – Anthony Suleski*
*pending completion of paperwork

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

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

- o 2110 Philosophy of Education/District Mission Statement – Policy
- o 2360 Use of Technology – Policy
- o 2414 Programs & Services for Students in High Poverty and in High Needs Districts – Policy
- o 2415.50 Title 1 School Parent and Family Engagement – Policy
- o 2417 Student Intervention and Referral – Policy
- o 2624 Grading System – Policy
- o 2700 Services to Nonpublic School Students – Policy
- o R2431.2 Medical Examination Prior to Participation on a School-Sponsored Interscholastic or Intramural Team or Squad - Regulation

● **Abolish Policies & Regulations (Second reading):**

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

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

- o 2365 Acceptable Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence – Policy
- o 2415.30 Title 1 Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care – Policy
- o 5512 Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying – Policy
- o 5516 Use of Electronic Communication Devices – Policy & Regulation
- o 5533 Student Smoking – Policy & Regulation
- o 5701 Academic Integrity – Policy
- o 5710 Student Grievance – Policy
- o 7441 Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds – Policy & Regulation
- o 8500 Food Services – Policy
- o 9320 Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies – Policy & Regulation

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Board discussion.

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FYI ~ Additional Staff Attending Workshops

<u>Name</u>	<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Brent Cunningham*	Southern Regional Articulation	1/9/2025	-0-
Erin Frank*	Southern Regional Articulation	1/9/2025	-0-
Kristy Nanartowicz	Southern Regional Articulation	1/9/2025	-0-
Karen Williams	Southern Regional Articulation	1/9/2025	-0-
Debra Woods*	Southern Regional Articulation	1/9/2025	-0-
Ariane Phillips	NJSLA District Coordinator Training	1/14/2025	-0-
Daggi Ball	HIB Training	1/21/2025	\$145.00
Daggi Ball	Sexting, Cyberbullying, and Media Manipulation Webcast	1/28/2025	-0-

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***Grant funds used for registration

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Board Comments:

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Executive Session

Motion to move into Executive Session at _____ pm

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

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

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:

- ✓ Student Matters - HIB
- ✓ Personnel –
- ✓ Negotiations –
- Security –
- Attorney/Client Privilege –
- Other:

Roll Call:

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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.

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Announcement

The next Board of Education meeting will be the regular monthly meeting scheduled for February 13, 2025 at 6:15 pm.

Adjourn

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to adjourn at _____ pm.
Ayes _____ Nays _____

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#2 Executive Session (when necessary)

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