

**OCEAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
WARETOWN, NEW JERSEY
MEETING AGENDA
AUGUST 21, 2025**

Call to Order:

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, 2025 to the Asbury Park 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 _____

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
- 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.

Roll Call:

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Pledge to the Flag

Presentation for Retirement - Suzanne Stanley

Presentation on the Process of a Feasibility Study - Mr. Mark Magyar, Rowan University

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:

Committee Reports:

Correspondence:

Minutes:

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

- Regular Meeting on July 24, 2025
- Executive Meeting on July 24, 2025

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

Board discussion.

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FINANCIAL

Report of the Business Administrator

Motion to approve the following – (see attached)

- B1. **Warrants for Payment** – July & Aug 2025
- B2. **Budget Transfers** – June 2025
- B3. **Certification of the Budget Report** – June 2025
- B4. **Secretary’s Report**- June 2025
- B5. **Treasurer’s Report** – June 2025
- B6. **Tax Levy** - Aug 2025
- B7. **Private School Tuition Contract** - to approve the out of district tuition contract with Neptune Township School District Regional Deaf Education Program for R.O. for (9/5/25-6/30/26) in the amount of \$64,999.80.
- B8. **SRSD OOD Tuition** - to approve the following SRSD 2025-2026 out of district tuition contracts for:
 - Y.A.L.E. School East and one to one aide J.K. - \$153,94.80
 - Collier High School A.L. - \$68,250.00
 - New Road School ESY & SY N.M. - \$83,531.70
 - Alpha School and one to one aide S.V. - \$133,261.80
 - Pinelands Regional School District and one to one aide C.M. - \$80,515.53
 - Hawkswood School ESY & SY A.L. - \$90,098.40
- B9. **Payroll Services Contract** - to approve the contract with SBO Management, LLC to provide payroll and health benefit services thru 6/30/2025 at a monthly rate of \$3,750.
- B10. **ESEA FY26 Grant** - to approve the FY 2026 ESEA grant application, and acceptance upon approval from the NJDOE for the following amounts:
 - Title IA - \$246,050
 - Title IIA - \$27,136
- B11. **CLSD Grants** - to approve the application and acceptance upon approval from the NJDOE the following Comprehensive State Literacy Development (CSLD) Grants for the following amounts:
 - Cultivating Ongoing Achievement through Coaching in Literacy (COACH) - up to \$150,000
 - Instructional Materials for Professional Advancement and Coherent TEaching (IMPACT) - \$100,000
 - Reading Intervention for Secondary Engagement (RISE) - \$30,000
- B12. **Additional FY 25 State Aid** - to accept the following additional State Aid for the 2024-2025 school year:
 - Extraordinary Aid - \$397,128
 - Nonpublic Transportation Aid - \$1,401

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- **S5. Transportation Routes:**
 - Approval of the transportation route schedules for the 2025-2026 school year.
- **S6. Job Description Revisions:**
 - Approval of the revision of the following job descriptions:
 - Child Study Team Administrative Assistant
 - Occupational Therapist
 - School Secretary
- **S7. Evaluation Tools:**
 - Approval of the Danielson Model for certificated staff and the Stronge model for administrative staff.
- **S8. Curriculum:**

Approval of the following Ocean County Curricula, which were designed to specifically align with the most recent State Board adopted version of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in the following content areas:

 - English Language Arts: NJSLS (2023)
 - Math: NJSLS (2023)
 - Science: NJSLS (2020)
 - Social Studies: NJSLS (2020)
 - Visual and Performing Arts: NJSLS (2020)
 - Computer Science and Design Thinking: NJSLS (2020)
 - Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills: NJSLS (2020)
 - Comprehensive Health and Phys. Ed.: NJSLS (2020)
 - World Language: NJSLS (2020)
 - Teaching Strategies, Inc. Creative Curriculum for Preschool (6th Edition)
- **S9. HIB Investigations:**
 - Approval of the affirmation of the administrative decision on HIB Investigation #2024/25-F7.
 - Approval of the affirmation of the administrative decision on HIB Investigation #2024/25-W3.
- **S10. Special Education:**
 - Approve the following out of district program placements for the 2025-2026 school year:

<u>Students</u>	<u>Placement</u>
Elementary School (4 th)	Katzenbach
Elementary School (4 th)	Education Academy
Elementary School (2 nd)	Manchester Day School
Elementary School (3 rd)	Summerfield Elementary, Neptune
Elementary School (3 rd)	Alpha School
Southern Regional (10 th)	Alpha School
Southern Regional (12 th)	YALE School
Southern Regional (12 th)	Hawkswood School
Southern Regional (12 th)	Collier High School Transition Program
Southern Regional (12 th)	New Road School
Southern Regional (12 th)	Pinelands Regional

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o Approve the following independent providers for Child Study Team and Intervention and Referral Service evaluation purposes:

<u>Special Education Providers:</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Educational Audiology Resources, LLC	Audiology	\$350/audiological-\$850/CAP
Garden State Hearing & Balance Center	Audiology	\$200/audiological \$400/CAP
Educational Specialized Associates LLC	Various Evaluations	Various dependent on EVAL
Ocean Eye Institute	Optometric	\$180
Snyder Eye Group	Optometric	\$170
Southern Shores Eye Center	Optometric	\$175
CNNH/Ronald Barabas, M.D.	Neurological	\$660
Meridian Pediatric/Dr. Dorothy Pietrucha	Neurological	\$175
Advance Psychiatric Care/Alexander Iofin, M.D.	Psychiatric	\$300
Dr. Clifford Barneman	Psychologist	\$600
Dr. Deepti Varma, MD/Coastal Psychiatry	Psychiatric	\$800
MOESC	Various Evaluations	TBD
Delta Group	Contracted/Substitutes	TBD
Zen Behavior LLC/Jennifer Conforth	FBA Assessment	\$600/eval: \$80/hr consultation
Saundra Piscitelli	ASL Interpreter	\$65/hr. - minimum of 2 hrs.
Stacey Arnett	Psychological Evaluations	\$300/eval
Educational Specialized Associates LLC	Various Evaluations	Various fee dependent on eval
Oxford Consulting	Bi-Lingual Evaluations	\$650/eval
New Age Behavioral Consultants, LLC	Various Evaluations	Various fees dependent on eval
Dr. Marissa Geary	Psychological Evaluations	\$550
Jennifer Clarici	Teacher of the Deaf Consult	\$46/hr
Melissa Phillips	Deaf/Hard of Hearing	\$850/eval
Bonnie Nelson LDTC	Ed eval/\$375, \$85/hr CST Meeting	
Karen Noble	Deaf/Hard of Hearing	\$850/eval
Dr. Brett Bersano	Deaf/Hard of Hearing	\$950/Psych eval \$2400/Psych-ed eval \$3500/Neuro-psych eval Meetings/\$125/hr.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

Board discussion.

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

- **P1. Resignation:**

- o To accept, with regret, the resignation of Sara Carpini, instructional assistant, effective September 1, 2025, last day in district will be August 31, 2025.

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● **P2. Substitutes:**

- Teacher substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year at the established rate (\$122.00/day) – Kathleen Appleby, Dana Bellino, Debra Brown, Melissa Calello, Cristina Capralov, Melissa Casella, Ingrid Ciaston, Dayna Collamer*, Janice Cusmano, Kathleen Daskalakis, Christine Enright, Patricia Keane, Gregory Levine, Diane Maloney, Susan Nord, Dawn Revell, Mary Anne Sadecki, Kaitlyn Smith*, Patricia Somma, Anthony Suleski, Terry Suleski, Donna VanPelt, Margaret Zybrick.
- Instructional Assistant/Bus Aide substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year at the established rate (Instructional assistant (15.49/hr.) & Bus Aide (17.25 hr.) – Kathleen Appleby, Barbara Brennan*, Linda Brummer, Melissa Calello, Nicole Callaghan, Cristina Capralov, Melissa Casella, Ingrid Ciaston, Dayna Collamer, Janice Cusmano, Nancy Denver, Ruth Elwood, Susan Gethard, Trudy Giberson, Karen Helshein, Faith Kurywczak, Angela Lalli, Kellie Lane, Amanda Lange, Gwen McLaughlin, Barbara Neuner, Susan Nord, Sharon O’Hearn, Judy Rea, Dawn Revell, Melody Ridsen, Jennifer Severin, Patricia Somma, Janet Strich, Judith Tuchman, Donna VanPelt, Kelley Wolek, Margaret Zybrick.
- Cafeteria/Bus Aide substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year at the following rates cafeteria (15.49/hr.) & Bus Aide (17.25 hr.) – Barbara Brennan*, Kathleen Daskalakis, Miriam DeLaRosa, Nancy Denver, Ruth Elwood, Susan Gethard, Anne Keymer, Angela Lalli, Kellie Lane, Barbara Neuner, Sharon O’Hearn, Jennifer Severin.
- Custodial substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year at the established rate (15.49/hr.) – Marilyn Blair, Michael Corliss, Loretta Kochel.
- Nurse substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year at the established rate (\$132.00/day) – Jennifer Kraljevich, Marie Marucci.

*pending completed paperwork

● **P3. Homebound Instructor:**

- The following staff member as a Homebound Instructor for the 2025-2026 school year at the current contracted rate: Barbara Byrnes.

● **P4. Employments:**

- Frances Sweeney as an occupational therapist for the 2025-2026 school year. Salary based on MA Step A of the W.E.A. Contract Guide at \$59,712.00. This position is due to a retirement.
- Natalie Nasaka as a full-time instructional assistant for the 2025-2026 school year. Salary based on Step 2 of the W.E.A. Contract Guide at \$24,865.00. This position is due to a resignation.
- Lisa Toth as a part-time (3.50 hours/day) instructional assistant for the 2025 - 2026 school year. Salary based on Step 2 of the W.E.A. Contract Guide at \$12,583.76 annually. This position is due to a resignation.
- Frances Deman as a 1 hour/day transportation aide for the 2025-2026 school year. Salary based on the W.E.A. contract guide at \$17.89/hour.
- Elizabeth Arroyo as a 1 hour/day transportation aide for the 2025-2026 school year. Salary based on the W.E.A. contract guide at \$17.89/hour.
- Sandra Foley as a 1 hour/day transportation aide for the 2025-2026 school year. Salary based on the W.E.A. contract guide at \$17.89/hour.
- Natalie Nasatka as a 1 hour/day transportation aide for the 2025-2026 school year. Salary based on the W.E.A. contract guide at \$17.89/hour.
- Nicole Dennis as a 1 hour/day transportation aide for the 2025-2026 school year. Salary based on the W.E.A. contract guide at \$17.89/hour.
- Janet Strich as a 1 hour/day transportation aide for the 2025-2026 school year. Salary based on the W.E.A. contract guide at \$17.89/hour.
- Amanda Vega as a 1.75 hour/day transportation aide for the 2025-2026 school year. Salary based on the W.E.A. contract guide at \$17.89/hour.
- Alyssa Cute as a .5 hour/day transportation aide for the 2025-2026 school year. Salary based on the W.E.A. contract guide at \$17.89/hour.
- Suzanne Kelly, as a substitute Dean of Students, as needed. Salary of \$125.00 per diem.
- Payment of a \$550.00 mentoring fee to Megan Velardi for mentoring Anisa Tula for the 2025-2026 school year, pending successful completion of the mentoring year and the signing of the customary promissory note.

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● **P5. Club Advisors:**

Club advisors for the following activities/clubs for the 2025-2026 school year at the hourly rates of \$46.00 for teachers and \$26.00 for support staff:

K. Lange/E. Rothstein	Mindfulness Club (WES) (1st, 2nd)
G. Kemether	Kids Care Club (WES) (2nd)
K. Lange	Gifted & Talented Club (WES) (K, 1st, 2nd)
B. Byrnes/E. Byrnes	Little Makers Club (WES) (1st)
C. Roth/A. Kochinski	Math Minds (WES) (2nd)
D. Bridger	Lego Club (WES) (2nd)
D. Ball/S. Russak	PLUS Club (Priff) (6th)
R. Connor	Guitar & Ukulele (Priff) (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th)
R. Connor	Band (Priff) (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th)
R. Connor	Strings (Priff) (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th)
R. Connor/L. Eberenz	Theatre Arts (Priff) (4th, 5th, 6th)
A. Bleichner/C. Harper	Yearbook Club (Priff) (6th)
M. Coppola/A. Soletto	Student Council (Priff) (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th)
J. Bamber/K. Hoffman/A. Pohlman	4th Gr. Homework Club (Priff)
N. Nolan/A. Soletto	5th Gr. Homework Club (Priff)
M. Coppola	6th Gr. Homework Club (Priff)
B. Cunningham	Space Exploration Club (Priff) (5th, 6th)
S. Russak/D. Ball	Intergenerational Club (Priff) (4th, 5th)
M. Doyle	REACH Club (Priff) (3rd, 4th)
B. Cacoilo	REACH Club (Priff) (5th, 6th)
J. Riden/A. Saranczak	Safety Patrol (Priff) (6th)
D. Bridger/M. Lyon	Garden Club (Priff) (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th)
B. Cunningham	Fire Investigators (Priff) (5th, 6th)
D. Ball/C. Bokey	Lip Dub Club (Priff) (6th)
L. Rossino	Chess Club (Priff) (4th, 5th, 6th)
D. Ball/M. Coppola	Design a Game Club (Priff) (3rd, 4th, 5th)-funded by Township
L. Rossino	3rd Grade Chess Club (Priff)-10 hrs. funded by Township
D. Ball/M. Coppola	Creation Club (Priff) (3rd, 4th, 5th)- funded by Township

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

- **New/Revised Policies & Regulations: (Second Reading)**
 - o 8320 Personnel Records – Policy
 - o 8350 Records Retention – Policy

- **New/Revised Policies & Regulations: (First Reading)**
 - o 5339.01 Student Sun Protection – Policy
 - o 9210 Parent Organizations – Policy
 - o 9400 Media Relations – Policy

- **Abolish Policies/Regulation (Second reading):**
 - o 8464 Missing Children – Policy
 - o 8810 Religious Holidays – Policy
 - o R8540 Free & Reduced Meals – Regulation

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

Board discussion.

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Open Public Forum:

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.

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Board Comments:

Announcement

The next Board of Education meeting will be the Regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 6:15 pm.

Adjourn

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

Ayes _____ Nays _____

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Second Executive Session (when necessary)

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- Other: _____

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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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