

**OCEAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
WARETOWN, NEW JERSEY
MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

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 on the Ocean Township School District website; also emailed on January 9, 2026 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 _____ 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:

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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

Club Presentation - Priff Student Council - Mrs. Coppola, Mrs. Soletto & Student Members

Open Public Forum: Agenda Items Only

Motion by _____ seconded by _____, to open public forum.

Roll Call:

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

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: QSAC Interim Review Update

Committee Reports:

Correspondence:

Minutes:

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

- Reorganization Meeting on January 8, 2026
- Regular Meeting on January 8, 2026
- Executive Meeting on January 8, 2026

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** – Jan & Feb 2026
- B2. **Budget Transfers** – Dec 2025
- B3. **Certification of the Budget Report** – Dec 2025
- B4. **Secretary’s Report**- Dec 2025
- B5. **Treasurer’s Report** – Dec 2025
- B6. **Tax Levy** - Jan 2026
- B7. **Tuition Contract** - To approve an out of district 2nd grade student to attend Waretown Elementary from Galloway Twp Public Schools. Pro-rated tuition from 2/2/26-6/30/26 for \$7,539.30.
- B8. **ESEA Consolidated** - To approve and accept upon approval by the DOE, the submission of the amendment application to carry-over the following 2024-2025 ESEA Consolidated Grant Funds into the 2025-2026 ESEA Consolidated Grant applications:
 - Title IA - \$21,900
 - Title IIA - \$977
- B9. **LRFP Submission** - Be it resolved, by the Ocean Township Board of Education, to approve the amendment of the 2022 Long Range Facilities Plan to address the five-year reporting requirements and to be consistent with proposed school facilities projects. Further, the Board authorizes Spiezle Architectural Group Inc, to make the submission to the Department of Education on behalf of the district.
- B10. **Debt Service Aid Project** - Be it Resolved, by the Ocean Township Board of Education, to approve the submission of the below listed projects to the New Jersey Department of Education, for review and Department approval of a “school facilities project” with debt service aid state funding and amendment of the long-range plan to be consistent with the project.

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- 1. Building Envelope Upgrades
- 2. Fire Alarm System Upgrades
- 3. Generator Upgrades
- 4. MEP Upgrades
- 5. Interior Renovations

Further, these projects will be at the following locations:

- 1. Waretown Elementary School
- 2. Frederic A. Priff Elementary School

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

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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 Reports	Technology Report
Special Education Report	Facilities Manager Report
Transportation Liaison's Report	Nurses's Report
Staff Attendance Report	Counselor's Report
Student Attendance Report	
- **S3. Building Use:**
 - Priff Student Council Priff Gym for Blood Drive – Wednesday 2/18/2026 – 1:30pm-7:30pm
 - Waretown PTO (father/daughter dance registration) Priff main entrance hallway
Sat., 2/14/26 & Sat., 2/21/26 - 9:00am-11:00am;
Tues. 2/24/26 4:30pm-6:00pm; Thurs., 2/26/26 - 6:00pm -7:30pm.
 - Waretown PTO (Spring Book Fair) Priff back hallway - Wed., 3/11/26 & Thurs., 3/12/26 - 4:30pm-8:00pm
- **S4. Transportation/Trips:**
 - Sixth Grade Trip to the STAC Center for Sportsmanship Day on Thursday, March 26, 2026.
 - Mrs. Kern's Class Trip to Toms River Field of Dreams on Friday, May 22, 2026.
 - Safety Patrol Trip to Wells Mills County Park on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.
 - Third Grade Class Trip to the Tuckerton Seaport on Wednesday, June 3, 2026.
 - Fifth Grade Class Trip to Cattus Island on Thursday, June 4, 2026.
 - Mrs. Bridger's Class Trip to Barnegat Light Park & Trailside Gardens on Friday, June 5, 2026.
- **S5. Right at School Summer Program:**
 - Approval of Right at School Summer Program flyer.
- **S6. Professional Development:**
 - Staff Member: Donna Bridger*
Workshop: Ukeru Re-Certification Training
Destination: Easton, PA.
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026
Estimated Cost of Workshop: \$550.71
Estimated Total Mileage/Tolls: 236 miles@\$.47 = \$110.92/\$10.00
Purpose: The re-certification process is a requirement for special education staff. The purpose is to ensure that professionals in any setting providing care, welfare, safety and security to individuals with a range of crisis behaviors maintain their knowledge and skills.
 - Staff Member: Deborah Cullen
Workshop: NJ School Nurses "At the Heart of Student Success" (NJSSNA Yearly Conference)
Destination: Hilton, East Brunswick, NJ
Date: Saturday, March 28, 2026
Estimated Cost of Workshop: \$199.00
Estimated Total Mileage/Tolls: 137 Miles@\$.47 = \$64.39/\$7.00?
Purpose: To maintain up to date information in regards to school nursing.

* Substitute needed

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- **S7. NJ Accelerated Learning Program: High Impact Tutoring Grant**

- o Approve the submission of the NJ High Impact Tutoring Grant. This limited-competitive grant program is open to all operating New Jersey public school districts serving students in grades three through six.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

Board discussion.

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

- **P1. Employments:**

- o Payment of a \$256.52 (14 weeks) mentoring fee to Gail Kemether for mentoring Holly Jennings (Leave Replacement Teacher) for the 2025-2026 school year, pending successful completion of the mentoring and the signing of the customary promissory note.
- o Anthony Suleski as a part-time (25 hours/week) School Secretary, effective Friday, February 13, 2026, for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year. Salary prorated at \$26,543.00. This position is due to a resignation.

- **P2. Leave of Absence:**

- o A leave of absence, without pay, for Debra Cicero, lunch/recess assistant, beginning June 1, 2026 through June 8, 2026, returning Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

- **P3. Resignation:**

- o To accept, with regret, the resignation of Pamela Nicholais, part-time school secretary, effective February 12, 2026.

- **P4. Substitutes:**

- o Instructional Assistant/Bus Aide substitute for the 2025-2026 school year at the established rate (Instructional assistant (15.92/hr.) & Bus Aide (17.25 hr.) – Shannon DiDonato.
- o Cafeteria/Bus Aide substitute for the 2025-2026 school year at the following rates cafeteria (15.92/hr.) & Bus Aide (17.25 hr.) – Linda McCombie*.
- o Custodian substitute for the 2025-2026 school year at the established rate (\$15.92/hr.) – Michael Settlecowski.
*pending completed paperwork

- **P5. Club Advisor:**

Club advisor for the following club for the 2025-2026 school year at the hourly rates of \$46.00 for teachers:

L. Rossino Chess Club (WES) (2nd) **Paid for through the Municipal Alliance

- **P6. Intermittent Leave:**

- o An intermittent family leave of absence, without pay, for Stacey Russak, teacher, beginning February 8, 2025.

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- **P7. Employment of the following staff members under the revised 2025-2026 salary guides:**

- *Non-tenured Staff:*

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Sarah Brady (9/2026)	Preschool	\$62,527
Jennifer Bamber (9/2026)	Grade 4	64,027
Brielle Cacoilo (9/2026)	Resource Program Gr. 6	62,527
Kendra Cooper (9/2026)	Preschool	62,527
Sharon Jensen (9/2026)	Preschool Master Teacher	69,577
Mary Kern (9/2026)	Special Class (Multiple Disabilities)	65,027
Daggi Ball (1/2027)	Counselor	64,027
Annie Forte (9/2027)	Grade 1	69,717
Barbara Byrnes (9/2028)	ESL Teacher	64,377
Julia Farnung (9/2028)	Social Worker	61,977
Kaitlyn Caruso (9/2028)	Preschool	60,477
Mary Ferraiuolo (9/2028)	Preschool	60,477
Katy Nowell (9/2028)	Resource Program Gr. 3	60,477
Emily Byrnes (9/2028)	Grade 2	60,477
Megan Velardi (9/2028)	Kindergarten	66,527
Ashley Del Piano (2029)	Resource Program Gr. 4	59,677
Elisabeth Perez (9/2029)	P/T Foreign Language	39,310
Daniella Pineno (9/2029)	Basic Skills Instruction	64,027
Frances Sweeney (9/2029)	OT	61,177
Anisa Tula (2029)	Kindergarten	59,677
Holly Jennings (temporary leave replacement)	Grade 1 effective 1/5/26	59,677

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o *Certificated Staff:*

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Jennifer Dybas	Preschool	\$82,317
Mary Flaherty	Preschool	66,527
Kelly Lange	Preschool	68,077
Emily Rothstein	Preschool	68,077
Holly Haman	Preschool (Multiple Disabilities)	68,027
Donna Bridger	Special Class (Multiple Disabilities)	79,917
Mary VanLuvender	Special Class (Multiple Disabilities)	87,117
Kimberly O'Connell	Kindergarten	83,817
Kala Martin	Kindergarten	73,517
Karen Olkowski	Grade 1	87,117
Christine Roth	Grade 1	87,117
Ashley Bleichner	Grade 2	79,917
Amanda Kochinski	Grade 2	87,117
Kellie Gibson	Grade 3	77,717
Elizabeth McKnight	Grade 3	79,917
Christopher Roth	Grade 3	87,117
Melanie Doyle	Grade 4	82,317
Alison Pohlman	Grade 4	87,117
Nikki Nolan	Grade 5	69,577
Ashley Soletto	Grade 5	79,917
Brent Cunningham	Grade 6	79,917
Jenna Ridsen	Grade 6	79,217
Gail Kemether	Resource Program Gr. 1	87,117
Louis Rossino, Jr.	Resource Program Gr. 2	85,717
Stacey Russak	Resource Program Gr. 3	66,527
Kelly Hoffman	Resource Program Gr. 4	88,617
Sandra Rapolla	Resource Program Gr. 5	73,517
Megan Coppola	Resource Program Gr. 6	71,517
Lisa Dreher	Basic Skills Instruction	87,117
Gina LaHaye	Speech Teacher	88,617
Suzanne Kelly	Speech Teacher	90,117
Richard Doyle	Physical Education	79,917
Beth Ridsen	Part-Time Physical Education	36,952
Robert Connor	Performing Arts/Music	81,417
Gretchen Short	Art	84,717
Chelsey Bokey	STEAM Teacher	71,517
Lauren Eberenz	Counselor	79,217
Kristy Nanartowicz	Psychologist	90,117
Karen Williams	LDT/C	85,317
Deborah Cullen	Nurse	79,917
Frances Farnung	Nurse	79,917

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o *Instructional Assistants:*

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Janet VanHetHoen	Instructional Assistant	\$32,942
Frances Rutan	Instructional Assistant	32,942
Evelyn Vereb	Instructional Assistant	32,942
Amy Saranczak	Instructional Assistant	32,942
Madeline Lyon	Instructional Assistant	29,142
Lisa Adams	Instructional Assistant	27,007
Patrice Arneth	Instructional Assistant	26,507
Denise Torrell	Instructional Assistant	26,507
Sandra Foley	Instructional Assistant	26,507
Jennifer Bevan	Instructional Assistant	25,807
Shayna Bezak	Instructional Assistant	25,807+1100.00 stipend
Alyssa Cute	Instructional Assistant	25,807
Amanda Harrison	Instructional Assistant	25,807
Christina Jenkinson-Wisk	Instructional Assistant	25,807+1100.00 stipend
Elizabeth Arroyo	Instructional Assistant	25,597
Evelin Castro	Instructional Assistant	25,597
Katelyn Morejon	Instructional Assistant	25,597+1100.00 stipend
Amanda Vega	Instructional Assistant	25,597
Christina Castellano	Instructional Assistant	25,397
Nicole Dennis	Instructional Assistant	25,397+1100.00 stipend
Natalie Nasatka	Instructional Assistant	25,397
Michelle Wood	P/T Instructional Assistant	18,360+1100.00 stipend
Frances Deman	P/T Instructional Assistant	12,851
Talia Dimone	P/T Instructional Assistant	12,851
Heather Santiago	P/T Instructional Assistant	12,851
Lisa Toth	P/T Instructional Assistant	12,851
Laura Solleder	P/T Instructional Assistant (effective 11/17/26)	12,751

o *Secretarial Staff:*

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Elaine Chiarella	Administrative Secretary	\$50,549
Carol Widmer	Administrative Secretary	50,549
Sharon Ciccone	School Secretary	39,888
Marcel Cummings	P/T CST Secretary	33,982
Pamela Nicholais	P/T School Secretary (resignation date 2/11/26)	26,543

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o *Cafeteria Staff:*

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Melissa Pezzicola	Ass't Cafeteria Mgr./Cafeteria Worker	\$27,542+1165.00 stipend
Sherry Fortner	Cashier/Cafeteria Worker	9,000
Kelly Butler	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	9,135
Trudy Giberson	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	8,222
Linda Ziegenfuss	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	9,135
Catherine Glascock	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	8,100
Janet Strich	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	9,000
Kelley Wolek	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	7,200
Linda Brummer	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	9,000
Jennifer Wilbert	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	6,779
Gwen McLaughlin	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	6,653
Lynn Boyle	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant(terminated 10/10/25)	6,462
Doreen Hartman	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	6,462
Laura Solleder	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant (resigned 11/16/25)	6,426
Carolyn Giannakaras	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	6,390
Debra Cicero	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant (effective 1/5/26)	6,354
Alyse Fay	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant (effective 1/20/26)	6,354

o *Custodial Staff:*

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Brenda Langoski	Custodian	(step 6) 46,600+1593.00 stipend
James Bell	Custodian	(step 6) 46,600+3186.00 stipend
Carmine Auletta	Custodian	(step 6) 46,600+1593.00 stipend
Anibal Pineda	Custodian (effective 9/1/2025)	(step 1) 45,600+1593.00 stipend

o *Administrative Support Staff:*

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Tina Casella	Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator	63,258
Carol Harper	Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/Board Secretary	73,859

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

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

- **New/Revised Policies & Regulations: (First Reading)**
 - o 0142.1 Nepotism – Bylaw
 - o 1220 Employment of Chief School Administrator – Policy

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

Board discussion.

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FYI ~ Additional Staff Attending Workshops

<u>Name</u>	<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>
D. Ball; L. Eberenz	Monuments, Memory & Meaning	2/12/2026	-0-
A. Phillips	NJSLA - Adaptive Training	2/27/2026	-0-

* Substitute needed

Open Public Forum:

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to open public forum.

Roll Call:

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

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

Close Public Forum:

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to close public forum.

Roll Call:

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Board Comments:

Announcement

The next Board of Education meeting will be the regular monthly meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2026 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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- Security –
- Attorney/Client Privilege –
- 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.

Roll Call:

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