

**OCEAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
WARETOWN, NEW JERSEY
MEETING AGENDA
APRIL 16, 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 April 13, 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. Pimm _____ 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

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 March 26, 2026
- Executive Meeting on March 26, 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** – March & April 2026
- B2. **Budget Transfers** – Feb 2026
- B3. **Certification of the Budget Report** – Feb 2026
- B4. **Secretary's Report**- Feb 2026
- B5. **Treasurer's Report** – Feb 2026
- B6. **Right At School Agreement** - to approve the agreement with Right At School for before and aftercare services for the period beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- B7. **HVAC Mechanical Maintenance Services** - to approve the Business Administrator to solicit quotes for HVAC Mechanical Maintenance Services for the 2026- 2027 school year. If quotations are higher than the bid threshold, the board authorizes the Business Administrator to advertise to go out for bid for HVAC Mechanical Maintenance services.
- B8. **Dental Renewal** - to approve Delta Dental as the dental insurance provider for the 2026-2027 school year. There will be a 5% increase in dental rates.
- B9. **Renewal of Food Service Management Contract** - approve the renewal language below for our contract with Pomptonian, Inc. for the 2026-2027 school year. This is our second renewal of four possible annual renewals.

Food Service 2026-2027

Management Fee Language

1. FSMC Fee: The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, an administrative/management fee of \$0.2139 per reimbursable meal and meal equivalent to compensate the FSMC for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be billed monthly as a cost of operation. The SFA guarantees the payment of such costs and fee to the FSMC.

Total meals are calculated by adding reimbursable meal pattern meals served and meal equivalents. The number of reimbursable meals served to the children shall be determined by actual count. Cash receipts, other than from sales of reimbursable program meals served to the children, shall be divided by \$4.095 to arrive at an equivalent meal count. The per meal administrative/management fee of \$0.2139 will be multiplied by total meals.

2. There is no guaranteed financial performance

3. Total Cost of Contract:

Total expenses (cost) include food, labor, supplies, other expenses, and FSMC management fee. The Total Cost of Contract is \$283,895.44.

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- B10. **GHR Education** - to approve the agreement with GHR Education to provide related services on an as needed basis for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- B11. **Professional Service Agreement - Phoenix Advisors** - to approve Phoenix Advisors for school bond services for the upcoming bond referendum. This agreement is effective through June 30, 2027.
- B12. **PEA Submission** - to approve the Preschool Education Aid (PEA) Budget workbook and narrative for the 2026-2027 school year and authorize the submission to the NJ Department of Education.

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 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 Variety Show – Thursday 5/21/2026 – 5:30pm-7:30pm
- **S4. HIB Investigation:**
 - The affirmation of the administrative decision on HIB Investigation #2025/26-W5.
 - The affirmation of the administrative decision on HIB Investigation #2025/26-W6.
 - The affirmation of the administrative decision on HIB Investigation #2025/26-W7.
 - The affirmation of the administrative decision on HIB Investigation #2025/26-F3.
- **S5. Professional Development:**
 - Staff Member: K. Nanartowicz; K. Williams
 - Workshop: Woodcock-Johnson V Assessment Training
 - Destination: Tinton Falls, NJ
 - Date: May 29, 2026
 - Estimated Cost of Workshop: \$250.00 each
 - Estimated Total Mileage/Tolls: 80 miles @ \$.47/\$10.00 tolls
 - Purpose: Training on the latest edition of this assessment. Training will provide an overview of the updated test, including key changes from previous versions. This workshop will support the transition to the new version of this assessment.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

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

- **P1. Employments:**
 - o To extend Holly Jennings contract as a first grade leave replacement teacher, effective May 18, 2026 through June 30, 2026. Salary based on Step A of the W.E.A. Contract Guide at \$58,212.00 (prorated).
- **P2. Abolish/Create Positions:**
 - o To abolish the full time special education instructional assistant/one-to-one instructional assistant position effective June 30, 2026.
 - o To approve the creation of the part-time instructional assistant position effective July 1, 2026.
- **P3. Resignation:**
 - o To accept, with regret, the resignation of Elaine Chiarella, administrative assistant, effective September 1, 2026, last day in district will be August 31, 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.) – Dawn VanBrunt*. *pending completed paperwork
- **P3. Employment of the following staff members for the 2026-2027 school year:**
 - o *Non-tenured Staff:*

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Daggi Ball (1/2027)	P/T Counselor	\$48,500
Barbara Byrnes (9/2028)	ESL Teacher/Resource Program Gr. 4	67,392
Julia Farnung (9/2028)	Social Worker	64,817
Sharon Jensen	Preschool Master Teacher	73,117
Elisabeth Perez (9/2029)	P/T Foreign Language	41,156
Daniella Pineno (9/2029)	Preschool	67,092
Frances Sweeney (9/2029)	OT	63,917

- o *Certificated Staff:*

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Sarah Brady	Preschool	\$65,592
Jennifer Dybas	Preschool	86,717
Mary Flaherty	Preschool	69,967
Mary Kern	Special Class (Multiple Disabilities)	68,417
Kelly Lange	Preschool	71,617
Emily Rothstein	Preschool	71,617
Holly Haman	Preschool (Multiple Disabilities)	71,467
Donna Bridger	Special Class (Multiple Disabilities)	84,317
Mary VanLuvender	Special Class (Multiple Disabilities)	89,117
Kellie Gibson	Kindergarten	81,917
Kala Martin	Kindergarten	77,417
Karen Olkowski	Grade 1	89,117
Christine Roth	Grade 1	89,117
Ashley Bleichner	Grade 2	84,317
Amanda Kochinski	Grade 2	89,117
Elizabeth McKnight	Grade 3	84,317
Christopher Roth	Grade 3	89,117
Melanie Doyle	Grade 4	86,717
Alison Pohlman	Grade 4	89,117

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Chelsey Bokey	Grade 5	75,417
Ashley Soletto	Grade 5	84,317
Brent Cunningham	Grade 6	84,317
Jenna Ridsen	Grade 6	83,417
Gail Kemether	Resource Program Gr. 1	89,117
Louis Rossino, Jr.	Resource Program Gr. 2	87,117
Stacey Russak	Resource Program Gr. 3	69,917
Kelly Hoffman	Resource Program Gr. 4	90,617
Nikki Nolan	Resource Program Gr. 5	73,117
Sandra Rapolla	Resource Program Gr. 5	77,417
Megan Coppola	Resource Program Gr. 6	75,417
Lisa Dreher	Basic Skills Instruction	89,117
Gina LaHaye	Speech Teacher	90,617
Suzanne Kelly	Speech Teacher	92,117
Richard Doyle	Physical Education	84,317
Beth Ridsen	P/T Physical Education	38,673
Robert Connor	P/T Performing Arts/Music	62,036
Gretchen Short	P/T Art	64,422
Lauren Eberenz	Counselor	83,417
Kristy Nanartowicz	Psychologist	92,117
Karen Williams	LDT/C	89,717
Deborah Cullen	Nurse	84,317
Frances Farnung	Nurse	84,317

o Instructional Assistants:

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Janet VanHetHoen	P/T Instructional Assistant	\$19,580
Frances Rutan	P/T Instructional Assistant	19,580
Evelyn Vereb	P/T Instructional Assistant	19,580
Amy Saranczak	P/T Instructional Assistant	19,580
Madeline Lyon	P/T Instructional Assistant	17,845
Lisa Adams	P/T Instructional Assistant	16,529
Patrice Arneth	P/T Instructional Assistant	16,153
Denise Torrell	P/T Instructional Assistant	16,153
Sandra Foley	P/T Instructional Assistant	16,153
Jennifer Bevan	P/T Instructional Assistant	15,633
Shayna Bezak	P/T Instructional Assistant	15,633+1100.00 stipend
Alyssa Cute	P/T Instructional Assistant	15,633
Amanda Harrison	P/T Instructional Assistant	15,633
Christina Jenkinson-Wisk	P/T Instructional Assistant	15,633+1100.00 stipend
Elizabeth Arroyo	P/T Instructional Assistant	15,459
Evelin Castro	P/T Instructional Assistant	15,459
Katelyn Morejon	P/T Instructional Assistant	15,459+1100.00 stipend
Amanda Vega	P/T Instructional Assistant	15,459
Christina Castellano	P/T Instructional Assistant	15,341
Nicole Dennis	P/T Instructional Assistant	15,341+1100.00 stipend
Natalie Nasatka	P/T Instructional Assistant	15,341

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o *Secretarial Staff:*

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Elaine Chiarella	Administrative Secretary(resignation date 9/1/26)	52,749
Carol Widmer	Administrative Secretary	52,749
Sharon Ciccone	School Secretary	41,488
Marcel Cummings	P/T CST Secretary	35,155
Anthony Suleski	P/T School Secretary	27,316

o *Cafeteria Staff:*

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Melissa Pezzicola	Ass't Cafeteria Mgr./Cafeteria Worker	\$28,755+1165.00 stipend
Sherry Fortner	Cashier/Cafeteria Worker	9,351
Kelly Butler	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	9,351
Trudy Giberson	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	8,537
Linda Ziegenfuss	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	9,486
Catherine Glascock	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	8,416
Janet Strich	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	9,351
Kelley Wolek	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	7,481
Linda Brummer	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	9,351
Jennifer Wilbert	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	7,193
Gwen McLaughlin	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	7,063
Doreen Hartman	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	6,829
Carolyn Giannakaros	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	6,703
Debra Cicero	Lunchroom/Recess Assistant	6,667

o *Custodial Staff:*

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Brenda Langoski	Custodian	48,600+1593.00 stipend
James Bell	Custodian	48,600+3186.00 stipend
Anibal Pineda	Custodian	47,760+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	65,156
Carol Harper	Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/Board Secretary	76,075
Samuel Pepe	Facilities Manager/Custodian	86,616
Stephen Soletto	Network Administrator	107,895

o *Administrative Staff:*

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Sarah Reinhold	Principal/Director of Special Education	\$143,328

o *Additional Personnel:*

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
James Suddeth	Medical Inspector	\$3000.00

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

- **New/Revised Policies & Regulations: (Second Reading)**
 - o 1552 Sexual Harassment – Policy & Regulation
- **Abolish Policies/Regulations (Second Reading):**
 - o 3362 Sexual Harassment Teaching Staff – Policy & Regulation
 - o 4352 Sexual Harassment Support Staff – Policy & Regulation

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>
Gretchen Short*	Celebration of the Arts	5/18/26	-0-

* Substitute needed

Open Public Forum:

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

Roll Call:

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Close Public Forum:

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Board Comments:

Announcement

The next Board of Education meeting will be the Public Budget Hearing meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 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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Return to Public Forum:

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