

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Oceanside Board of Education, Oceanside Union Free School District, duly called and held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Oceanside High School (School #7), 3160 Skillman Avenue, Oceanside, New York.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Attendance: President Transom, Vice President Maresca, Mr. Blau, Mr. D'Ambrosio, Mrs. Garrity and Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern and Mrs. Schoell. Also in attendance were Superintendent Harrington and Assistant Superintendents DeRosa, Fenter and Van Cott.

A motion was made by Mr. Transom and seconded by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern at 6:01 p.m. to move into executive session in the library of Oceanside High School.

A motion was made by Mr. D'Ambrosio and seconded by Mr. Maresca at 7 25 p.m. to adjourn executive session and move into public session.

CALL TO ORDER

In Attendance: President Transom, Vice President Maresca, Mr. Blau, Mr. D'Ambrosio, Mrs. Garrity and Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern and Mrs. Schoell. Also in attendance were Superintendent Harrington and Assistant Superintendents DeRosa, Fenter and Van Cott and District Clerk Green.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Samantha Girschick, an Oceanside High School student.

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Maresca to accept the Treasurers' Report, the Transfer of Funds Report and the Internal Claims Auditor Review of Warrants for file. A question was raised concerning the large balances in certain EC accounts. Mr. Van Cott explained that the balances were the result of invoices pertaining to the end of the 2014/2015 school year which were received late in August and are pending payment as well as donation to be paid to humanitarian causes. Disbursement is expected shortly.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Update: Report on Opening of School – Dr. Harrington stated that we had a very smooth opening despite the fact that school started four days before Labor Day and the weather was very warm. Dr. Harrington referred to the blow-up rodent in the front of the high school. She advised that the district has been very public about this issue. The district followed all the rules. We went out to bid and were guided by Municipal law. We hired the lowest responsible bidder and those firms are required to pay prevailing wages but they are not required to be unionized. We do not know how much longer this demonstration will continue but it is not impeding instruction or safety.

Goals and Objectives 2015/2016 – Dr. Harrington explained that the Goals & Objectives for 2015/2016 were presented to the Board of Education for review and adoption at the August Board meeting. They are being presented again this evening to the community (attached to the records of this meeting). Mr. Fenter provided a PowerPoint presentation on the core beliefs which enable students to succeed keeping in mind the diverse talents and abilities of our students. He explained that some goals are a continuation from last year and are goals in progress and some are new. They will be discussed over the course of the entire school year at staff, faculty, department and Board meetings.

Assessment Results - Mr. Fenter provided a presentation (which will be posted on the district website) on our Annual District Performance Report for 2014/2015. Assessment results tell us only one part of the report. The report is an overview of our district's AP results, Regents results, grades 3-8 Assessment results and future pathways, which will be discussed at future Board meetings. Oceanside High School is named in the top 5 percent of all high schools across the country. Our graduation rate is actually 98%

with a very small group of students who are not successful. We track those students and provide programs to help them become successful. Athletics, co-curricular and arts programs provide us with a great deal of pride. Oceanside is one of the “Best Communities for Music Education” and it is a community that supports one another in many ways, including a very active community service program. More than 1 out of 3 high school enrolled in college level (AP) courses before graduating. 1092 AP exams were written and 71% of the students scored a 3, 4 or 5. Mr. Fenter reviewed our students Regents results in math and noted that the results Algebra II/Trigonometry and the Common Core Geometry results were lower than last year. He advised that these results are being addressed by the Math Department but believe it is a result of the change to Common Core and that our teachers have not been in a position to prepare students for two different exams Next year there will be only one exam. Mr. Fenter also reviewed Regents results for Castleton High School and for the summer school program. The summer school program provides an opportunity to students to take a prep course and take then take the Regents again if they were not successful in June. Questions were raised and a request was made by the Board to receive a monthly report on mathematics.

School Messenger – Dr. Harrington introduced Suzanne Dwyer, Director of Technology, who provided information on School Messenger. Mrs. Dwyer advised that a few weeks we will be introducing to the public an “app” that will give immediate access to the district website.

Policy Review/Update – Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern presented the Board policies as listed and as attached to the records of this meeting.

Policy #3103	Selection Classification for Student Athletes
Policy #3104	Attendance
Policy #3108	Students Searches and Interrogation (Part of the Code of Conduct)
Policy #3112	Field Trips and Excursions
Policy #3202.6	English Language Learners
Policy#3203	Homework Policy
Policy #3500	Health Services
Policy #6404	Use of Surveillance Cameras in the School District
Policy #6901	Wellness Policy

She advised that most of the changes are minor changes as required by New York State law. Changes to the Students Searches and Interrogation Policy, which is part of the Code of Conduct were prepared with the assistance of the district’s attorneys and modifications will also be made to the Superintendent’s Regulations. Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern explained that Policy #6404 (Surveillance Cameras) is a new policy which we are required to have since the district has added surveillance cameras on school property. Changes to the Wellness Policy were made based on legal requirements.

Questions were raised concerning the Wellness Policy, which Dr. Harrington addressed. A discussion took place concerning the Student Searches and Interrogation Policy and it was determined that this policy would be referred to the policy committee for additional review. Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern asked that the suggestions presented this evening be put in writing so that they can be reviewed by the committee.

Mrs. Garrity thanked the Policy Committee for the tremendous amount of work this committee requires.

Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association – Mr. Transom advised that Nassau Suffolk School Boards will be meeting on September 29th to review the resolutions which will be presented for vote in October. He will report on this topic at the next Board meeting when more information will be available particularly since the governor is now looking to change Common Core.

Construction Report - As Submitted. Mr. Van Cott advised that the portion of the high school roof replacement project which was anticipated to be completed at the end of October will now be completed by the end of September.

Superintendent’s Report

Enrollment Report – As Submitted.

Dr. Harrington advised that as of this month, we have had 115 new entrants over the summer. Of that number, 48 registered within the past two weeks which has put a great deal of pressure on staff to complete the registration forms, obtain academic and medical records and schedule these students.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ON AGENDA ITEMS - A question was raised concerning Professional Personnel. The psychologist at School #6 will be taking a leave of absence, have we hired a replacement. Dr. DeRosa advised that she has been conducting interviews and will have a replacement shortly. A question was raised concerning coaches’ salaries since they are not included in the resolution. Dr. Harrington advised that coaching salaries are based on fifth place ranking of coaching salaries throughout Nassau County. Since it takes some time to determine the fifth place ranking countywide, we are appointing the coaches this evening and will publish their salaries once all the information is in place.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion made by Mrs. Garrity and seconded by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the CSE/CPSE Chairperson, the Board of Education hereby approves recommended placements and/or services as recommended in CSE/CPSE meetings held on the dates so indicated in the Committee Recommendations for Board of Education Review with Details, dated September 8, 2015.

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

APPROVAL OF NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION

On motion made by Mr. D’Ambrosio and seconded by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following National Board Certification stipend be approved.

Name	Effective Date	Subject Area/School	Annual Stipend	Method of Payment:
Nieve LaRocca	11/15/14	World Language/#7	\$ 606	Add to base salary

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

On motion made by Mr. Maresca and seconded by Mr. D’Ambrosio

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the attached list of Professional Personnel Items be approved.

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following professional personnel items be approved:

RESIGNATIONS:

FELICIA BROWN, Teacher Assistant, effective at the close of business on 8/24/15. Personal reasons.

DEIRDRE MCCOURT, Teacher Assistant, effective at the close of business on 8/24/15. Personal reasons.

GLENN GREUBEL, Teacher Assistant, effective at the close of business on 8/25/15. Personal reasons.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY:

ELIZABETH SEIDNER, Family and Consumer Science teacher (School #9M), request for child-rearing leave of absence without pay following childbirth.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY:

LAURA BRADY, School Psychologist (School #6), leave of absence without pay, pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, and consistent with Board policy, following childbirth.

APPOINTMENTS:

THOMAS GRIMES	Tenure Area: Business Teacher Effective: 9/01/15 1st Year of a 4-year Probationary Period Probationary Period: 9/01/15-6/30/19 (subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure)* Salary: 1MA \$40,000 Per Annum Certification: Business Education Assigned To: School #7
COURTNEY NESPOLA-GALAKIS	Tenure Area: Teacher Assistant Effective: 9/01/15 1st Year of a 4-year Probationary Period Probationary Period: 9/01/15-6/30/19 (subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure)* Salary: \$30,393 Per Annum Certification: Students w/Disabilities 1-6 Assigned To: School #8
CATHY AUSTIN	Tenure Area: Teacher Assistant Effective: 9/01/15 1st Year of a 4-year Probationary Period Probationary Period: 9/01/15-6/30/19 (subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure)* Salary: \$30,393 Per Annum Certification: Literacy K-12 Assigned To: School #3
MARISA BONVENTRE	Tenure Area: Teacher Assistant Effective: 9/01/15 1st Year of a 4-year Probationary Period Probationary Period: 9/01/15-6/30/19 (subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure)* Salary: \$30,393 Per Annum Certification: Literacy 1-6 Assigned To: School #8
PEGI CONNORS	Tenure Area: Teacher Assistant Effective: 9/01/15 1st Year of a 4-year Probationary Period Probationary Period: 9/01/15-6/30/19 (subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure)* Salary: \$30,393 Per Annum Certification: Students w/Disabilities Assigned To: School #2

ALANNA KERSTING Tenure Area: Teacher Assistant
Effective: 9/01/15
1st Year of a 4-year Probationary Period
Probationary Period: 9/01/15-6/30/19 (subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure)*
Salary: \$30,393 Per Annum
Certification: Students w/Disabilities 1-6
Assigned To: School #9M

MICHELLE ADELMAN Tenure Area: Teacher Assistant
Effective: 9/01/15
1st Year of a 4-year Probationary Period
Probationary Period: 9/01/15-6/30/19 (subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure)*
Salary: \$30,393 Per Annum
Certification: Students w/Disabilities 1-6
Assigned To: School #3

LYNNE PANAGAKOS Tenure Area: Teacher Assistant
Effective: 9/01/15
1st Year of a 4-year Probationary Period
Probationary Period: 9/01/15-6/30/19 (subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure)*
Salary: \$30,393 Per Annum
Certification: Students w/Disabilities 7-12
Assigned To: School #7

KIMBERLEE PARLATORE Tenure Area: Teacher Assistant
Effective: 9/01/15
1st Year of a 4-year Probationary Period
Probationary Period: 9/01/15-6/30/19 (subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure)*
Salary: \$30,393 Per Annum
Certification: Students w/Disabilities 7-12
Assigned To: School #9M

KIRAN LUZZI Tenure Area: Teacher Assistant
Effective: 9/01/15
1st Year of a 4-year Probationary Period
Probationary Period: 9/01/15-6/30/19 (subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure)*
Salary: \$30,393 Per Annum
Certification: Students w/Disabilities 7-12
Assigned To: School #7

NICOLE CORNACCHIA Tenure Area: Teacher Assistant
Effective: 9/01/15
1st Year of a 4-year Probationary Period
Probationary Period: 9/01/15-6/30/19 (subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure)*
Salary: \$30,393 Per Annum
Certification: Students w/Disabilities; Math 7-12
Assigned To: School #7

RIAIN MOLLOY
Tenure Area: Teacher Assistant
Effective: 9/01/15
1st Year of a 4-year Probationary Period
Probationary Period: 9/01/15-6/30/19 (subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure)*
Salary: \$30,393 Per Annum
Certification: Students w/Disabilities 7-12
Assigned To: School #7

DAWN FERRARA
Tenure Area: Teacher Assistant
Effective: 9/01/15
1st Year of a 4-year Probationary Period
Probationary Period: 9/01/15-6/30/19 (subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure)*
Salary: \$30,393 Per Annum
Certification: Students w/Disabilities 1-6
Assigned To: School #2

JESSICA SHULDINER
Tenure Area: Teacher Assistant
Effective: 9/01/15
1st Year of a 4-year Probationary Period
Probationary Period: 9/01/15-6/30/19 (subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure)*
Salary: \$30,393 Per Annum
Certification: Students w/Disabilities 1-6
Assigned To: School #4

ANTHONY ROBERTO
Tenure Area: Teacher Assistant
Effective: 9/01/15
1st Year of a 4-year Probationary Period
Probationary Period: 9/01/15-6/30/19 (subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure)*
Salary: \$30,393 Per Annum
Certification: Students w/Disabilities 1-6
Assigned To: School #7

PART-TIME APPOINTMENT:

JENNA PICONE
Tenure Area: Visual Arts
Effective: 9/01/15
Salary: 1MA (.4 of \$37,000) Per Annum
Certification: Visual Arts
Assigned To: School #7/#9M

STEVEN POLIDORO
Tenure Area: Physical Education
Effective: 9/01/15
Salary: (.2 of \$35,000) Per Annum
Certification: Physical Education
Assigned To: School #7

REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS:

DANIELLE STUBBS
Regular Substitute (Elementary)
Effective: 9/01/15
Replacing a teacher on leave of absence for the 2015/16 school year
Salary: 1 MA (\$35,000) Per Annum
Certification: Childhood 1-6

ALISON CERASOLI Assigned To: School #3
 Regular Substitute (Special Education)
 Effective: 9/01/15
 Replacing a teacher on leave of absence for the 2015/16 school year
 Salary: 1 MA (\$35,000) Per Annum
 Certification: Students w/Disabilities 1-6

NANCY BADUM Assigned To: School #3
 Regular Substitute (Special Education)
 Effective: 9/01/15
 Replacing a teacher on leave of absence for the 2015/16 school year
 Salary: 1 MA (\$35,000) Per Annum
 Certification: Students w/Disabilities 7-12

KELLIE HIGGINS Assigned To: School #7
 Regular Substitute (Elementary)
 Effective: 9/01/15
 Replacing a teacher on leave of absence for the 2015/16 school year
 Salary: 1BA (\$30,955) Per Annum
 Certification: Childhood 1-6
 Assigned To: School #9E

CHANGE IN APPOINTMENT STATUS:

DEANNA D'ANTONIO From: Tenure Area: Teacher Assistant
 Certification: Math 7-12
 Salary: (.2 of \$30,393) Per Annum
 Assigned to School #9M
 To: Tenure Area: Teacher Assistant
 Effective: 9/01/15
 Certification: Math 7-12
 Salary: (.6 of \$30,393) Per Annum
 Assigned to School #9M

SALARY ADVANCEMENTS:

JOSEPH SUPPLE, Physical Education teacher (School #7), from MA to MA30, effective 9/01/15.
 MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

APPROVAL OF CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL

On motion made by Mr. Maresca and seconded by Mrs. Schoell

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the attached list of Civil Service personnel be approved.

APPOINTMENT:

JULIE HASDAY School Nurse
 Probationary
 Effective: 8/31/15
 Salary: \$38,409 Per Annum
 Assigned To: School #7

DEBORAH MANGAN Principal Typist Clerk, Grade 3A Step 1
 10 Months, Probationary
 Effective: 8/24/15
 Salary: \$34,272 Per Annum
 Assigned To: School #6

WILLIAM MURRAY

Cleaner, Grade 2A, Step 1
Probationary
Effective: 9/09/15
Salary: \$38,589 Per Annum (incl. diff.)
Assigned To: District Wide

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

HOURLY EMPLOYEE RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion made by Mrs. Garrity and seconded by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the attached list of new hourly employees be approved.

RESIGNATIONS:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Melissa Tuller	Per Diem Substitute	6/30/2015
Sara Grabow	Per Diem Leave Replacement	8/21/2015
Candice Pellicane	Pre-K Teacher/Per Diem Substitute	8/21/2015

TERMINATIONS:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Amy Muchnik	Pre-K Teacher	6/30/2015
Leo Bonacasa	Monitor Part Time Substitute	6/30/2015
Roberta Paiva Brazill	Monitor Part Time Substitute	6/30/2015
Stacey DiGregorio	Monitor Part Time Substitute	6/30/2015
Stavroula Guerrero	Teacher Aide Part Time Substitute	6/30/2015
Eva Rodriguez Urena	New Horizons	8/5/2015
Ashley Butler	New Horizons	8/13/2015

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY:

Regina Buthorn, School Monitor (School #9E), leave of absence without pay, pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, and consistent with Board policy, effective 9/1/15.

APPOINTMENTS:

Teacher Aide:

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Stacey DiGregorio	9/2/2015	\$12.00/hour

School Security Monitor:

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Leo Bonacasa	8/31/2015	\$15.72/hour

School Monitor Part Time:

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Roberta Paiva Brazill	9/2/2015	\$10.48/hour
Stavroula Guerrero	9/2/2015	\$10.48/hour
Carol Pearsall	9/2/2015	\$10.48/hour
Rosamaria Prendergast	9/2/2015	\$10.48/hour

Pre-K Aide:

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Loren Graff	9/2/2015	\$11.00/hour

Pre-K Teacher - \$20 Per Hour:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Angela Ryan	Pre K, K & 1-6	9/1/15-6/30/16
Kathryn Weinberg	Early Childhood Ed B-2	9/1/15-6/30/16

Per-Diem Substitute Teachers - \$90 Per Day:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Danielle DiCocco	English 7-12	9/1/15-6/30/16
Debra Mock-Dorfman	Physical Education	9/1/15-6/30/16
Rebecca Rothman	Childhood Ed B -2, 1-6	9/1/15-6/30/16
Michele Butterman	Childhood Ed 1-6	9/1/15-6/30/16
Jessica Butera	Physical Education	9/1/15-6/30/16

Permanent Substitute Nurse - \$150 Per Day:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Theresa O’Sullivan	Registered Professional Nurse	9/1/15-6/30/2016
Nisha Bakhru	Registered Professional Nurse	9/1/15-6/30/2016

Per Diem Leave Replacement - \$150 Per Day:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Christina Kostopoulos	English 7-12	9/1/15-10/26/15

Permanent Substitute – \$110/day:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Danielle DiCocco	English 7-12	8/31/15-5/31/16
Debra Mock-Dorfman	Physical Education	10/1/15-5/31/16
Jessica Butera	Physical Education	10/1/15-5/31/16
Christina Kostopoulos	English 7-12	10/27/15-5/31/16

Permanent Substitute – 0.3, \$27.50/day:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Laura Gallo	Theater	9/1/15-6/30/16

Permanent Substitute – 0.4, \$36.66/day:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Kristin Peruffo	Health	9/1/15-6/30/16
Deanne D’Antonio	Math 7-12	9/1/15-6/30/16

Permanent Substitute – 0.6, \$73.32/day:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Jenna Picone	Visual Arts	9/1/15-6/30/16

Permanent Substitute – 0.8, \$91.65/day:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Steven Polidoro	Physical Education	9/1/15-6/30/16

DOCA Summer Programs:

Name	Title	Pay Rate	Effective Date
Risa Zucker	H2G Counselor	\$7.69/hr	8/17/2015
Cassandra Cesario	H2G Counselor	\$7.69/hr	8/17/2015

Summer School Proctoring:

Name	Rate of Pay
Susan Shapiro	\$42.38

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

ANNUAL HOURLY AND PER DIEM EMPLOYEES FOR THE 2015/2016 SCHOOL YEAR

On motion made by Mr. D’Ambrosio and seconded by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the attached list of annual hourly and per diem employees for the 2015/2016 school year be approved.

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

APPROVAL OF THE 2015/2016 FALL COACHES

On motion made by Mrs. Schoell and seconded by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the attached list of fall coaches for the 2015/2016 school year, salaries in accordance with contractual agreement, be approved.

Employee Name	Position
Nicholas Andre	Varsity Football Assistant
Robert Blount	Varsity Football Head
Deidre Broderick	M.S. Boys Tennis
Anthony Caiazza	Supervision Coordinator
Kevin Carlock	JV Football Assistant
Danielle Chiera	JV Girls Soccer
Jamie DellaRocca	Varsity Girls Tennis
Brian Ellis	Varsity Football Assistant
Christopher Harkins	Varsity Boys Volleyball
Robert Helmrich	8th Grade Boys Soccer
Lyle Hersch	8th Grade Girls Soccer
Michael Howley	M.S. Boys Cross Country
Claire Johnson	Varsity Girls Cross Country
Sean Keenan	Varsity Boys Golf
Samantha Kelly-Chaback	JV Cheer
Robert Kiley	JV Girls Volleyball
Barry Kubit	JV Girls Tennis
Stephen Lambros	7th Grade Boys Soccer
Michael Lowrey	JV Football Head
Allenby Lyson	Varsity Boys Cross Country
Amy Muchnick	Varsity Girls Volleyball
Angelo Natoli	M.S. Football Assistant
Todd Nussen	Varsity Girls Swim
Kristin Peruffo	Varsity Cheer
Kristin Peruffo	Varsity Dance
Steven Polidoro	JV Football Assistant
Joseph Pumo	Varsity Boys Soccer
Zachary Richter	M.S. Football Assistant
Danielle Rugolo	7th Grade Girls Soccer
Michael Santisteban	M.S. Football Head
Joseph Supple	Varsity Football Assistant
Evelyn Sweeney	M.S. Girls Cross Country
Kayla Toscano	M.S. Cheer
Patrick Turk	JV Boys Soccer
Marianna Winchester	Varsity Girls Soccer

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT – Mr. Transom advised that on Saturday, September 26th, Mrs. Schoell will be one of the recipients of a very prestigious award “Women of Distinction Award” at a special ceremony hosted by Assemblyman Brian Curran. Congratulations to Mrs. Schoell on this well-deserved award. Mr. Transom also advised that on Friday, September 11th, the Interfaith Council has arranged a ceremony in remembrance of September 11th. It will take place at 6:00 p.m. at Schoolhouse Green. Special recognition to Tom Whitbread who refurbished the 9/11 Memorial as part of his Eagle Scout Project. Mr. Transom thanked Tom for doing a great job.

Dr. Harrington advised that Saturday, September 12th, will be Oceanside’s first evening football game. She encouraged the community to come out and support our football team and the marching band.

Dr. Harrington introduced new staff members appointed this evening.

The Oceanside Kiwanis Annual Charter and Installation dinner honoring Mary DiGiovanni with the “Heart of Gold Award” and Rabbi Mark Greenspan with the “Special Service Award” will take place on October 1st at Oceanside Jewish Center.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY – A community member asked what the school can do to help students who become addicted to drugs often times as a result of illness or sports related injuries. The Board responded that it is a topic to be taken under advisement by the DAWC committee. Mr. Fenter stated that Mr. Risener, Athletic Director, has had discussions with directors in other school districts on the issue of drug and alcohol use by athletes.

Mr. Rochelle, President of the Oceanside Federation of Teachers, wished everyone a great school year. He presented Mr. Transom, President of Oceanside Community Service, with a check from the OFT in the amount of \$1,000. Mr. Transom thanked Mr. Roschelle and stated that all the monies donated to Community Service go directly to members of our community or surrounding communities.

Questions were raised concerning an incident at School #8 at the end of the summer when doors were left open and a car was stolen from an employee. Dr. Harrington advised that our surveillance cameras helped identify the person who stole the car. She also stated that there were no students or teachers in the building at that time and no one was injured. A resident asked that since one of our goals has to do with communication, can the district consider taping our Board of Education meetings. Mr. Transom indicated that the topic would be taken under advisement. A resident raised questions concerning the contractors working at the high school, which Dr. Harrington and Mr. Van Cott responded to.

ADJOURNMENT - A motion was made at 9:15 p.m. by Mr. D’Ambrosio and seconded by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern to adjourn the meeting.

Mary Ann Marino
Secretary to the Board of Education

Robin D. Green
District Clerk