

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Oceanside Board of Education, Oceanside Union Free School District, duly called and held on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. held remotely through Google Meet.

In Attendance: President Schoell, Vice President McGrath-Mulhern, Mr. Blau, Mr. D'Ambrosio, Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Maresca and Mr. Transom. Also in attendance were Superintendent Harrington and Assistant Superintendents Cokley, DeRosa and Provvido and District Clerk Barbella.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Mrs. Schoell, Board President. She asked for a moment of silence for those who are ill, health care workers and our first responders who are putting their lives on the line every day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the Regular Meeting/Budget Workshop #1 of February 5, 2020 and Budget Workshop #2 of March 4, 2020 were accepted and filed as submitted. The Board Meeting of March 18, 2020 was cancelled.

FINANCIAL REPORT – The Treasurer's Report, the Transfer of Funds Report and the Internal Claims Audit Review of Warrants were accepted and filed for audit.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

School Closure Update – Dr. Harrington's discussion focused on the decision made by Governor Cuomo relative to the 180 day requirement. She will send an explanation of that requirement to our faculty and staff as well as members of our community. Dr. Harrington explained that the district is required to do three things:

- Delivery of free or reduced meals to those families in need.
- Child care (through SCOPE) for essential workers.
- Continuity of instruction. We are directed to have a continuity of instruction during this period as well as during spring break. This directive is not negotiable.

April 15th is still the current date that we will remain closed under the Governor's directive.

Dr. Harrington gave a special shout-out to our teachers and administrators for doing a wonderful job. We have received much positive feedback.

Dr. Harrington explained that the grading policy is an issue and is being worked on. Information will be coming shortly regarding grading.

With regard to graduation, prom and Dawn Delirium – we hope it can continue, but still remains to be seen. As time goes on, we will have back-up plans.

There has been increased concern about students still congregating on the fields at the High School and other schools. Dr. Harrington explained that some fields are almost impossible to close. The Board does not feel it is necessary to take any further action at this time.

There has been no directive about the Regents. Mrs. Schoell said the Board of Regents is meeting next Monday.

The District website will be in synch with the dates of Governor Cuomo's directive.

Budget – Mr. Cokley and Ms. Kahan are close to finalizing it. Dr. Harrington reported that we are losing about \$900,000 in State Aid. We are confident that we will be able to tighten the budget. We have a number of retirements which is helping with the budget.

Budget Vote/Elections is tentatively scheduled for June 1st.

Dr. Harrington asked the Board to consider the next Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 22nd. The Board approved that date.

A question was raised about publishing BOE meetings.

Construction Report – As submitted.

Mr. Cokley reported that some of the proposed projects scheduled for April are deemed non-essential so they have been postponed. The Kindergarten Center façade project has ceased.

Dr. Harrington reported that the Board Building Committee will be meeting with ECG on April 8th to discuss an energy performance contract.

Superintendent's Reports

- Enrollment – As submitted
- Professional Staff Development & Overnight Student Field Trips – As submitted.

Dr. Harrington announced the retirement of Mrs. DeCarlo who has been a wonderful leader at the High School. She also announced the retirements of several music teachers, as well as Angela Abend, who has been a gift to the District. Mr. Bullis has decided to take a position closer to his home and has done a fabulous job as principal of School #5.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES PROPOSED TUITIONS FOR 2020

On motion made by Mr. Transom and seconded by Mr. Maresca

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the attached list of DOCA proposed summer playground tuitions for 2020.

MOTION APPROVED 7-0-0

B. PARTICIPATION IN BOCES COOPERATIVE BID FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

On motion made by Mr. Transom and seconded by Mr. Maresca

WHEREAS, a number of public school districts in Nassau County wish to jointly solicit proposals, together with the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services (“BOCES”) for pupil transportation services for the 2020-21 school year (and any renewal period) in accordance with the applicable provisions of General Municipal Law;

WHEREAS, the public school districts and the BOCES have agreed to form a Cooperative (the “Cooperative”) for this purpose;

WHEREAS, the Oceanside Union Free School District is desirous of participating in the Cooperative for joint solicitation of proposals for pupil transportation services as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the School District to participate in the Cooperative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement (Recitals) attached hereto and authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

MOTION APPROVED 7-0-0

C. APPROVAL OF MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

RESOLVED, that Meghan Terzulli be appointed to serve as CSE Chairperson of the Committee on Special Education for the 2019-2020 school year.

MOTION APPROVED 7-0-0

D. APPROVAL TO ALLOW STUDENT TO COMPLETE THE 2019/2020 SCHOOL YEAR AT SCHOOL #6

On motion made by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern and seconded by Mr. Maresca

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Oceanside School Board and the Superintendent of Schools, a student be hereby permitted to complete Kindergarten at School 6 for the 2019/2020 school year following their move to Levittown. Transportation will be provided by the parents/guardians for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year.

MOTION APPROVED 7-0-0

E. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DONATION

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the attached list of donations.

Donor	Donation	Value
Steel Equities (Mr. Glenn Lostritto and Mr. David Rokos)	Various items - furniture and equipment	\$38,850

MOTION APPROVED 7-0-0

F. APPROVAL OF USE OF FACILITIES

On motion made by Mr. Transom and seconded by Mr. Blau

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the use of facilities at School #9 Auditorium by Tom Curry for Representative Kathleen Rice, on Sunday, March 8, 2020, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., for a Town Hall Meeting, as outlined in the recommendation filed with the records of this meeting. Board of Education approval is contingent upon the requester providing required information to the Department of Community Activities.

MOTION APPROVED 7-0-0

G. APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCEANSIDE UFSD AND SCOPE

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

WHEREAS, the Governor of New York issued Executive Order 202.4, which states that school districts are required to provide emergency child care services to resident children of first responders and medical service providers; and

WHEREAS, the School District desires to send resident students to the Emergency Child Care Services Program ("Program") established in accordance with Executive Order 202.4 as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, SCOPE EDUCATION SERVICES ("SCOPE") has agreed to provide such a Program for resident children of the School District on the terms and conditions set forth herein; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Oceanside Union Free School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and SCOPE for emergency child care services for resident children of the School District in said Program in accordance with the terms and conditions therein for the period effective

March 23, 2020 through April 15, 2020, subject to further extension by mutual agreement of the parties if required under Executive Order 202.4, at a cost not to exceed \$750 per week; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.
MOTION APPROVED 7-0-0

H. SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion made by Mr. D'Ambrosio and seconded by Mr. Blau

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 April 1, 2020.

MOTION APPROVED 7-0-0

I. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following professional personnel items be approved.

RETIREMENTS:

GERALDINE DECARLO, Principal, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the close of business on 6/30/20.

MARGARET GRUBER, Music Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the close of business on 6/30/20.

STEPHEN MARTIN, Music Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the close of business on 6/30/20.

STEVEN DUNN, Music Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the close of business on 6/30/20.

GLENN WEISS, Music Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the close of business on 6/30/20.

DOREEN CRONIN, Social Worker, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the close of business on 6/30/20.

LORE SWEGLER, Elementary Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the close of business on 6/30/20.

ANGELA ABEND, Project Extra Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the close of business on 6/30/20.

RESIGNATIONS:

CHRISTINE BONADONNA, Teacher Assistant, effective at the close of business on 3/13/20, personal reasons.

JILL ANDERSON, Special Education Teacher, effective at the close of business on 6/30/20, personal reasons.

JOSEPH SUPPLE, Physical Education Teacher, effective at the close of business on 6/30/20, personal reasons.

SCOTT BULLIS, Principal, effective at the close of business on 6/30/20, personal reasons.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY:

ESTHER ROSARIO-CASTILLO, Social Worker (School #7), leave of absence without pay, pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, and consistent with Board policy, effective 3/02/20.

ROSARIA NAUGHTON, Science Teacher (School #9M) leave of absence without pay, pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, and consistent with Board policy, following childbirth, and a recuperation period, returning on June 15, 2020.

KATHLEEN NICOLETTI BLAKE, Elementary Teacher (District-Wide), leave of absence without pay, pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, and consistent with Board policy, following childbirth, and a recuperation period, for a period of up to twelve weeks.

SALARY ADVANCEMENT:

KOURTNEY PROSKE, ENL Teacher (School #9M), from MA to MA30, effective 3/01/20.
DANIELLE ANDRENO, Special Education Teacher (School #9M), from MA30 to MA60, effective 3/01/20.
MOTION APPROVED 7-0-0

J. CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion made by Mr. Maresca and seconded by Mr. D’Ambrosio
RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following Civil Service personnel recommendations be approved.

RETIREMENTS:

JAMES HUGHES, Supervisor of Operations, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the close of business on 3/20/20.
MICHELE CADOGAN, Administrative Assistant, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the close of business on 6/29/20.
BARBARA BENEDETTI, Administrative Assistant, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the close of business on 6/30/20.
VIVIEN LOBELL, Occupational Therapist, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the close of business on 6/30/20.
SUSAN HEMSLEY, Nurse, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the close of business on 6/30/20.
LUZ CASCAVITA, Instructional Assistant, effective at the close of business on 6/30/20.
DIANE CASCINO, Instructional Assistant, effective at the close of business on 6/30/20.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY:

DEBRA FOWLER, Nurse (School #8), intermittent leave of absence without pay, pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, and consistent with Board policy, effective 1/31/20.

RESIGNATION:

JOSEPH BERTRAM, Laborer, effective at the close of business on 3/26/2020, personal reasons.

APPOINTMENT:

CRAIG TRANSOM
Cleaner, Step I, Grade IIA
12 Months, Probationary (3/16/20-9/15/20)
Effective: 3/16/20
Assigned To: School #3

CHANGES IN APPOINTMENT STATUS:

DINA PEPE
From: Senior Typist Clerk, Grade II, Step 5
12 Months, Permanent
To: Principal Typist Clerk, Grade IV, Step 5
60 Days, Probationary (3/02/20-5/01/20)
Effective: 3/02/20
Assigned To: School #7

FREDRICK FIELDS
From: Messenger, Grade III, Step 14 + Longevity
12 Months, Probationary
To: Messenger, Grade III, Step 14 + Longevity
12 Months, Permanent
Effective: 3/11/2020
Assigned To: District Wide

MOTION APPROVED 6-0-1 (Mr. Transom abstained)

K. HOURLY EMPLOYEE RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion made by Mr. D'Ambrosio and seconded by Mr. Blau

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following hourly employee recommendations be approved.

RESIGNATIONS:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Danae Schneider	Teacher Aide Part Time	1/20/2020
Rene Hernandez	Cleaner Part Time	1/23/2020
Keisha Abbott	Teacher Aide Part Time	1/31/2020
Michael Bonacorsa	Security Monitor Part Time	2/13/2020
Lucila Guzman	Permanent Substitute	2/14/2020
Wafaa Elaama	School Monitor Part Time	3/6/2020
Laura Putelo	Permanent Substitute	3/9/2020
Brian Whelan	Teacher Aide Part Time	3/10/2020
Abigail Ohlsen	Security Monitor Part Time	3/12/2020
Marissa Miller	Permanent Substitute	3/13/2020
Joseph Supple	DOCA	6/30/2020
Karina Barbiero	Teacher Aide Part Time	6/30/2020

TERMINATIONS:

Name	Title	Effective Date
James Brostowski	Permanent Substitute	6/24/2019
Peter Ozechowski	Permanent Substitute	6/25/2019

END OF APPOINTMENTS:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Craig Transom	Cleaner Part Time	3/13/2020

APPOINTMENT CORRECTIONS – START DATE:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Kimberly Fenn-Remsen	Counselor	1/21/2020	\$13.00/hour
Brian Barbaccia	Instructor	1/29/2020	\$22.00/hour

CHANGE IN APPOINTMENTS – RATE:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Anthony Parella	Cleaner PT	2/24/2020	\$13.00/hour
Samuel Rubin	Cleaner PT	3/10/2020	\$13.00/hour
Nancy Marcantonio	Teacher Aide PT	3/13/2020	\$14.00/hour

APPOINTMENTS:**Cleaner Part Time:**

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Valentin Almonte	2/24/2020	\$13.00/hour
William Pressimone	3/16/2020	\$13.00/hour
Matthew Brooks	3/16/2020	\$13.00/hour

Security Monitor Part Time:

Name	Effective Date	Loc.	Rate of Pay
Christopher Ferrara	2/10/2020	#2	\$15.72/hour
Richard Kane	3/6/2020	#7	\$15.72/hour

Teacher Aide Part Time:

Name	Effective Date	Loc.	Rate of Pay
Kaila Levitt	2/28/2020	#4	\$13.00/hour

Per Diem Substitute Teacher - \$110/day:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Katelin McPhillips	Elementary B-6 (pending)	2/11/2020
Krystina Eckersall	Early Childhood (pending)	2/12/2020
Marci Imbrenda	Art K-12 (pending)	2/24/2020
Aimee Pomerantz	Childhood, SWD (pending)	3/2/2020
Rachel Stamile	Childhood, SWD, Literacy	3/2/2020
Pooja Hathiramani	Childhood (pending)	3/3/2020
Eliana Gagliano	Childhood, SWD (pending)	3/6/2020
Courtney Jansen	Biology 7-12 (pending)	3/6/2020
Madeline Pulido	Early Childhood (pending)	3/6/2020
Alexa Luna	Childhood, SWD (pending)	3/10/2020
John Emmerich	School Counselor (pending)	3/11/2020
Tara Philippou	Social Studies (pending)	3/23/2020

Permanent Substitute Teacher - \$125/day:

Name	Certification	Loc.	Effective Dates
Natasha Vaughn	Spanish 7-12	#9M	2/10, 2/11, 2/12, 2/14/20 (4 days only)

Per Diem Leave Replacement - \$150/day:

Name	Certification	Loc.	Effective Date
Meghan Terzulli	School Psychologist	#7	3/3/2020
Nicole Dellosso	Childhood Ed 1-6	#5	3/19/2020

Per Diem Leave Replacement - \$175/day:

Name	Certification	Loc.	Effective Date
Natasha Vaughn	Spanish 7-12	#9M	2/7, 2/13 (2 shadow days)
Natasha Vaughn	Spanish 7-12	#9M	2/24/2020
Danielle Centofranchi	School Social Worker	#7	3/12/2020

Hourly Teacher - \$51.78/hour:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Jane Faiella	Reading	2/24/2020

Hourly Teacher - \$27.22/hour:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Gianna Navarro	Childhood Ed 1-6	3/9/2020

Homebound Tutor - \$51.78/hour:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Mary Blanco	Pre-K, K, 1-6, Reading, Spec Ed	2/3/2020

Game Supervision:

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Adam Arbuse	12/9/2019-1/14/20	\$27.95/hour

DOCA:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Kaitlyn Marciano	Instructor	3/11/2020	\$22.00/hour
Alex Pollack	Instructor	3/14/2020	\$21.38/hour

MOTION APPROVED 6-0-1 (Mr. Transom abstained)

L. APPROVAL OF 2019-2020 CO-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS

On motion made by Mr. Maresca and seconded by Mr. Kaplan

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following 2019-2020 co-curricular appointments be approved.

Additions:

Teacher	Activity	Loc	Stipend	To be paid by
Jacklyn Scheiner	Scenery	#5	\$1,153	Payroll Voucher
Katelyn Johnson	Director's Assistant	#5	\$1,153	Payroll Voucher
Melissa Virdone	Director's Assistant	#2	\$1,153	Payroll Voucher
Melissa Virdone	Choreographer	#2	\$691	Payroll Voucher
Jillian Edelman	Talent Show	#5	\$691	Payroll Voucher

MOTION APPROVED 7-0-0

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. D'Ambrosio sent kudos to the entire IT team for doing an amazing job for administrators, teachers and students.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Transom at 6:56 p.m. to move into executive session for the purpose of personnel.
A motion was made by Mr. Transom at 8:12 p.m. to adjourn executive session and move into public session.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Mr. Transom to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Marie Barbella
Secretary to the Board of Education