Charging Ahead!

Oceanport Board of Education
29 Wolf Hill Avenue
Oceanport, NJ

Reorganization Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2026 6:00 P.M.
Hybrid Meeting

25-26 Board Goals:

1. Strengthen Board communications with district stakeholders by establishing consistent information-sharing practices and creating regular opportunities for stakeholder feedback.
2. Continue to support the implementation of the 2022-2027 strategic plan through regular updates and progress monitoring.
3. Negotiate and finalize a five-year superintendent contract and a four-year Oceanport Custodial Association contract by June 2026.
4. Continue in year two to evaluate shared services and alternative revenue sources to strengthen the district's financial position.

A meeting of the Oceanport Board of Education will be held remotely and in the cafeteria of Wolf Hill School, 29 Wolf Hill Avenue, Oceanport, NJ this day, as advertised. Members of the public can access this hybrid meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86778166150. The order of business and agenda for the meeting are:

I. CALL TO ORDER - Isabel Machado, ESQ

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT - Isabel Machado, ESQ

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975 c. 231 the Oceanport Board of Education has issued notice of this meeting to be publicized by having the date, time, and location of the meeting posted at Maple Place School, Wolf Hill School, Oceanport Borough, Sea Bright Borough, The Link, and Asbury Park Press. Notice has been filed with the Monmouth County Superintendent of Schools, the Borough Clerk of Oceanport, and the Borough Clerk of Sea Bright and sent to those persons requesting that such notice be mailed to them.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC - Isabel Machado, ESQ

Oftentimes it may appear to members of our audience that the Board of Education takes action with very little comment and in many cases by unanimous vote. Before a matter is placed on the agenda at a public meeting, the administration has thoroughly reviewed the matter with the Superintendent of Schools. If the Superintendent of Schools is satisfied that the matter is ready to be

presented to the Board of Education, it is then referred for Board review at a Board Committee meeting. The members of the Board work via committees with the Superintendent and the Administration to assure that the members fully understand the matter. When the Board and Administration are satisfied with the matter, it is placed on the agenda for action at a public meeting. In rare instances, matters are presented to the Board of Education for discussion at the same meeting that final action may be taken.

IV. RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION - Isabel Machado, ESQ

Elected for a 3 year term: Mark Patterson
Elected for a 3 year term: Jamie Gough
Elected for a 3 year term: Cristin Liberatore
Elected for a 1 year term: Jessica Sargent
Elected for a 1 year term: Marion Maloney

V. OATH OF OFFICE - NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS - Isabel Machado, ESQ

VI. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Ryan Glubo	**Present**	Courtney McDonnell	**Present**
Jamie Gough	**Present**	Mark Patterson	**Present**
Patricia Kelly	**Present**	Daniel Peltz	**Present**
Cristin Liberatore	**Present**	Jessica Sargent	**Present**
Marion Maloney	**Present**		

VII. ELECTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT - Isabel Machado, ESQ

Ms. Maloney nominated and Mrs. Kelly seconded Mr. Patterson for President. There were no other nominations and a roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.

VIII. ELECTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION VICE PRESIDENT - Board President

Mr. Glubo nominated and Mrs. Gough seconded Mrs. McDonnell for Vice President. There were no other nominations and a roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - BOE President

Comments are invited on agenda items only. Upon being recognized, state your name and address. Statements shall be limited to three minutes. The Board reserves the right to terminate remarks not keeping with the conduct of a proper and efficient meeting. The public is discouraged from speaking negatively about any employee or student. Individuals can be held personally liable for defamatory or libelous statements. Comments regarding employees, students, and security cannot be legally responded to by the Board. The Board bears no responsibility for comments made

by the public. Questions from the public will be responded to, if feasible, after the close of public comment.

No comments were made by the public.

X. RESOLUTIONS

A. ADOPTION OF CODE OF ETHICS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

A School Board Member shall abide by the Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

1. I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.

2. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.

3. I will confine my Board action to policy-making, planning, and appraisal and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.

4. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow Board members, to see that they are well run.

5. I will recognize that authority rests with the Board of Education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action which may compromise the Board.

6. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.

7. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. But in all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow Board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its schools.

8. I will vote to appoint the best-qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief school administrator.

9. I will support and protect school personnel in the proper performance of their duties.

10. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

B. ADOPTION OF 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE AND OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT COMPLIANCE

WHEREAS, Compliance is required with P.L. 1975, c. 231, with regard to the posting and publication of the Annual Notice of Meeting Dates.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Annual Notice of Meeting Dates be adopted, published, and posted.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the Oceanport School District will hold the following meetings, in the cafeteria of Wolf Hill School, 29 Wolf Hill Avenue, Oceanport, and start at 6:00pm:

January 21, 2026
February 25, 2026
March 18, 2026
April 22, 2026
May 13, 2026
June 17, 2026
July 15, 2026
August 19, 2026
September 16, 2026
October 14, 2026
November 18, 2026
December 16, 2026
January 6, 2027 - Reorganization Meeting

Resolved that in unforeseen circumstances the rescheduling of a meeting or meetings is required, notice of the rescheduling will be given as provided in the Open Public Meetings Act.

Resolved that the purpose of the aforesaid Meetings shall be the normal conduct of business of the Board of Education and any other items brought to the Board's attention by the Board Members, Board Attorney, Superintendent and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and be it further

Resolved that the Board of Education does hereby designate the Asbury Park Press and The Link (Long Branch) as official newspapers to receive notice of meetings; and, be it further

Resolved that notices of meetings of the Board of Education will be posted in the Oceanport Board of Education Administrative Office, Oceanport and Sea Bright

Borough Clerk's Offices, both schools, and posted on the District website; and be it further

Resolved that the Board of Education reserves the right to adjourn or recess a meeting at any time to discuss such matters that may be considered in closed session. However, the Board will first adopt a resolution stating the general nature of the subject to be discussed, and, as precisely as possible, the time and circumstances under which disclosure to the public will be made, and be it further

Resolved that, in order to conduct its meetings properly and efficiently, the Board shall require the following procedures pertaining to public participation at Board meetings:

- Any individual desiring to speak shall give his or her name, address, and the group, if any, that is represented.
- The presentation shall be as brief as possible but no more than three (3) minutes per individual.
- The Board vests in its president, or another presiding officer, authority to terminate the remarks of any individual if he/she deems it in the best interests of those present to do so.

C. APPROVAL OF DEPOSITORIES

WHEREAS the Superintendent has recommended to this Board that certain financial institutions be designated and approved depositories for the Oceanport Board of Education's funds; and

WHEREAS the Superintendent has further recommended that these financial institutions be required to be insured by either the SLIC or the FDIC and/or as required by both Federal and/or State statutes; and

Resolved that the below listed Financial Institutions be designated as approved depositories for the Oceanport Board of Education funds for the period from the date of this meeting through the January Reorganization meeting in 2027.

- Citizens Bank

And be it further resolved that the Board Secretary be authorized to wire-transfer Board of Education funds between Board of Education accounts only, and be it further

Resolved that the Board Secretary be authorized to enter into agreements with the State to allow the State to initiate credit entries to Board of Education accounts in its depositories by automatic deposit(s) when appropriate; and be it further

Resolved that any and all endorsements for, or on behalf of, the Oceanport Board of Education upon checks, drafts, notes, or instruments for deposit or collection made, may be written or stamped endorsements of the Oceanport Board of Education without any designation of the person making such endorsements; and be it further

Resolved that any funds on deposit in Oceanport Board of Education accounts be subject to withdrawal at any time upon presentation of warrants, checks, notes, bonds, bond coupons or other instruments or orders for the payment of money when signed, live, or facsimile; and be it further

Resolved that the Board of Education Secretary is hereby authorized to deliver, upon demand, specimen facsimile signatures of required authorities to the above approved depositories; and be it further

Resolved that the Board Secretary be hereby authorized on behalf of the Oceanport Board of Education to:

(1) Withdraw from depositories and give receipt for, or authorized depositories to deliver to bearer or any person designated by the Board Secretary, all or any documents and securities of other property held by the depositories for any purpose, and

(2) Authorize the depositories to purchase or sell Certificates of Deposit, Repurchase Agreements and other securities, and

(3) Execute and deliver all instruments required by the depositories in connection with any of the foregoing resolutions and affix thereto the seal of the Oceanport Board of Education

And be it further Resolved that any and all of the above noted authorizations, approvals, and/or designations shall be authorized for the period from the date of this meeting and shall expire as of the January Reorganization meeting in 2026.

D. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES

WHEREAS there is a need for authorized signatories on the financial accounts maintained by the Oceanport Board of Education, and be it further

Resolved that the following signatures shall be authorized and required in connection with the administration of the following accounts of the Oceanport Board of Education for the period from the date of this meeting and shall expire as of the January Reorganization meeting in 2027.

Name of Account	Bank	Signatures

Warrant Account	Citizens Bank	Board President Board Vice President Superintendent of Schools Board Secretary/SBA
Cafeteria Account	Citizens Bank	Board President Board Secretary/SBA Treasurer
Payroll Agency	Citizens Bank	Board President Board Secretary/SBA Treasurer
Net Payroll	Citizens Bank	Board Secretary/SBA Board President
Capital Projects	Citizens Bank	Board Secretary/SBA Board President
Capital Reserve	Citizens Bank	Board Secretary/SBA Board President
Wolf Hill School Checking	Citizens Bank	Principal Board Secretary/ SBA Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent and Business Administrator Superintendent
Maple Place School Checking	Citizens Bank	Principal Board Secretary/ SBA Accounts Payable Clerk Superintendent
8th Grade Account	Citizens Bank	Principal Board Secretary/ SBA Accounts Payable Clerk Superintendent
Flexible Spending Accounts	Citizens Bank	Board Secretary/ SBA Treasurer
Referendum Account	Citizens Bank	Board Secretary / SBA

E. BY-LAWS/BOARD POLICIES/REGULATIONS

WHEREAS the Oceanport Board of Education maintains written By-Laws, Policies, and Regulations, all of which are public documents that can be found on the Board of Education's website; and

WHEREAS it is the intent of this Board to carry out, implement and adhere to the written By-Laws, Policies, and Regulations of the Oceanport Board of Education to the best of its collective ability; and

WHEREAS this Board understands that the By-Laws, Policies, and Regulations of the Oceanport Board of Education may be amended from time to time and must be reviewed on a periodic basis in order to ensure that they are written in such a fashion as to best effectuate the goals and needs of the Board of Education; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the existing written By-Laws, Policies, and Regulations of the Oceanport Board of Education are hereby adopted by this Board; and be it further

Resolved that this Board will review and amend the aforesaid By-Laws, Policies, and Regulations as needed to ensure that they are written in such a fashion as to best effectuate the goals and needs of the Board of Education.

F. CURRICULA AND TEXTBOOKS

WHEREAS it is necessary for the Board of Education to approve the curricula and textbooks previously adopted by the Board of Education, as well as all revisions thereto, be adopted as posted on the District website.

G. SCHOOL FUNDS INVESTOR

WHEREAS it is necessary for the Board of Education to designate a School Funds Investor; and

WHEREAS it is the Board's opinion that the SBA/Board Secretary is most qualified to act as the School Funds Investor; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the SBA/Board Secretary is hereby designated as the Oceanport Board of Education's School Funds Investor for the calendar year and shall remain the same for the period from the date of this meeting until the Reorganization Meeting in January 2027.

H. ORGANIZATION CHART

WHEREAS the Administration and Board of Education have collaborated to develop an Organization Chart for the Oceanport Board of Education; and

WHEREAS the Superintendent has recommended that the Board adopt the Organization Chart for the Oceanport Board of Education as set forth in the attachment hereto, be it

Resolved that the Organization Chart for the Oceanport Board of Education attached hereto, which attachment is made a part of the minutes, is hereby approved as the official Organization Chart of the Oceanport Board of Education.

I. APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY

Recommend to approve, Machado Law Group as attorney of record for the Board of Education effective January 1, 2026, through the January 2027 Reorganization Meeting.

J. APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECT OF RECORD

WHEREAS there exists a need for architectural services and to hire an architect of record; and

WHEREAS such services can be provided only by a licensed architect; and Frank Messineo, and the firm Solutions Architecture of Verona, NJ is so recognized as such an architect.

Be it resolved by the Oceanport Board of Education that:

1. The architectural firm of Solutions Architecture of Verona, NJ is hereby retained to provide architectural services.

2. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service in accordance with the Public School Contracts law, NJSA 18A:18A(a)(1) because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

3. The anticipated term of this contract is 1 year.

4. Solutions Architecture of Verona, NJ has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certificate.

5. A copy of this resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Secretary of the Board of Education.

K. APPOINTMENT OF BROKER OF RECORD

Recommend to approve, Alliant as broker of record for Board of Education insurance policies effective January 1, 2026, through the January 2027 Reorganization Meeting.

L. APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Recommend to approve, Dr. Richard Mojares as the District school physician effective January 1, 2026 through the January 2027 Reorganization Meeting.

M. GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

WHEREAS it is necessary that the Board of Education appoint certain individuals to certain positions as mandated or required by law, regulation, or policy, therefore, be it

Resolved that the following individuals are hereby appointed to the following positions as mandated or required by law, regulation or policy for the period from this date through the January 2027 Reorganization Meeting.

Position	Individual(s)
Board Secretary	Geraldine Martinez
Affirmative Action Officer	Mark Maglione
Gender Equity Officer	Mark Maglione
504 Coordinator	Mark Maglione Melissa Keiser
Right-to-Know Contact Person	Geraldine Martinez / Spiro Katechis
Public Agency Compliance Officer	Geraldine Martinez
Homeless Education Liaison	Jessica Carnavas
Americans With Disabilities Act Officer	Jessica Carnavas
Title VI Coordinator	Mark Maglione
Title IX Coordinator	Mark Maglione
Bilingual/ESL/ ELS	Jessica Carnavas
Integrated Pest Management (IPM)	Spiro Katechis
Indoor Air Quality Officer	Spiro Katechis
Chemical Hygiene Officer	Spiro Katechis
Asbestos Officer	Spiro Katechis
Safety Officer	Spiro Katechis
District School Safety Specialist	Steve Tagerty
Substance Awareness Coordinator (SAC)	Megan Bonett
Anti-Bullying Coordinator	Jessica Carnavas
Custodian of Public Records	Geraldine Martinez
Data Coordinator(s)	Kathleen Mignoli / Todd Eichler

N. SUPERINTENDENT'S TRANSFER AUTHORITY

WHEREAS pursuant to NJSA 18A:22-8.1 amended, the Superintendent of Schools may be designated as Chief School Administrator to approve line item budget transfers as are necessary between Board of Education meetings. Therefore be it,

Resolved that as provided by NJSA 18A:22-8.1 amended, the Superintendent of Schools be designated as Chief School Administrator to approve such line item budget transfers as are necessary between Board of Education meetings, and be it further

Resolved that such transfers shall be reported to the Board of Education, ratified and duly recorded in the minutes of the Board of Education's meeting not less than

monthly for the period from this date through the January 2027 Reorganization Meeting.

O. SUPERINTENDENT'S PAYMENT OF BILLS BETWEEN BOARD MEETINGS AUTHORITY

WHEREAS pursuant to NJSA 18A:22-8.1 amended, the Superintendent of Schools may be designated as Chief School Administrator to approve payment of bills as are necessary between Board of Education meetings. Therefore be it,

Resolved that as provided by NJSA 18A:22-8.1 amended, the Superintendent of Schools be designated as Chief School Administrator to approve such payment of bills as are necessary between Board of Education meetings, and be it further

Resolved that such payment of bills shall be reported to the Board of Education, ratified and duly recorded in the minutes of the Board of Education's meeting not less than monthly for the period from this date through the January 2027 Reorganization Meeting.

P. APPOINTMENT OF CERTIFIED PURCHASING AGENT

WHEREAS 18A:18A-3 provides that a board of education shall assign the authority, responsibility, and accountability for the purchasing activity of the board of education to a person or persons who shall have the power to prepare advertisements, to advertise for and receive bids, and to award contracts as permitted by this chapter, and

WHEREAS 18A:18A-3 provides that contracts awarded by the purchasing agent that do not exceed in the aggregate in a contract year the bid threshold of $39,000 may be awarded by the purchasing agent without advertising for bids when so authorized by board resolution, and

WHEREAS 18A:18A-37 provides that all contracts that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the bid threshold (currently $5,850) may be awarded by the purchasing agent without soliciting competitive quotations if so authorized by board resolution; and

WHEREAS the Superintendent has recommended that Geraldine Martinez be appointed as the Oceanport Board of Education's Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS this Board has considered the qualification of Geraldine Martinez and finds her to be qualified to be appointed as the Oceanport Board of Education's Purchasing Agent, now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Oceanport Board of Education appoints Geraldine Martinez as its duly authorized Purchasing Agent from this date through the January 2027 Reorganization Meeting.

Q. CURRENT CONTRACTS

RESOLUTION to continue contracts now in existence:

All insurance, tuition contracts, and professional contracts currently in force are reaffirmed for the respective terms of the agreement.

XI. APPOINTMENT OF LIAISONS - Board President

A. LIAISON TO NEW JERSEY AND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS this Board believes that it would be beneficial for the Oceanport Board of Education to designate one person from the Board to act as the Board's liaison to the New Jersey and County School Boards Association; and

WHEREAS **Mr. Patterson**, has volunteered to serve as this Board's Liaison to the New Jersey and County School Boards Associations; now there be it

Resolved that **Mr. Patterson** is hereby appointed as the Oceanport Board of Education's liaison to the New Jersey and County School Boards Association from this date through the January 2027 Reorganization Meeting.

B. LIAISON TO THE OCEANPORT PTO

WHEREAS this Board believes that it would be beneficial for the Oceanport Board of Education to designate one person from the Board to act as the Board's liaison to the Oceanport PTO; and

WHEREAS **Mrs. McDonnell**, has volunteered to serve as this Board's Liaison to Oceanport PTO; now therefore be it

Resolved that **Mrs. McDonnell** is hereby appointed as the Oceanport Board of Education's liaison to the Oceanport PTO from this date through the January 2027 Reorganization Meeting.

C. LIAISON TO THE ADVOCATES FOR DIVERSE LEARNERS (ADL)

WHEREAS this Board believes that it would be beneficial for the Oceanport Board of Education to designate one person from the Board to act as the Board's liaison to ADL (Advocates for Diverse Learners); and

WHEREAS **Mr. Peltz** has volunteered to serve as this Board's Liaison to ADL; now therefore be it

Resolved that **Mr. Peltz** is hereby appointed as the Oceanport Board of Education's Liaison to ADL from this date through the January 2027 Reorganization Meeting.

D. LIAISON TO THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF OCEANPORT

WHEREAS this Board believes that it would be beneficial for the Oceanport Board of Education to designate one person from the Board to act as the Board's liaison to the Borough Council of Oceanport; and

WHEREAS **Mr. Glubo** has volunteered to serve as this Board's Liaison to the Borough Council of Oceanport; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that **Mr. Glubo** is hereby appointed as the Oceanport Board of Education's Liaison to the Borough Council of Oceanport from this date through the January 2027 Reorganization Meeting.

E. LIAISON TO THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEA BRIGHT

WHEREAS this Board believes that it would be beneficial for the Oceanport Board of Education to designate one person from the Board to act as the Board's liaison to the Borough Council of Sea Bright; and

WHEREAS **Mrs. Liberatore** has volunteered to serve as this Board's Liaison to the Borough Council of Sea Bright now, therefore, be it

Resolved that **Mrs. Liberatore** is hereby appointed as the Oceanport Board of Education's Liaison to the Borough Council of Sea Bright from this date through the January 2027 Reorganization Meeting.

F. LIAISON TO SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS this Board believes that it would be beneficial for the Oceanport Board of Education to designate one person from the Board to act as the Board's liaison to Shore Regional High School; and

WHEREAS **Mrs. Gough** has volunteered to serve as this Board's Liaison to Shore Regional High School; now therefore be it

Resolved that **Mrs. Gough** is hereby appointed as the Oceanport Board of Education's Liaison to Shore Regional High School from this date through the January 2027 Reorganization Meeting.

G. LIAISON TO THE MENTAL HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE

WHEREAS this Board believes that it would be beneficial for the Oceanport Board of Education to designate one person from the Board to act as the Board's liaison to the Mental Health Sub-Committee; AND

WHEREAS **Mr. Glubo**, has volunteered to serve as this Board's liaison to the Mental Health Sub-Committee; now therefore be it

Resolved that **Mr. Glubo** is hereby appointed as the Oceanport Board of Education's liaison to the Mental Health Sub-Committee from this date through the January 2027 Reorganization Meeting.

XII. APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE - BOE President

A. DELEGATE TO THE NJSBA

WHEREAS this Board believes that it would be beneficial for the Oceanport Board of Education to designate one person from the Board to act as the Board's Delegate to the NJSBA; and

WHEREAS **Mr. Patterson** has volunteered to serve as this Board's Delegate to the NJSBA; now therefore be it

Resolved that **Mr. Patterson** is hereby appointed as the Oceanport Board of Education's Delegate to the NJSBA from this date through the January 2027 Reorganization Meeting.

B. ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE NJSBA

WHEREAS this Board believes that it would be beneficial for the Oceanport Board of Education to designate one person from the Board to act as the Board's Alternate Delegate to the NJSBA; and

WHEREAS **Mrs. McDonnell** has volunteered to serve as this Board's Alternate Delegate to the NJSBA; now therefore be it

Resolved that **Mrs. McDonnell** is hereby appointed as the Oceanport Board of Education's Alternate Delegate to the NJSBA from this date through the January 2027 Reorganization Meeting.

XIII. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS - BOE President

A. COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON TO THE EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY, CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS this Board believes that it would be beneficial for the Oceanport Board of Education to designate one person from the Board to act as the Board's Chairperson to the Education, Technology, Curriculum, and Instruction Committee; AND

WHEREAS **Mrs. Kelly**, has volunteered to serve as this Board's Chairperson to the Education, Technology, Curriculum and Instruction Committee; now therefore be it

Resolved that **Mrs. Kelly** is hereby appointed as the Oceanport Board of Education's Chairperson to the Education, Technology, Curriculum, and Instruction Committee from this date through the January 2027 Reorganization Meeting.

B. COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON TO THE POLICY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS this Board believes that it would be beneficial for the Oceanport Board of Education to designate one person from the Board to act as the Board's Chairperson to the Policy Committee; AND

WHEREAS **Mrs. McDonnell**, has volunteered to serve as this Board's Chairperson to the Policy Committee; now therefore be it

Resolved that **Mrs. McDonnell** is hereby appointed as the Oceanport Board of Education's Chairperson to the Policy Committee from this date through the January 2027 Reorganization Meeting.

C. COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON TO THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

WHEREAS this Board believes that it would be beneficial for the Oceanport Board of Education to designate one person from the Board to act as the Board's Chairperson to the Personnel Committee; AND

WHEREAS **Ms. Maloney**, has volunteered to serve as this Board's Chairperson to the Personnel Committee; now therefore be it

Resolved that **Ms. Maloney** is hereby appointed as the Oceanport Board of Education's Chairperson to the Personnel Committee from this date through the January 2027 Reorganization Meeting.

D. COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS this Board believes that it would be beneficial for the Oceanport Board of Education to designate one person from the Board to act as the Board's Chairperson to the Finance Committee; AND

WHEREAS **Mr. Peltz**, has volunteered to serve as this Board's Chairperson to the Finance Committee; now therefore be it

Resolved that **Mr. Peltz** is hereby appointed as the Oceanport Board of Education's Chairperson to the Finance Committee from this date through the January 2027 Reorganization Meeting.

E. COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON TO THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS this Board believes that it would be beneficial for the Oceanport Board of Education to designate one person from the Board to act as the Board's Chairperson to the Buildings and Grounds Committee; AND

WHEREAS **Mrs. Gough**, has volunteered to serve as this Board's Chairperson to the Buildings and Grounds Committee; now therefore be it

Resolved that **Mrs. Gough** is hereby appointed as the Oceanport Board of Education's Chairperson to the Buildings and Grounds Committee from this date through the January 2027 Reorganization Meeting.

XIV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Karen Barry

- I will be requesting an executive session this evening for reason #7.

It was determined that the executive session was not needed.

On a MOTION by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Ms. McDonnell, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to block resolutions X. A-Q, XI. A-G, XII. A-B, and XIII. A-E and approve blocked resolutions X. A-Q, XI. A-G, XII. A-B, and XIII. A-E.

XV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Patterson congratulated everyone and thanked them for their continued service to the district.

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA & NON-AGENDA ITEMS

At this time, comments are invited on school matters of community interest. Comments are invited on agenda and non-agenda items. Upon being recognized, state your name and address. Statements shall be limited to three minutes. The Board reserves the right to terminate remarks not keeping with the conduct of a proper and efficient meeting. The public is discouraged from speaking negatively about any employee or student. Individuals can be held personally liable for defamatory or libelous statements. Comments regarding employees, students, and security cannot be legally responded to by the Board. The Board bears no responsibility for comments made by the public. Questions from the public will be responded to, if feasible, after the close of public comment.

No public comments were made.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. allows for the exclusion of the public from that portion of a public meeting when certain matters which might endanger the public

interest or risk the deprivation of individual rights are discussed, and the Board of Education wishes to discuss the following matters in a non-public closed meeting with the resulting discussion being made public when a proper conclusion has been reached and there is no longer a need for confidentiality:

Brief Description

_____ 1. Matters rendered expressly confidential by state or federal law or a rule of court.

_____ 2. Matters in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the United States Government.

_____ 3. Any matter the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy unless the affected individual or his or her parent or guardian shall request in writing that the matter be disclosed at a public meeting.

_____ 4. Pending or anticipated negotiations concerning a collective bargaining agreement.

_____ 5. Any matter involving the purchase of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates, or investment of public funds.

_____ 6. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigations of violations or possible violations of law.

___X___ 7. Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations other than collective bargaining contract negotiations in which the Board of Education is or may become a party or any matter falling within the attorney-client privilege to the extent confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his or her ethical duties as an attorney.

_____ 8. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment and the conditions of employment, evaluation, or disciplining of any specific employee, unless the individual employee requests in writing that the matter be discussed at a public meeting

_____ 9. Any deliberations that may result in the imposition of a civil penalty or suspension.

_____ 10. Any appointment of a public official.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Oceanport Board of Education will hold a closed executive session remotely, as advertised. It is anticipated that the closed session will not last longer than one hour. Action may be taken during the public portion of the meeting following the recess of the executive session unless otherwise indicated.

XVIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

As per the superintendent's report, no executive session was needed for the evening.

XIX. RETURN TO OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

XX. ADJOURNMENT

WHEREAS, there being no further business of the Oceanport Board of Education to attend to on the 7th day of January 2026; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the January 7, 2026 meeting of the Oceanport Board of Education be and is hereby adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Martinez

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

The Oceanport School District will support students' growth along their educational journey and maximize their academic achievement. Our educational community will work collaboratively to provide an innovative, nurturing, and safe environment with opportunities for ALL learners.