Charging Ahead!

Oceanport Board of Education
29 Wolf Hill Avenue
Oceanport, NJ

Regular Meeting Minutes
September 16, 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 in the Wolf Hill School Cafeteria, 29 Wolf Hill Avenue, Oceanport, NJ, and remotely via Zoom at: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86778166150. The order of business and agenda for the meeting are as follows:

I. CALL TO ORDER – Board of Education President, Mark Patterson at 6:01 pm

II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT -
Board of Education President, Mark Patterson

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, and the District's Website www.oceanportschools.org. 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. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC

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.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- August 19, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
- August 19, 2026 Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. McDonnell and seconded by Mrs. Liberatore to approve the regular meeting minutes and executive session minutes for August 19, 2026. The motion carried unanimously with 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT & PRESENTATIONS – Dr. Karen Barry

- Special recognition of tenure for the following staff members -
    - Megan Docherty – September 2, 2026
    - Peter Evertz – September 2, 2026
    - Nicole Goldsmith – September 2, 2026
    - Meghan Harmon – September 2, 2026
    - Colleen LaSalle – September 2, 2026
    - Renee DaSilva – September 14, 2026

Dr. Barry and the building principals congratulated each teacher and presented them with a small gift as a token of the District's appreciation.

Mr. Patterson also thanked the teachers for their outstanding work and continued dedication to the District.

- Congratulations to our OP Chargers Summer Field Hockey Team for winning the championship at Goodsports Field Hockey League
    - Emma Carney
    - Taylor D'Andrea
    - Stella Greenman
    - Reagan McGann

- Teagan McGough
- Alexis Mateicka
- Mariella Marucci
- Addie Motzenbecker
- Angelina Painchaud
- Aria Reginio
- Fiona Revfi
- Peyton Tappendorf
- Marley Waterman

Dr. Barry recognized the team members by name and shared that the team's large trophy will be displayed at Maple Place School.

- Congratulations to Corey Billy for completing the Wilson Dyslexia Practitioner Level 1 certification for the period August 20, 2026 - August 20, 2031.

Dr. Barrry spoke about the rigorous program completed by Mrs. Billy, and her appreciation for her efforts in receiving this certification.

- Thank you to the PTO for their support in welcoming our students and staff back to school:
  - Staff luncheon on September 2nd
  - Parent "Chalk the Walk" Back-to-School Welcome for Students
  - Pre-K Playdate
  - Kindergarten Playdate

- On tonight's agenda is the retirement of Joanne Bohner. Mrs. Bohner has been a dedicated and valued Special Education Teacher in the Oceanport School District since 1991. We are deeply grateful for her many years of service, compassion, and commitment to our students and school community. We look forward to formally honoring her at the May Board of Education meeting.

  Dr. Barry shared that Mrs. Bohner has 35 years of service, and that we will recognize her later in the year at a board meeting..

- Motion to approve the submission of the Biannual Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for the 2026-2027 school year.

- HIB Report:

9/8/2026-9/16/2026	Investigated Incidents	Confirmed Incidents	Confirmed Incidents Year to Date
Wolf Hill School	0	0	0
Maple Place School	0	0	0

Total	0	0	0

2026-2027 Oceanport School District Enrollment

Grade	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
PK	**97**									
K	**74**									
1	**55**									
2	**64**									
3	**63**									
4	**57**									
WHS Total	**410**									
5	**41**									
6	**72**									
7	**61**									
8	**64**									
MPS Total	**238**									
District Total	**648**									

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

Dr. Barry noted that the District has 105 preschool seats, while the enrollment reported above reflects 97 students. The remaining seats are reserved for students transitioning from Early Intervention who have already been identified.

A motion was made by Ms. Maloney and second by Mrs. Sargent to approve the Biannual Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for the 2026-2027 and the HIB report. The motion carried unanimously with 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

A five-minute recess was taken to allow for photographs with the teachers who were recognized.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS

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 public comments were made.

VIII. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

A. Education, Technology, Curriculum, Instruction Committee:
Patricia Kelly, Chairperson
Committee Report: September 2026 Meeting of the Education, Technology, Curriculum, Instruction Committee

A-1 Recommend to approve the following professional development:

Staff Member	Event	Vendor/Location	Date(s)	Cost
Colleen LaSalle	AMTNJ Fall 2026 Conference	AMTNJ, Brookdale Community College	11/20/2026	Registration $215 Travel $6.11 $221.11
Colleen LaSalle	Coaching Connection Fall 2026 Meeting	Coaching Connection Group	10/23/2026	Registration N/A Travel $73.32
Christina Vawter	AMTNJ Fall 2026 Conference	Association of Mathematics Teachers of New Jersey (AMTNJ)	11/20/2026	Registration $215 Travel N/A
Leigh Niers	NJPSA Mentor Program In-Person Sessions	NJPSA, Monroe Township, NJ	9/30/2026 1/28/2027 5/25/2027	Registration N/A Travel N/A
Nicole Goldsmith	NJAGC Sharefest	NJAGC, Rutgers University-New Brunswick	10/13/2026	Registration - $35
Leigh Niers	NJAEYC Annual Conference 2026	New Jersey Association For The Education Of Young Children, Woodbridge, NJ	10/9/2026	Registration - $270
Jennifer O'Hara	Coaching for Change in PEA Classrooms: Data-Driven Practices for Early Childhood	NJDOE, Trenton, NJ	10/23/2026	N/A

	Learning Success; Part 2			

A-2 Recommend to approve the revised curricula for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Gifted & Talented K-2
- Gifted & Talented 3-5
- Gifted & Talented 6-8
- ELA Grade 7
- ELA Grade 8

A-3 Recommend to approve the following new curricula for the 2026-2027 school year:

- 8th Grade Elective: Sustainable Eco House
- 8th Grade Elective: Music and the Movies
- 8th Grade Elective: Watercolor
- 8th Grade Elective: Sculpture
- 8th Grade Elective: Cooking

A-4 Recommend to rescind the use of Title II Funds for the mentor fees for Amanda Villano.

A-5 Recommend to approve the following mentor (pursuant to NJAC 6A:9B-8.4) for the district's provisional teacher for the 2026-27 school year (payment amount is determined by the NJ Department of Education and satisfied by the mentee) as follows:

Provisional Teacher Candidate (Mentee)	**Route**	**Mentoring Fees**	**Mentor**
Amanda Villano	Alternate	$1100 - 30 weeks	Alison Lampart

A-6 Recommend to approve the following field trips pursuant to Board of Education Policy 2340:

Date	Destination	Grade Level/Staff Members	Subject Matter
1/12/2027	TCNJ Ewing, NJ	Maple Place Student Council / R. Lisotto, J. Wilkes	Attend the NJASC Winter Conference with 1,500 students from across NJ. Attend workshops to learn different activities to bring back to Maple Place.

6/2/2027	Great Adventure Jackson, NJ	Maple Place Student Council / R. Lisotto, J. Wilkes	Attend the NJASC Spring Awards Program
10/6/2026 11/4/2026 1/5/2027 2/17/2027 3/25/2027 4/21/2027	Lunch Break Red Bank, NJ	7th Grade Student Council / R. Lisotto, M. Scardilli, T. Jones, E. Iannotta, P. Evertz, E. Spenard	To tour the Lunch Break facility and witness first hand where and to whom their service projects benefit.
10/29/2026 11/19/2026 12/17/2026 1/14/2027 2/18/2027 3/18/2027 4/22/2027 5/13/2027 6/10/2027	Oceanport Gardens	Grades 5-8 (in small groups) / M. Keiser, M. Bonett, M. Mason J. Richter, K. Jakubowski, R. Lisotto, N. Goldsmith, E. Ianotta, M. Docherty	Community Service/Partnership
10/21/2026 11/11/2026 12/9/2026 1/20/2027 2/24/2027 3/18/2027 4/14/2027 5/13/2027	Wolf Hill School	8th Grade Students / J. Richter, H. Daley, J. Vaccarelli, J. Sproul, J. Hahn, G. Devine, K. Jakubowski, M. Bonett, M. Mason	8th Grade Service Learning Project - Preschool Students
10/9/2026	Wolf Hill School	7th & 8th Grade Peer Leaders / M. Bonett, M. Mason	7th & 8th Grade Peer Leaders will work with K & 1st Grade Students.

A-7 Recommend to approve enVision math 6-8 and enVision A|G|A (Savvas Learning Company) at a cost of $39,771.60 for a 3-year license to update from the current version of the same program.

A-8 Recommend to approve HMH Into Science K-8 at a cost of $25,955.83 for a 1-year license to update from the current version of the same program.

A-9 Recommend to approve the following staff members as members of the Intentional Tech Committee for the 2026 - 2027 school year:

Nadine Bauer	Jessica Sproul
Rickie Lee Saybolt	Cynthia Jutras

Diane Belinski	Paige VanGombos
Kristen O'Dwyer	Colleen LaSalle
Jeff Small	Michelle Mason
Christina Vawter	John Vaccarelli
Megan Bonett	

A motion was made by Mrs. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. McDonnell to approve items A-1 through A-9. The motion carried unanimously with 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

B. **Policy Committee:** Courtney McDonnell, Chairperson
Committee Report: September 2026 Meeting of the Policy Committee

C. **Personnel Committee:** Marion Maloney, Chairperson
Committee Report: September 2026 Meeting of the Personnel Committee

C-1 By recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Joanne Bohner effective 6/30/2027.

C-2 By recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve the employment of the following individual pending satisfactory completion of employment requirements with terms as stated:

Name	Position	Compensation	Dates
Jennifer Fitzgerald	Lunch Aid Wolf Hill	$16/hr - NTE 10 hrs/week	9/17/2026* - 6/30/2026

*pending criminal background check

C-3 By recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve the following Schedule B appointments with terms as stated:

Schedule B Position	Staff Member(s)	Compensation
Baseball	John Vaccarelli	$3,645.52
Softball	Megan Docherty	$3,645.52
Boys Basketball	Michael Birnbaum	$4,670.07
Girls Basketball	Megan Docherty	$4,670.07
Cheerleading	Joanne Wilkes	$4,670.07
Winter Sports Coordinator	Joanne Wilkes	$773.06

Spring Sports Coordinator	Joanne Wilkes	$773.06
Basketball Monitors	Jackie Richter & Gracyn Devine	$1,508.94 divided equally for each game
Wolf Hill Chimes	Erica Bach	$1,361.00
Maple Place Chimes	Erica Bach	$728.28
Chorus Grades 3-4	Erica Bach	$1,361.00
Maple Place Chorus	Erica Bach	$1,361.00
MP Play Director	Erica Bach	$3,121.20
MP Play Assistant Director	Douglas Brown	$3,121.20
MP Play Art Set Design	Alex Canessa	$2,496.96
MP Play Costume Design	Patricia Cooper	$1,924.74
8th Grade Advisors	Jackie Richter & Heather Daley	$1,757.69 divided equally
8th Grade Dance Chaperones	Joanne Wilkes, Erica Sacca, Gracyn Devine, Renee Lisotto, Erica Spendard, Megan Scardilli, Tracy Jones, Jackie Richter, Heather Daley, Jessica Sproul	$51 per hour not to exceed 3 hours
Coding Club - AE/WH	Beth Mistretta	$1,361.00
Kindness Club - AE/WH	Julia McDonnell	$1,361.00
Dance Club - AE/WH	Cynthia Jutras	$1,361.00
STEAM Club - AE/WH	Beth Mistretta	$1,361.00
LEGO Club - AE/WH	Nick Tarquinio	$1,361.00
Wolf Hill Art Club	Alex Canessa	$1,361.00
Wolf Hill News Crew	Alex Canessa	$582.42
Wolf Hill Phys Ed Club	Nick Tarquinio	$1,361.00

Wolf Hills Spelling Bee Moderator	Kim Rajner	$242.76
Wolf Hill Reading Fair Moderator	Kim Rajner	$242.76
Wolf Hill Yearbook	Natalie Berry	$1,248.48
Wolf Hill Art Show	Alex Canessa	$242.76
Maple Place Yearbook	Megan Scardilli & Tracy Jones	$3,189.56 divided equally
Student Leadership	Renee Lisotto	$1,361.00
National Junior Honor Society	Jackie Richter & Gracyn Devine	$1,361.00 divided equally
Fun Fit Sports Club - AE/MP	Corinne Valentino	$1,361.00
Maple Place Alliance Club - AE/MP	Amy Eklof & Erica Sacca	$1,361.00
Debate Club - AE/MP	Emily Iannotta	$1,361.00
Genius Hour/Passion Project Club - AE/MP	Jamie Hahn	$1,361.00
Maple Place Art Club	Corinne Valentino	$1,361.00
Maple Place Spelling Bee Moderator	Emily Iannotta	$242.76
Maple Place Art Show		$242.76
Maple Place Volleyball Club	Megan Scardilli	$1,361.00
Maple Place Running Club	Justin Karpinski	$1,361.00

C-4 By recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to retroactively approve Izabela Jackson to attend Kindergarten Orientation at Wolf Hill School on Thursday, September 3, 2026 for one hour at their contractual rate.

C-5 By recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve Corey Billy for a 6th period class at total of $10,903.13

C-6 By recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve the following staff members as Dance Chaperones at Maple Place for the 2026-2027 school year at the current contractual rate of $51 per hour, not to exceed $153 each per dance:

Joanne Wilkes	Tracy Jones,
Erica Sacca	Jackie Richter
Gracyn Devine	Heather Daley
Renee Lisotto	Jessica Sproul
Erica Spenard	Megan Scardilli

C-7 By recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve the following staff members to hold after school Central Detention at Maple Place at the contractual rate of $51 per hour.

Joanne Wilkes	Heather Daley
Peter Evertz	Jackie Richter
Gracyn Devine	Justin Karpinski
Renee Lisotto	Erica Spenard
Corey Billy	

C-8 By recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to retroactively approve the following staff members to attend 5th Grade Orientation on 9/1/2026 for a total of 1.5 hours at the contractual rate of $58.15:

Kristen O'Dwyer	Samantha Schmidt
Lauren Elwell	Michelle Mason
Megan Bonett	

C-9 By recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve The College of New Jersey student Molly Bonett to complete 6 observation hours under the direction of Jessica Carnavas.

C-10 Recommend to retroactively approve Anthony Coles and Joanne Wilkes to be compensated to attend CPR training outside of contractual hours at a rate of $51/hour for 45 minutes.

C-11 Recommend to retroactively approve Nancy Farina to be compensated to attend CPR training at a rate of $17/hour for 2 hours.

C-12 Recommend to retroactively approve the following staff members to be compensated for attending CPI Training for 45 minutes beyond contractual hours on September 2, 2026 at an hourly rate of $17.00:

- Lisa Rotilli
- Isabella Jackson
- Chriselle Loquette
- Tara Piner

C-13 By recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to amend the previously approved motion for Staff Member #4268 to work up to four (4) days per week, compensated on a timesheet basis, by changing the end date from October 31, 2026 to September 30, 2026, at which time the staff member will return to the position and schedule for which they were originally hired for the 2026-2027 school year.

C-14 By recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve Heather Daley as a Breakfast Monitor for the period of September 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a rate of $51.00 per hour, with total compensation for all approved Breakfast Monitors not to exceed $4,590.

A motion was made by Ms. Maloney and seconded by Mrs. Liberatore to approve items C-1 through C-14. The motion carried unanimously with 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Mrs. McDonnell asked about the positions not filled.

D. Finance Committee: Dan Peltz, Chairperson
Committee Report: September 2026 Meeting of the Finance Committee

- **BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION**

I, Geraldine Martinez, certify that as of July 31, 2026, no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3.

Geraldine Martinez

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

- **PAYROLL CERTIFICATION**

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary reports, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1b, has certified the August 14, 2026, payroll in the amount of $60,395.25, which includes $6,601.18 employer's share of TPAF Social Security.

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary reports, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1b, has certified the August 28, 2026, payroll in the amount of $44,059.90, which includes $5,134.05 employer's share of TPAF Social Security.

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary reports, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1b, has certified the August 2026 Summer Payroll in the amount of $184,356.52 for 10-month staff participating in the summer pay deferral plan.

D-1 LIST OF BILLS - September 16, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oceanport Board of Education, that the claims for goods received and services rendered and certified to be correct by the Business Administrator, be approved for payment in the amount of $ 741,418.67.

D-2 TRANSFERS - July 2026

Account Number	Act Description	DR	CR
11-000-218-320-030	Pur Services -		620.00
11-000-218-320-050	Pur Services -		620.00
11-000-218-610-030	Guidance Supplies And Materials MP	620.00	
11-000-218-610-050	Guidance Supplies Materials WH	620.00	
11-000-291-270-000	Health Benefits		4,800.00
11-000-262-441-000	Office Space Rental	4,800.00	
11-000-270-160-000	Transportation Salary		177.00
11-000-270-350-000	Cont Management Fee	177.00	
20-218-200-103-050	Salaries Of Supervisors		1,000.00
20-218-200-103-050	Salaries Of Supervisors		306.00
20-218-200-105-050	Salaries Of Secr And Cle	306.00	
20-218-200-110-050	Other Salaries	500.00	
20-218-200-176-050	PEA Ss Master Teachers	500.00	
11-000-262-420-030	MP Cont Service		1.00
11-000-263-420-000	Oceanport Facilities Contract	1.00	
11-000-266-420-000	Security Purch. Srvs.		170.00
11-000-266-300-000	Cont Security Services	170.00	
11-000-291-270-000	Health Benefits		30,000.00
11-000-251-330-000	Purch Prof Svc	10,000.00	
11-000-252-340	Purch Tech Services	10,000.00	
11-190-100-640-030	Textbooks - MP	10,000.00	
11-204-100-101-050	Lld Teachers-WH		1,850.00
11-204-100-106-050	Lld Aide Sal WH		47,000.00
11-000-262-100-000	Custodian Salar		17,500.00
11-000-270-160-000	Transportation Salary		1,200.00
11-120-100-101-050	Teachers 1-4 WH		3,300.00
11-000-216-100-000	Speech/Ot/Pt Salary		29,175.00
11-000-217-100-030	Spec Ed Aide MP		10,000.00
11-000-217-100-030-SUB	Special Ed Aide / para subs		5,503.00
11-213-100-101-030	Res Rm Teachers MP		7,725.00
11-214-100-101-050	Autism Teacher		84,535.00
11-214-100-106-000	Paraprofessionals - Autism		27,708.00
11-000-217-100-050	Spec Ed Aide WH	76,900.00	
11-000-219-104-000	CST Salaries	21,935.00	

11-130-100-101-000	Teachers 6-8	13,600.00	
11-204-100-101-030	Lld Teachers-MP	11,000.00	
11-212-100-101-050	Mult Disabilities Teacher	84,353.00	
11-212-100-106-050	Multi Disabilities Para	27,708.00	
11-000-240-103-050	Principal Sal WH		0.20
11-000-221-102-000	Sal Of Director Of Ins	0.10	
11-000-240-103-030	Principal Sal MP	0.10	
11-000-230-331-000	Attorney		40,000.00
11-000-230-100-000	Salaries Support Service	40,000.00	
11-000-251-330-000	Purch Prof Svc		12,000.00
11-000-251-100-000	Central Services Salaries	12,000.00	
		325,190.20	**325,190.20**

D-3 SECRETARY/MONTHLY RECONCILIATION REPORTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the financial reports of the Secretary to the Board of Education and the Monthly Reconciliation Report for July 2026 are in agreement be accepted as submitted and attached to and made part of the minutes of this meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4 we certify that as of July 31, 2026, after review of the secretary's monthly financial report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Treasurer Reports	Board Secretary Reports
July 2026	July 2026

D-4 Recommend to approve the amendment to the previously approved appointment of Dr. Alison Smoller, Neurologist, of Developmental Pediatrics of Central Jersey, to provide neurological evaluations for the 2026–2027 school year, on an as-needed basis, by changing the rate from $650 per evaluation to $700 per evaluation.

D-5 Resolution Authorizing Retention Of Special Litigation Counsel To Investigate And Pursue Claims Against Social Media Companies

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Oceanport Board of Education (the "Board") is a body corporate organized and existing under Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, vested with authority to govern the affairs of the Oceanport School District (the "District"), including the power under N.J.S.A. 18A:11-2 to sue and be

sued in its corporate name and to employ legal counsel to protect the interests of the Board, the District, and its students; and

WHEREAS, social media platforms owned and operated by Meta Platforms, Inc., Instagram LLC, ByteDance Ltd. and TikTok Inc., Snap Inc., and Google LLC/YouTube LLC (collectively, the "Platforms") have been designed, marketed, and operated in a manner alleged to be addictive and harmful to minors, and are the subject of coordinated litigation nationwide, including *In re: Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 3047 (N.D. Cal.), in which school districts and boards of education across the country — including in New Jersey — have asserted claims against the Platforms; and

WHEREAS, the Oceanport School District devotes staff time and resources to addressing issues associated with student social media use, including counseling and student support services, administrative and disciplinary matters, cyberbullying and harassment concerns, and other student safety and wellness issues;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the District and its students to investigate, and if warranted to pursue, legal claims against the Platforms to recover the costs the District has borne as a result of the Platforms' conduct; and

WHEREAS, the Law Office of Robert King, PLLC ("King Law") and Motley Rice LLC ("Motley Rice," and together with King Law, "Counsel") have substantial experience representing school districts and public entities nationwide in litigation against the Platforms, including court-appointed leadership roles in the MDL, and have proposed to undertake this representation on a contingency-fee basis, at no upfront cost or financial risk to the District; and

WHEREAS, legal services, including contingency-fee litigation representation, constitute "professional services" as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2, and may be procured without public advertising for bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) of the Public School Contracts Law, provided that the Board states its supporting reasons for such action in this Resolution — as set forth in the foregoing recitals — and causes notice of the award to be published as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Oceanport School District, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Retention of Counsel. The Board hereby retains and engages King Law, Motley Rice and Machado Law Group as special litigation counsel to investigate, evaluate, and, if warranted, prosecute all viable claims against the Platforms arising from harm to the District caused by the design, marketing, and operation of the Platforms, including but not limited to claims for public nuisance, negligence, and products liability. Because Machado Law Group also serves as general counsel to the Board,

the Board will not be separately billed for any services performed by Machado Law Group in connection with this matter. Rather, Machado Law Group will serve as co-counsel with King Law pursuant to a separate co-counsel agreement, and any fees payable to Machado Law Group will be paid from King Law's contingency fee. Accordingly, the Board will incur no additional legal fees or expenses for Machado Law Group's services in connection with this litigation.

2. Authorization to Execute Contract. The Board President is authorized to execute, on the Board's behalf, a Contract of Investigation and Representation with King Law, Motley Rice and Machado Law Group, substantially in the form presented to the Board, providing for representation on a contingency-fee basis with attorneys' fees not to exceed one-third (33.33%) of any gross recovery, with Counsel to advance all litigation costs and expenses, reimbursable only from any recovery obtained.

3. Scope of Authority. Counsel is authorized to associate co-counsel, retain experts and investigators, participate in coordinated or multidistrict litigation proceedings, and take all other steps reasonably necessary to investigate and prosecute the claims described herein, consistent with the terms of the executed Contract.

4. No Obligation Absent Recovery. Nothing in this Resolution obligates the expenditure of any District funds, and the District shall owe no fee or expense to Counsel except as expressly provided in the executed Contract, and then only in the event of a recovery.

5. Publication of Notice. The Board Secretary is directed to cause a brief notice of the award of this contract — stating the nature, duration, service, and amount of the contract — to be printed once in an official newspaper of the District, as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1).

6. Further Action. The Board President and District counsel are authorized to execute any further documents and take any further action reasonably necessary or convenient to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 16th day of September, 2026, at a duly noticed regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Oceanport School District, held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.

A motion was made by Mr. Peltz and seconded by Mrs. Gough to approve items D-1 through D-5.

Mrs. Machado provided clarification regarding her conversations with other parties participating in the class action lawsuit and explained the purpose of the resolution

in D-5. She noted that there is no upfront cost to the District. If the District receives a settlement, a percentage of the settlement will be paid to the attorneys as legal fees. If no settlement is received, the District will incur no cost.

The motion carried unanimously with 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstention.

E. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Jamie Gough, Chairperson
Committee Report: September 2026 Meeting of the Buildings & Grounds Committee

E-1 Recommend to approve the following building use requests:

Building	Room	Date/Time	Organization/Event
Maple Place	Gymnasium	9/30/2026, 10/1/2026, 10/2/2026 5:30pm - 8:30pm 10/3/2026 8:30am -11:30am	OBA Basketball Tryouts
Wolf Hill* Maple Place	Gymnasium	10/10/2026 - 3/12/2027 Saturdays 8:30am - 12:00pm Monday - Friday 5:30pm - 9:00pm *Excluding Tuesdays, 1/5/2027-3/9/2027 and 10/17/2026	Oceanport Basketball Association
Wolf Hill	Gymnasium	1/5/2027 - 3/9/2027 Tuesdays 5:00pm - 9:00pm	Peninsula Soccer Club
Wolf Hill	Media Center * Art Room**	9/15/2026* 10/8/2026** 3:20pm-4:30pm	Girl Scout Troop #60792
Maple Place	Cafeteria	10/30/2026 3/19/2027 6:00pm-10:00pm	Maple Place Student Council Dance

A motion was made by Mrs. Gough and seconded by Mrs. McDonnell to approve item E-1. The motion carried unanimously with 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstention.

IX. 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.

X. LIAISON REPORTS

NJSBA/MCSBA – Mark Patterson

Mr. Patterson shared that on October 6th, the first hybrid meeting will take place at Renaissance in Ocean. The interactive and scenario-based meeting will cover the topic of civility and is open to all Board members.

PTO – Courtney McDonnell

Mrs. McDonnell shared that the PTO held a meeting last night and is currently selling half-day pretzels. Tomorrow is Back to School Night (BTSN), where the PTO will offer pencil grams for a donation to the PTO. The Fall Social will take place at Donovan's, with tickets available for purchase on the PTO website. The Fall Festival is scheduled for October 17th, and registration is now open for the Turkey Trot.

ADL (Advocates for Diverse Learners) – Daniel Peltz

Mr. Peltz shared that the next meeting date is to be determined.

Mental Health - Ryan Glubo

Dr. Barry spoke in Mr. Glubo's absence. The 8th graders will participate in a service learning project where they will work with preschool students at Wolf Hill. Guidance lessons at Wolf Hill and "Leader in Me" lessons have begun at each school. The admin book study novel has been selected and will be *Free-Range Kids*.

Oceanport Borough Council – Ryan Glubo

Mr. Patterson spoke in Mr. Glubo's absence. He shared that no items of interest related to the school were discussed at the last council meeting, and that the next meeting date is September 24th. Trunk or Treat will take place on October 24th, and volunteers are needed to host trunks. Interested individuals should reach out to the Recreation Committee.

Sea Bright Borough Council – Cristin Liberatore

Mrs. Liberatore provided updates regarding Sea Bright Borough, noting that library hours have changed. She reminded attendees that Sea Bright Day will take place this Saturday from

1:00 PM to 6:00 PM and advised everyone to be mindful of parking, as the event will occupy the parking lot. Additionally, she reminded parents to review e-bike safety rules with their children, emphasizing that regulations are currently being actively enforced.

Shore Regional BOE Liaison – Jamie Gough

Mrs. Gough shared that the next meeting is scheduled for September 24th. Registration for AP and IB exams is currently open, with additional details available on the district website. The Fall Open House is scheduled for October 8th at 6pm.

Community Benefit Partnership Liaison - Jessica Sargent

Mrs. Sargent shared that at the September 10th meeting, the list of ideas for the use of funds was narrowed down. At this time, no money has been designated. The next meeting date is October 8th.

XI. BOARD BUSINESS

XII. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT

The 2020 Referendum Project has been completed. In connection with the final closeout of the project, any remaining interest earnings will be transferred to the General Fund or Debt Service Fund, as appropriate, in accordance with applicable State regulations.

XIII. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Patterson shared that Chalk the Walk was a wonderful event and noted that he had the opportunity to visit both school buildings as the school year began. He commented on what a great District tradition the event has become. Mr. Patterson also attended the PTO meeting, which was well attended, and thanked the PTO for its continued support of the District. He reminded everyone that Back-to-School Night is scheduled for tomorrow, with Maple Place School's Back-to-School Night taking place next week.

XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

XV. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Teehan, the District's representative from the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA), provided a presentation to the Board and administrative team regarding strategic planning. He discussed the benefits of the strategic planning process, including the opportunity to gather input from the community. He explained that the process helps establish shared goals and priorities and allows the District to align its resources in support of those goals.

Ms. Maloney left the meeting at 7:04 pm.

Dr. Teehan then presented information regarding District goals, explaining that the goals may align with the District's strategic plan, but are not required to do so. He reviewed the goal-setting process and provided examples of various types of District goals.

Mr. Patterson offered suggestions for additional goals. Mrs. McDonnell shared her thoughts regarding the communication goal and the need to strengthen its focus. Mr. Patterson discussed the process for further developing the goals and corresponding action plans, with the goal of presenting the finalized District goals at the October Board meeting.

XVI. OLD BUSINESS

XVII. CORRESPONDENCE

XVIII. 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.

XIX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:18 pm

A motion was made by Mrs. McDonnell and seconded by Mrs. Liberatore to move into executive session. The motion was approved with a voice vote with 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

XX. RETURN TO OPEN PUBLIC SESSION at 8:11 pm

A motion was made by Mrs. McDonnell and seconded by Mrs. Liberatore to open public session. The motion was approved with a voice vote with 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

WHEREAS, there being no further business of the Oceanport Board of Education to attend to on the 16th day of September 2026; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the September 16, 2026 meeting of the Oceanport Board of Education be and is hereby adjourned at 8:11 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.