Regular Board Meeting (Thursday, March 26, 2026)

Members present
Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

A. MEETING OPENING

Procedural: 1. Call to Order
The Regular Meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Barnes on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 6:01 p.m. in the Ocean City High School Library, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ.

Procedural: 2. President's Announcement of Adequate Meeting Notice
President Barnes announced that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975. Notice of the time, place and agenda were filed with the city clerk, posted in the lobby of City Hall, and posted on the district's website, www.ocsdnj.org, under "Current Legal Notices." Public notices may also be located utilizing the New Jersey Secretary of State's *Statewide Legal Notice Listings*, located at www.nj.gov/state/statewide-legal-notices-list.shtml.

Procedural: 3. Roll Call
On roll call, members present were Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Kelly Ann Emberger, Chris Halliday, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl, and Kevin Barnes. Also present were Christian Angelillo, Ed.D. Superintendent, Timothy E. Kelley, Business Administrator, and Michael Stanton, Esquire. Member absent was Jacqueline McAlister. There were no members of the public present.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION - if needed (not open to the public)

Action: 1. Executive Session
Motion to enter into Executive Session.

Motion by Jocelyn Palaganas, second by Andrew Shawl. The Board entered executive session at 6:02 p.m.

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes Boards of Education to meet in executive session under certain circumstances.

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into private session; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ocean City Board of Education, that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving:

Matters involving personnel issues, including but not limited to, the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or discipline of any public officer or employee, and specifically: staff tenure charges; superintendent search.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ocean City Board of Education WILL return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session. The Board anticipates returning to open session in approximately 60 minutes.

Motion by Jocelyn Palaganas, second by Andrew Shawl.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 2. Return to Public Session
Motion to return to Public Session.

The Board returned from executive session at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Chris Halliday, second by Corey Niemiec.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

C. REGULAR MEETING OPENING

Procedural: 1. Call to Order
The Regular Meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Barnes on Thursday, March 26, 2027, at 7:04 p.m. in the Ocean City High School Library, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ.

Procedural: 2. President's Announcement of Adequate Meeting Notice
President Barnes announced that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975. Notice of the time, place and agenda were filed with the city clerk, posted in the lobby of City Hall, and posted on the

district's website, www.ocsdnj.org, under "Current Legal Notices." Public notices may also be located utilizing the New Jersey Secretary of State's *Statewide Legal Notice Listings*, located at www.nj.gov/state/statewide-legal-notices-list.shtml.

Procedural: 3. Salute to the Flag
President Barnes led everyone present in a salute to the flag.

Procedural: 4. Roll Call
On roll call, members present were Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Kelly Ann Emberger, Chris Halliday, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl, and Kevin Barnes. Also present were Christian Angelillo, Ed.D. Superintendent, Timothy E. Kelley, Business Administrator, Michael Stanton, Esquire, Ryan Slaven from Longport, and Student Representatives Sophia Pero and Molly Quinn. Member absent was Jacqueline McAlister. There were 18 members of the public present.

D. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS

Procedural: 1. Board President's Report/Comments
Mr. Barnes welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided an update on the superintendent search.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Angelillo welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided updates on the district calendar, graduation, NJSBA 8th Grade Dialogue, the Intermediate School's "Don't Press Send" presentations, Boys' Basketball Group III State Championship, Policy 5756, and spring break.

Information: 1. 2026-27 Budget
Mr. Kelley presented the preliminary budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

Information: 2. Student Representatives' Update
Student representatives Sophia Pero and Molly Quinn provided an update to the Board of Education.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS (on Agenda Items Only)

Procedural: 1. Public Comments (on Agenda Items Only)

Vic Staniec, Ocean City / Fairness in Taxes, addressed the Board regarding the 2026-2027 budget.

G. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Action: 1. Use of Facilities
The Board approves the following requests for use of facilities at the High School:

	Requested by	Activity	Dates/Times Requested	Rooms Needed	Fee Charge
1	City of Ocean City	Nor'Easters Soccer	*See Attached Schedule*	Locker Rooms & Trainer's Room; Exterior Restrooms	No charge
2	City of Ocean City	Summer Basketball Leagues	June 22 - August 3, 2026 (Mon) 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm *RAIN ONLY:* *June 9 - 18, 2026 (Tues/Thurs)* *June 23 - August 13, 2026 (Tues/Wed/Thurs)* *5:00 pm - 10:00 pm*	Main and Auxiliary Gyms	No charge
3	City of Ocean City	Basketball Camp	July 13 - 17, 2026 July 27 - 31, 2026 Aug 3 - 7, 2026 (Mon - Fri) 8:00 am - 2:00 pm	Main and Auxiliary Gyms	No charge
4	City of Ocean City	Wrestling Camp	July 6 - 9, 2026 August 3 - 6, 2026 (Mon - Thurs) 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Wrestling Room (H108)	No charge

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 2. Use of Facilities (OC Reps Only)
The Board approves the following requests for use of facilities at the Primary and/or Intermediate School:

	Requested by	Activity	Dates/Times Requested	Rooms Needed	Fee Charge

1	Warriors Lacrosse	Lacrosse Games	April 18, 2026 (Sat) 8:15 am - 2:15 pm	Intermediate School Fields (18th & Bay / 19th & Haven)	No charge
2	City of Ocean City	Summer Basketball Leagues	June 22 - August 12, 2026 (Mon/Wed) 4:15 pm - 8:15 pm June 23 - August 13, 2026 (Tues/Thurs) 4:15 pm - 10:00 pm	Intermediate School Gym; Basketball Courts	No charge
3	City of Ocean City	Church League Softball	May - August, 2026 (Mon) 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm (schedule of dates to follow)	Intermediate School Softball & Baseball Fields	No charge
4	City of Ocean City	Morning Sports	June 22 - July 2, 2026 July 20 - August 21, 2026 (Mon-Fri) 8:30 am - 12:30 pm ***Not Available: 7/3/26***	Intermediate School Cage Field (18th & Bay); Basketball Courts; Bathrooms Gym (Rain Only) ***Not Available: 6/23-24/26***	No charge
5	City of Ocean City	Fun N'Fitness Camp	June 22 - August 21, 2026 (Mon-Fri) 8:30 am - 12:30 pm ***Not Available: 7/3/26***	Intermediate School Multi-Purpose Room	No charge

Motion by Jocelyn Palaganas, second by Corey Niemiec.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Jocelyn Palaganas
Not Present at Vote: Kelly Ann Emberger, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Information: 3. Drills

School	Date	Drill(s)
High School	February 11, 2026 February 12, 2026	Fire Security
Intermediate School	February 11, 2026 February 13, 2026	Fire Security
Primary School	February 11, 2026 February 10, 2026	Fire Security

Reports: 5. Buildings and Grounds Committee Report
Mr. Allegretto provided a report from the Building and Grounds Committee.

H. CURRICULUM AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Action: 1. Revised 2025-26 School Calendar
The Board approves the attached revised 2025-26 School Year calendar.

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 2. High School Field Trips
The Board approves the attached High School Field Trip list.

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 3. Intermediate School Field Trips (OC Reps Only)
The Board approves the attached Intermediate School Field Trip list.

Motion by Jocelyn Palaganas, second by Corey Niemiec.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Jocelyn Palaganas
Not Present at Vote: Kelly Ann Emberger, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 4. Primary School Field Trips (OC Reps Only)
The Board approves the attached Primary School Field Trip list.

Motion by Jocelyn Palaganas, second by Corey Niemiec.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Jocelyn Palaganas
Not Present at Vote: Kelly Ann Emberger, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Information: 5. Out-of-School Suspension Report - February 2026

Information: 6. HIB Case Findings - Informational

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Reports: 8. Curriculum and Student Affairs Committee Report
Mr. Niemiec provided a report from the Curriculum and Student Affairs Committee.

I. FINANCE

Action: 1. Bill List
The Board approves the payment of bills for March 2026 in the amount of $4,388,002.71.

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl
Mr. Barnes ABSTAINED on check #203342

Action: 2. Secretary and Monthly Cash Reconciliation Reports
The Board approves the Board Secretary's Monthly Financial Report and the Monthly Cash Reconciliation Report for February 2026. The Board Secretary's Monthly Financial Report and Monthly Cash Reconciliation Report are in agreement with each other.

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 3. Line Item Transfers
The Board approves the revenue and appropriation transfers for February 2026. The Board also acknowledges receipt of the State of NJ mandated transfer reconciliation form for February 2026.

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 4. Travel and Expense Reimbursement
The Board approves the March 2026 list of Board of Education Members and School District Staff travel and related expense reimbursements.

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 5. Food Service Report
The Board accepts the Food Service Monthly Finance Report for February 2026.

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 6. Certified Per Pupil Costs Report
The Board accepts the 2024-25 Certified Per Pupil Costs Report.

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 7. Tuition Rates
The Board approves the following tuition rates for the 2026-27 school year:

Preschool	$15,774
Kindergarten	$17,000
Grades 1-5	$21,250
Grades 6-8	$21,950
Grades 9-12	$21,000
Learning/Language Disabilities	$22,000
Behavioral Disabilities	$35,000
Multiple Disabilities	$35,000
Preschool Disabilities	$22,000

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 8. Preliminary Budget
The Board approves the Preliminary Budget for the 2026-27 School Year.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Ocean City Board of Education hereby adopts the preliminary budget for the school year 2026-2027 using the 2026-2027 state aid allocation. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall be authorized to submit the following preliminary budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

A.	**General Fund**	$49,839,902
	Less: Anticipated Revenues	$21,683,365
	Amount to be raised by local taxes	$28,156,537
B.	**Special Revenue Fund**	$1,883,950
	Less: Anticipated Revenues	$1,883,950
	Amount to be raised by local taxes	$0
C.	**Debt Service Fund**	$0
	Amount to be raised by local taxes	$0

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary post/advertise said preliminary budget in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that a public hearing be held at the Ocean City Board of Education meeting on April 30, 2026, in the High School Library/Media Center at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2026-2027 school year,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2(a), maximum dollar amounts for public relations and professional services have been established and are detailed in the appropriations section of the 2026-2027 budget,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: to include in the final budget the CAP adjustment in the amount of $1,111,893 for an increase in health care costs. This CAP adjustment will be utilized to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this CAP adjustment will be used in the 2026-2027 budget and will not be carried over as banked CAP in future budgets,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the proposed budget includes an adjustment for banked CAP in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.1(b). The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of $190,996 for the purpose of the procurement of instructional materials. The district intends to complete said purposes by June 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(d) the general fund appropriations include $400,000 to be withdrawn from the Maintenance Reserve Account to be utilized for required maintenance at District schools as reported in the comprehensive maintenance plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-20.5,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that $150,000 be withdrawn from the Emergency Reserve Account to be utilized for District security improvements,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that $1,500,000 be withdrawn from the Tuition Reserve Account which were deposited into the account in 2024-2025 and are now required to be withdrawn in the 2026-2027 school year,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Ocean City Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and WHEREAS, the Ocean City Board of Education established $125,000 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended $2,233 as of this date; now THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of $125,000 for the 2026-2027 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to advertise said tentative budget in accordance with the format required by the State Department of Education and according to law.

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 9. Preschool Education Aid (PEA)
The Board approves submission of the Preschool Expansion Aid (PEA) budget. The district will receive Preschool Education Aid (PEA) in the amount of $1,088,406 for 69 general education students for the 2026-27 school year.

The district's 2026-27 Enrollment/Budget Planning Workbook total budget for the program is $1,251,331 and includes local funding for students with special needs included in general education classrooms, prior year carryover, and Preschool Education Aid (PEA).

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 10. Tuition Contracts
The Board approves the following 2026-27 Tuition Contracts for full and shared-time general and special education students:

Sending District	Tuition
Corbin City	$421,677
Longport	$181,738
Sea Isle City	$1,576,160
Upper Township	$11,592,326

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 11. Tuition Adjustment 2024-2025
The Board approves the escrow of $992,450 of the 2024-2025 tuition adjustment with the Upper Township Board of Education as outlined in the 2026-2027 tuition contract.

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 12. Tuition Adjustment 2024-2025
The Board approves the escrow of $120,000 of the 2024-2025 tuition adjustment with the Corbin City Board of Education as outlined in the 2026-2027 tuition contract.

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 13. Cape May County Special Services School District Agreement for Transportation Services
The Board approves the 2026-27 Shared Services Transportation Contract with the Cape May County Special Services School District on an as-needed basis.

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 14. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), a reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Fiscal Year 2026 Consolidated Grant Application Submission (Revised)
The Board authorizes the District's submission of the ESSA/ESEA FY2026 consolidated grant amendment for the following amounts:

Title I Part A	$246,394
Title II Part A	$30,094
Title III	$23,266
Immigrant	$1,525
Title IV Part A	$17,086
Total Allocation	$318,365

Note: The amendment was required to add carryover funds for Title I ($34,255), Title III ($3,075), and Title III Immigrant ($157) to the original grant application ($280,878) for a total of $318,365.

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 15. Grant Acceptance
The Board accepts the following grant for the 2025-26 school year:

	School	Name	Funded By	Amount
1	District	Phone Free Schools Grant	NJ Department of Education	$10,290.38

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 16. Donation
The Board accepts the following donation for the 2025-26 school year:

	Donor	School	Amount	Use
1	Robert & Beth Novick	High School	$2,960.00	Holocaust Museum Trip

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 17. Donations (OC Reps Only)
The Board accepts the following donations for the 2025-26 school year:

	Donor	School	Amount	Use
1	Ocean City PTA	Intermediate School	$964.35	Student Council Trip - Six Flags (Bus)
			$876.00	4th Grade Trip - EHT & A.C. ACUA Facilities (Bus)
		Primary School	$1,831.61	Library Robots Grant
			$1,139.70	Kindergarten Trip - Cape May Zoo (Bus)
			$1,008.20	3rd Grade Trip - Cold Springs Village (Bus)

Motion by Jocelyn Palaganas, second by Corey Niemiec.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Jocelyn Palaganas
Not Present at Vote: Kelly Ann Emberger, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

J. PERSONNEL - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent

Action: 1. Retirements
The Board accepts the following retirements, with deep regret, by roll call vote:

	Name	Building/Location	Position	Effective Date
1	Geralyn Williscroft	High School	English Teacher	7/1/26
2	Wendy McNally	High School	Mathematics Teacher	7/1/26

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 2. Resignations
The Board accepts the following resignations, by roll call vote:

	Name	Building/Location	Position	Effective Date
1	Victor Mahar	District	Flag Football Coach	3/12/26
2	Colleen Dwyer	High School	Senior Scholarship Coordinator	2/19/26

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 3. Leaves of Absence
The Board approves the following leaves of absence by roll call vote:

	Employee #	Building/Location	Type of Leave	Effective Dates
1	2997	District	FMLA	3/11/26-4/15/26
2	5178	District	Revised Paid/FMLA/NJFLA	12/29/25-5/31/26
3	4994	District	Paid Medical/FMLA	4/15/26-on or before 5/27/26

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 4. Revised Job Descriptions
The Board adopts the following new and revised job description for the 2025-26 school year by roll call vote:

Assistant Coach
Athletic Trainer
Cafeteria Person-in-Charge
Co-Curricular Advisor
Head Coach
Part-Time Food Service Worker
Sporting Event Worker
Substitute Teacher
Volunteer Coach

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 5. High School Coaches 2026-27
The Board approves the following High School coaches for the 2026-27 school year by roll call vote:

	Name	Season	Sport	Position	Stipend
1	Kevin Nuss	Fall	Boys' Soccer	Head Coach	$7,011.00
2	Paul Callahan	Fall	Football	Assistant Coach	$5,390.00
3	Dimitrios Harritopulos	Fall	Football	Assistant Coach	$5,390.00
4	Kelly Halliday	Fall	Girls' Soccer	Head Coach	$7,011.00

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 6. High School Coaches 2025-26
The Board approves the following High School coaches for the 2025-26 school year by roll call vote:

	Name	Season	Sport	Position	Stipend
1	William Kleva	Spring	Baseball	Volunteer Coach	n/a
2	Steven Morocco	Spring	Track	Volunteer Coach	n/a

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 7. New Substitute Appointments
The Board approves the following substitute appointments by roll call vote:

	Name	Location	Position	Effective Dates
1	Tiffany Cera*	District	Substitute Teacher	3/27/2026-6/30/2026
2	Ashley Juelg	District	Substitute Teacher	3/27/2026-6/30/2026
3	Abigail Leypoldt	District	Substitute Teacher	3/27/2026-6/30/2026
4	Jennifer McCusker	District	Substitute Teacher	3/27/2026-6/30/2026
5	Owen Ogden	District	Substitute Teacher	3/27/2026-6/30/2026
6	Olivia Swisher	District	Substitute Teacher	3/27/2026-6/30/2026

*pending criminal history clearance

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 8. Retirement (OC Reps Only)
The Board accepts the following retirement, with deep regret, by roll call vote:

	Name	Building/Location	Position	Effective Date
1	Sonja Parker	Intermediate School	ELA Teacher	7/1/26

Motion by Jocelyn Palaganas, second by Corey Niemiec.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Jocelyn Palaganas
Not Present at Vote: Kelly Ann Emberger, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 9. Leave of Absence (OC Reps Only)
The Board approves the following leave of absence by roll call vote:

	Employee #	Building/Location	Type of Leave	Effective Dates
1	4473	Primary School	FMLA/NJFLA	9/23/26-1/3/27

Motion by Jocelyn Palaganas, second by Corey Niemiec.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Jocelyn Palaganas
Not Present at Vote: Kelly Ann Emberger, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 10. Intermediate School Coaches 2026-27 (OC Reps Only)
The Board approves the following Intermediate School coaches for the 2026-27 school year by roll call vote:

	Name	Season	Sport	Position	Stipend
1	Ashley Schmid	Fall	Girls' Soccer	Head Coach	$5,039.00

Motion by Jocelyn Palaganas, second by Corey Niemiec.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Jocelyn Palaganas
Not Present at Vote: Kelly Ann Emberger, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Action: 11. Primary School Placement (OC Reps Only)
The Board approves the following Primary School placement by roll call vote:

	Name	Assignment	College/University	Effective Dates
1	Ashley Vitiello	Rosemary Millar	Stockton University	2/3/26-4/14/26

Motion by Jocelyn Palaganas, second by Corey Niemiec.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Jocelyn Palaganas
Not Present at Vote: Kelly Ann Emberger, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

Reports: 13. Negotiations Committee Report
Board Members acknowledged retirements on this agenda and thanked retiring staff members for their service to the district. There was no other report from the Negotiations / Personnel Committee.

K. POLICY

Reports: 2. Policy Committee Report
Mr. Barnes provided a report from the Policy Committee.

L. VOTE ON BOARD RESOLUTIONS (Full Board)

Action: 1. Vote on Board Resolutions (Full Board)
Motion to vote on board resolutions (Full Board).

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Lisa Mansfield.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl
Mr. Barnes ABSTAINED on item I.1 - check number 203342

M. VOTE ON BOARD RESOLUTIONS (Ocean City Representatives Only)

Action: 1. Vote on Board Resolutions (Ocean City Representatives Only)
Motion to vote on board resolutions (Ocean City Representatives Only) (Resolutions #G.2, H.3, H.4, I.17, J.8, J.9, J.10, J.11) as presented/amended.

Motion by Jocelyn Palaganas, second by Corey Niemiec.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Jocelyn Palaganas
Not Present at Vote: Kelly Ann Emberger, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl

N. Approval of Minutes

Action: 1. Minutes: 2/19/26 Regular and Executive Session
Motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2026, Regular Meeting and Executive Session as presented.

Motion by Jocelyn Palaganas, second by Andrew Shawl.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl
Abstain: Kelly Ann Emberger

Action: 2. Minutes: 2/26/26 Regular and Executive Session
Motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2026, Regular Meeting and Executive Session as presented.

Motion by Jocelyn Palaganas, second by Andrew Shawl.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl
Abstain: Kelly Ann Emberger

Action: 3. Minutes: 3/10/26 Regular and Executive Session
Motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026, Regular Meeting and Executive Session as presented.

Motion by Jocelyn Palaganas, second by Andrew Shawl.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl
Abstain: Kelly Ann Emberger

Action: 4. Minutes: 3/11/26 Regular and Executive Session
Motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2026, Regular Meeting and Executive Session as presented.

Motion by Jocelyn Palaganas, second by Andrew Shawl.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl
Abstain: Jennifer Cawley-Black, Kelly Ann Emberger

Action: 5. Minutes: 3/19/26 Regular and Executive Session
Motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2026, Regular Meeting and Executive Session as presented.

Motion by Jocelyn Palaganas, second by Andrew Shawl.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl
Abstain: Kelly Ann Emberger

O. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Procedural: 1. Public Comments

Maryann McAfee, Upper Township, addressed the Board regarding the Surf Team national competition held in California and student absence limit of 1.5 days.

James Gahr, Strathmere, addressed the Board regarding the Surf Team national competition being held in California and student absence limit of 1.5 days.

P. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Procedural: 1. Unfinished Business
There was no unfinished business.

Q. NEW BUSINESS

Procedural: 1. New Business
There was no new business.

R. EXECUTIVE SESSION - if needed (not open to the public)

Action: 1. Executive Session
There was no executive session.

S. MEETING CLOSING

Action: 1. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Jennifer Cawley-Black, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Motion by Corey Niemiec, second by Jennifer Cawley-Black.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kevin Barnes, Chris Halliday, Michael Allegretto, Jennifer Cawley-Black, Jennifer Dwyer, Lisa Mansfield, Corey Niemiec, Kelly Ann Emberger, Jocelyn Palaganas, Donald Polo, Andrew Shawl
Respectfully submitted,

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Timothy E. Kelley
Business Administrator/Board Secretary