

Ocean Academy Charter School Board of Education

Minutes – Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, November 8th, 2022

In Accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act: Public Notice of this Meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given by the Board Secretary in the Asbury Park Press – Paper of Record. Ocean Academy Charter School, 1650 Massachusetts Avenue, Lakewood, NJ. Attendance by virtual or in person.

Anita Raynes Lepelstat – President
Jim Muzikowski – Vice President
Marshall White
Thomas A. D’Ambola
Aase Marie Hare
Sharon Hollander
Roxanne Martin
Reverend Juan Angel Monge-Santiago
Stephen Nichol

Valarie Smith (Board Secretary), Lorna Hassel (Principal), Dawn Cobb-Fossnes (Middle School Principal), David Block (School Business Administrator), Thomas McMahon (Facilities Consultant), and David Hespe (Board Attorney).

All Present

Meeting to be Called to Order –
Salute to the Flag by Board President Anita Lepelstat

Action Agenda

Old Business - Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 30, 2022 Presented by Valarie Smith

Motion to Approve the Minutes of August 30th, 2022 made by Tom D’Ambola
Second by Roxanne Martin
Vote: Eight in Favor of Approval, One Abstention

New Business - Principal’s Attendance Report Presented by Lorna Hassel, Head of School

Attendance for the Month of October

Staff Days off: 107 Half Days 29

Student occurrences of absence - 191 (not related to Covid)

Total Enrollment – 450

[Yearly HIB Report](#) Presented by Lorna Hassel, Head of School

HIB Report: Ocean Academy Charter School received a school grade of 75 out of 78 possible points under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for the 2021-22 School Year.

A motion was made to accept the the HIB Report and its score of 75 points by Steve Nichol.

Second by Jim Muzikowski

Unanimously in Favor

[Student Accidents – Play Park](#) – Presented by Valarie Smith

Unfortunately, we have had two student accidents at the Play Park. One student (during recess) fell from the monkey bars and broke his wrist – surgery followed but all is well. Another student had an accident during After School Care and had to be rushed to the hospital – it appears from reports all is well.

[Update on High School Building and Expansion Application](#) – Presented by Tom McMahon and Dawn Cobb-Fossnes.

[Security Update & New Fencing](#) – Presented by Valarie Smith

We are following up with some of the security recommendations that have been suggested to us in our Threat Assessment Report.

We are having a non-climbable chain link fence installed in the entire back section of the school and on the side of the school (Toms River wooded area) up to the front door.

We have installed “No Trespassing” signs in prominent areas.

[Action Agenda – New Business](#)

[Expand Tom McMahon’s Contract](#) – For High School Expansion – Presented by Valarie Smith

Motion by Anita Lepelstat to approve the extension of Tom McMahon’s contract for High School consulting, (expansion of grades 9 – 12, 280 students, negotiating with 1626 Massachusetts Avenue LLC) ending June 30, 2023.

Second by Sharon Hollander

Vote: Unanimously in the Affirmative

Start Strong Results – Presented by Valarie Smith (Lorna Hassel & Dawn Cobb-Fossnes)
 Start Strong results by Grade Levels

Preliminary Analysis of Start Strong Fall 2022

MATH	Number Tested	Less Support May Be Needed	Some Support May Be Needed	Strong Support May be Needed
Grade 4	60	11	16	33
Grade 5	56	14	16	26
Grade 6	58	4	14	40
Grade 7	32	1	10	21
Total	206	30	56	120
ELA	Number Tested			
Grade 4	60	6	11	43
Grade 5	56	21	18	17
Grade 6	58	9	21	28
Grade 7	32	5	8	19
Total	206	41	58	107

Aase Hare motioned for the Board to acknowledge the preliminary analysis of the Start Strong results.
 Second by Roxanne Martin
 Unanimously approved by the Board.

[FINANCIALS](#) presented by David Block

Update on the Charter School Grant – Audit Concerns

Bill List – November

Motion to accept the November Bill List made by Jim Muzikowski

Second by Tom D’Ambola

Unanimously approved by the Board

Board Comments -

1. Marshall White asked why the PTO cannot use the kitchen. David Hespe and Valarie Smith will look into the contract Ocean Academy has with Maschio’s and potential issues.
2. Marshall White asked about the use of Trailers to help with crowding. She was advised that this is something Administration is looking into.
3. Aase Hare asked if there was a statewide “average” for the HIB score.
4. Marshall White presented Valarie Smith with a brochure for a company to consult on AfterSchool programs.

Announcements – Next Board of Trustees Meeting will be Tuesday, December 13th

There is no January Meeting

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Father Juan at 6:50 pm

Second by Tom D’Ambola

Unanimously Approved by the Board

Minutes Approved Board Meeting of December 13, 2022