

School Board Meeting *Highlights*

Township of Ocean Board of Education • 163 Monmouth Road • Oakhurst, New Jersey 07755

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At the Public Meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2005, the Township of Ocean Board of Education took the following action:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Congratulations to **ALEXANDRA KAMENEL & JOSELYN SLOAN**, Seniors, who have been recognized by the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program. This program, established in 1983, is a College Board program that provides national recognition of the exceptional academic achievements of Hispanic high school seniors and identifies them for postsecondary institutions.

Mr. James Soldo, Band Director, and the **OCEAN TOWNSHIP MARCHING BAND** attended the annual Marching Band Festival presented by the All Shore Band Directors Association at Toms River High School North on October 18th. Twelve other schools from Monmouth County also performed during this fine tradition. It is an honor and a privilege to be asked to be a part of this great event.

Congratulations to **JUDI LEWIS**, Art Teacher, who has been awarded a \$1000. mini-grant for the 2005-2006 school year from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. The funds are to be used to attend workshops in painting, printmaking, drawing, and photo shop, and for the purchase of a digital camera.

Congratulations to **SUSAN REESE**, English Teacher, for being appointed to serve as State Coordinator of the Achievement Awards in Writing Program for the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). The NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing competition is open to juniors in high school and recognizes writing excellence based on the students' samples of their own best prose or verse, and on impromptu themes that are written under supervision.

Congratulations to **BARBARA LUPINSKI**, Grade 5 Enrichment Teacher, who is one of a select group of teachers to be awarded a fellowship by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation to visit the winter sanctuaries of the monarch butterflies in Mexico. Mrs. Lupinski and the 2004-05 Grade 5 Enrichment students raised monarch butterflies from eggs to full development, tagged them for tracking purposes, and developed a monarch and swallowtail butterfly habitat on the east side of the Intermediate School. Last year's students also introduced the monarch project to this year's enrichment students so that the project could be continued and further developed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Finance – Mr. Arthur Mahoney

- All bills on the regular Bill List for October/November and payroll were approved for payment.
- The Board certified and accepted the monthly financial reports.
- Appropriation Transfers in the 2005-06 General Fund 10 were approved.
- Telcove LLC of Canonsburg, Pa. was approved to provide district telecommunications services for a five year term.
- Requests for Use of Facilities were approved.

- The Fire Drill Report for the month ending October 31, 2005 was approved.
- The 2004-2005 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as presented by the Certified Public Accounting firm of Paduano, DiTomasso & Golda, LLC and the Corrective Action Plan were approved.
- Approval was given for the acceptance of grant awards for funds allocated under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B (IDEA-B) for Fiscal Year 2006.
- Approval was given for acceptance of the Final Report for funds expended under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B (IDEA-B) for Fiscal Year 2005.

2. Instruction & Education Committee – Mr. James R. Wagner

- The 2005-2006 Quality Assurance Annual Report was approved.
- Student Teachers were approved.
- The following Out of District Tuition was approved:

School	Students	
Class Academy	1	Effective January 2, 2006

- Cara Nelius, a graduate student at Rutgers University & third grade teacher at Ocean Township Elementary School, was approved to do her Field Experience with Joyce Winberry, Librarian, for 150 hours. This field experience will not interfere with her contractual duties.
- Approval was given for college students to observe.

3. Personnel Committee - Mr. Raymond J. Menell

- Jeanine McGovern was approved as a Substitute Playground Supervisor at Wayside School.
- Michael Pullano was approved as the Cable Youth Network Advisor for the 2005-2006 school year, prorated, effective October 1, 2005.
- Approval was given for the resignation of Lourdes Acosta, High School Spanish Teacher, effective November 24, 2005.
- Approval was given for a Family Leave of Absence for Courtney M. Hoffman, at the conclusion of her eligible sick leave and continuing until April 25, 2006. Her last day of work will be December 16, 2005.
- Lillian R. Rothe was approved as a Substitute Clerical Assistant.
- Approval was given for the resignation of Douglas Grace, Custodian, effective October 20, 2005.
- Approval was given for the resignation of Lou Appelman, Bus Driver, effective November 1, 2005.
- Lou Appelman was approved as a substitute bus driver.
- Approval was given for the issuance of the following revised contracts:

Brian Rogan	Head Custodian	Effective: November 1, 2005
Deborah Schultz	Intermediate School	
	Instructional Assistant	Effective: December 1, 2005
	Wanamassa School	
Sandra Mastrodonato	Elementary	Effective December 1, 2005
	Wayside	Actual Start November 4, 2005
Lisa Hanna	English	Effective: January 1, 2006
	High School	

- Approval was given for a Leave of Absence for Curtis Penn, Custodian, October 19-28, 2005.
- A Family Leave of Absence was approved for Eric M. McChesney, Instructional Assistant, from November 1, 2005 – December 9, 2005.
- Approval was given for a Family Leave of Absence for Susan Palmer, Physical Ed. Teacher, ending November 11, 2005. She will return to work on November 14, 2005.
- Louis Dal Pra was approved as Interim Athletic Director.
- Approval was given for the retirement of Kathleen M. Walsh, Special Ed. Teacher, effective February 1, 2006.
- Approval was given for a Family Leave of Absence for Kelly Corcione, Special Education Teacher, at the conclusion of her eligible sick leave, February 1, 2006 – May 17, 2006. Her last day of work will be January 4, 2006.
- Lynne Thomasey and Susan English were approved as co-directors of the 5th grade chorus.
- 2005-2006 Winter Coaches were approved.
- Ryan Pringle was approved as a volunteer Basketball Coach.
- Approval was given for a contractual upgrade, Intermediate School Yearbook Advisor, from Group II to Group I, due to the increase in workload with the addition of the 5th grade.
- Substitute Teachers were approved
- Approval was given for the resignation of Paul Egger, Physical Education Teacher, effective November 16, 2005.

The next regular meeting of the Township of Ocean
Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2005
at 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Administration Building.