

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Cape May County Special Services School District and
Cape May County Technical School District

AGENDA #73
MEETING MINUTES

**February 28, 2023
3:35 P.M.**

The following board members were present at the board meeting: Mr. Alan Gould, Board President, Mr. Christopher Kobik, Board Vice President, Mr. Kenneth Merson, Board Member, Mr. Casey Halverson, Board Member, Mrs. Lauren Reed, Board Member, Ms. Nancy Ramundo, Board Member (remote).

Not present at the meeting: Dr. Judith DeStefano, Board Member.

In addition, present at the meeting were Ms. Jamie Moscony, Superintendent, Dr. Thomas Baruffi, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Lauren Flynn, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mrs. Kathleen Allen, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Amy L. Houck-Elco, Esquire and other administrators and members of the public.

Board President Alan Gould welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for participating.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Alan Gould led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Board President Alan Gould read the following statement:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-10, adequate notification of this meeting has been properly posted in The Cape May County Herald, The Press of Atlantic City and the County Commissioner's office on July 15, 2022 as prescribed by Chapter 231, laws of 1975.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

On the motion of Mr. Merson, seconded by Mr. Halverson, the following minutes (A-B) were approved by roll call vote:

- A.** January 24, 2023, 2022 Board of Education
- B.** January 24, 2023 Executive

Voting Yes: Gould, Kobik, Merson, Reed, Halverson, Ramundo
Voting No: None
Abstained: None
Motion Carries.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This meeting will now be open to public comments. If your questions pertain to litigation, student, or personnel item, please see the Superintendent after the meeting as the board does not discuss these matters in public. Depending on the nature and complexity of your questions, the board secretary may ask for your contact information so that someone can get back to you with a response. Pursuant to Special Services Policy #0167 & Tech Policy #9322, public comment shall be limited to five minutes per person and limited to a total of 30 minutes for all public comments.

NONE

III. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

A. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Ms. Dempsey reported that the FFA Bingo Night was a fun experience and that it raised approximately \$2,000. She stated that the prom fashion show is returning with an option to purchase the clothes. She commented that the agriculture fair for exploratory students was a success. She mentioned that the Unified Fans in the Stand game against Mainland had a high turnout.

B. DISTRICT REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Samuel Picketts updated the board on the baseball team's revised trip and the change in the plans that were previously approved.

Ms. Valerie Bowers updated the board on the Unified Sports season as well as the goals of the program. She discussed how the program is funded by the Special Olympics through a grant that both districts apply for together. She thanked both districts for the supplemental help that they provide that the grant does not include. She stated that the program provides opportunities for socialization, inclusion and friendships for all of the students. She gave special thanks to Erin Oleen and Andrew Egnor who really manage the program as well as to both superintendents for their full support of the program.

C. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Dr. Baruffi echoed the importance of the Unified Sports Program. He thanked everyone who assisted with the QSAC review and mentioned that the review was completed last week. He stated that the Special Services District had the opportunity to present at the P.R.I.D.E conference in February. He reported that the district participated in the Wildwood Polar Bear Plunge in support of the Special Olympics. He mentioned that there is a county-wide professional development event coming up in the near future with approximately 200 teachers participating. He noted the 7th grade students' success in the basketball tournament and showed the news coverage at the meeting.

Ms. Moscony acknowledged the collaboration between districts and how this creates more successful programs and experiences for everyone. She mentioned her continued appreciation and support of the Unified Sports Program. She stated that Cape May Tech