

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Manahawkin, NJ 08050

PUBLIC AGENDA

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

PLACE: Stafford Township Arts Center (STAC)

DATE: April 27, 2023

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Stafford Township Board of Education is called to order in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act Law - 1975 Chapter 231 (P.L. 1975-231C). This meeting was advertised in the Atlantic City Press. Notice has been posted in the office of the Stafford Township Clerk, all school buildings and on the district website. A mechanical device is being used to video record this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Cono Cirone	Member
Kevin Cooney	Member
Patricia Formica	Member
Deborah Lyons	Member
Matthew Regulski	Member
Christopher Smith	Member
Joseph Washco	Member
Taylor Brennan	Vice President
Tammy Wagner	President

ALSO PRESENT

George J. Chidiac	Superintendent
Lourdes LaGuardia	Business Administrator/Board of Education Secretary
Martin J. Buckley, Esq.	Board of Education Attorney

FLAG SALUTE

A. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

- The 2023-2024 Budget as presented by George Chidiac, Superintendent and Lourdes LaGuardia, School Business Administrator.

B. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**C. CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM THE BOARD****D. BOARD BUSINESS**

1. To adopt the following resolution "Adoption of the Final Budget 2023-2024":

ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET
2023-2024

**Adjustment
S-3732**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Stafford Township Board of Education includes in this final budget \$1,566,594 of additional surplus generated in the 2022-2023 school year resulting from Senate Bill 3732 provision for Supplemental Stabilization Aid.

**Adjustment
Medicaid SEMI Alternate Revenue Projection**

RESOLVED that the Stafford Township Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the alternate revenue projection for Medicaid Semi in the amount of \$46,737 for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Adjustment
Capital Reserve Withdrawal**

RESOLVED that the Stafford Township Board of Education includes in the proposed budget a withdrawal from the General Fund Reserve Account for Other Capital Projects in the amount of \$47,600 for the purpose of PLC Bathroom Renovations. In addition the district proposes a withdrawal of \$3,000,000 for excess cost relative to ROD Grant submission for building infrastructure improvements at Ocean Acres and Intermediate schools. The unused funds shall revert back to Capital Reserve.

**Adjustment
Emergency Reserve Withdrawal**

RESOLVED that the Stafford Township Board of Education includes in the proposed budget a withdrawal from the General Fund Reserve Account for Other Projects for the purpose of district security funding in the amount of \$40,000. The unused funds shall revert back to Reserve.

Adjustment for Enrollment

BE IT RESOLVED that the Stafford Township Board of Education includes in the final budget the adjustment for enrollment in the amount of \$368,271. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for supplies and materials necessary for the additional students.

Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2023-2024

WHEREAS, the Stafford Township 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:23B-1.1 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, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$1500 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq, but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$50,000 for all staff and board members.

Adoption of Final Budget 2023-2024

BE IT RESOLVED that the final budget be approved for the 2023-2024 school year using the 2023-2024 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following final budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Total Proposed Budget	47,190,670	6,022,139	676,250	53,889,059
Tax Levy	31,896,233		446,326	32,342,559

**Adoption of Final Preschool Budget Workbook
2023-2024**

BE IT RESOLVED that the final preschool budget workbook in the amount of \$5,054,875 be approved for the 2023-2024 school year using the 2023-2024 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the final preschool budget workbook to the New Jersey Division of Early Childhood Services for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline.

2. To approve the attached tuition rates for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Ab		Yes	No	Ab
Cono Cirone	___	___	___	Christopher Smith	___	___	___
Kevin Cooney	___	___	___	Joseph Washco	___	___	___
Patricia Formica	___	___	___	Taylor Brennan	___	___	___
Deborah Lyons	___	___	___	Tammy Wagner	___	___	___
Matthew Regulski	___	___	___				

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Stafford Township Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest, especially when it is intended to assist the Board of Education.

Please feel free to speak to the Board during the public session. Pursuant to Board Policy 0167, comments and discussion will be limited to one three (3) minute period per individual unless requested by the chairperson to continue on a point of clarification.

Public comment at special meetings of the Board shall be related to the call of the meeting. In accordance with the Board of Education Policy, each participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address and group affiliation, if applicable.

Your anticipated courtesy to the members of the public and the Board is appreciated.

F. CLOSED SESSION (IF NEEDED)

Whereas Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

Whereas, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Stafford Township Board of Education, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action of the hereinafter specified subject matters.

The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated subject matters shall be made public at such time as the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exists.

ADJOURNMENT

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Ab		Yes	No	Ab
Cono Cirone	___	___	___	Christopher Smith	___	___	___
Kevin Cooney	___	___	___	Joseph Washco	___	___	___
Patricia Formica	___	___	___	Taylor Brennan	___	___	___
Deborah Lyons	___	___	___	Tammy Wagner	___	___	___
Matthew Regulski	___	___	___				