

Minutes
April 26, 2023
Swedesboro-Woolwich Board of Education
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Gov. Charles Stratton School
15 Fredrick Boulevard
Woolwich Township, NJ 08085
6:00 Executive Session
Regular Session to Follow

1. Opening

A. Call to Order

Open Public Meeting Act. *Adequate notice of this meeting of the board of education of the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District has been provided in accordance with the certification of notice by the secretary of the board, which shall become part of the minutes of this meeting.*

B. Roll Call

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gina Azzari, School Board President	All Committees
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Natalie Baker, School Board Vice President	(Chair) Curriculum, (Chair) Negotiations, Personnel/Finance Committees
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Julie Dickson	(Chair) Operations Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tamara McGovern	Curriculum Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vivian Lane	(Chair) Personnel/Finance, Negotiations Committees
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Erin Carroll	Operations Committee
	Kathryn Beaver	Curriculum Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laurie Cecala-Read	Operations Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marie Barbara	Personnel/Finance, Negotiations Committees

Quorum: 8-1/6:01 pm

Other's Present:

Dr. Walter Kappeler, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Steven Jakubowski, School Business Administrator, Board Secretary

Mr. Joel Brown, Chief Information Officer

Ms. Christina Panebianco, Assistant Board Secretary

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – If Needed

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes boards of education to meet in closed executive session under certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District Board of Education (the "Board") to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into closed executive session; now therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that it is necessary to meet in closed executive session to discuss certain items, including the following:

- Matters of personal confidentiality rights, including but not limited to, staff and/or student discipline matters, and specifically: HIB
- Matters in which the release of information would impair the right to receive government funds, and specifically: _____
- Matters which, if publicly disclosed, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy, and specifically: _____
- Matters concerning negotiations, and specifically: _____
- Matters involving the purchase of real property and/or the investment of public funds, and specifically: _____
- Matters involving the real tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, and specifically: _____
- Matters involving anticipated or pending litigation, including matters of attorney-client privilege, and specifically: _____
- 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: Personnel
- Matters involving quasi-judicial deliberations, and specifically: _____

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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board anticipates the executive session to last approximately 30 minutes. The Board will return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

- 1) Recommendation: Baker/McGovern approve to enter into **Executive Session** for the purpose of discussing/reviewing items as noted above.
Board action needed: Yes Time: 6:02 pm
(All yes, motion to carry 8-0)

- 2) Recommendation: Baker/Cecala-Read approve to return to **Regular Session**.
Board action needed: Yes Time: 6:25 pm
(All yes, motion to carry 8-0)

C. Flag Salute

D. Adoption of Agenda

Recommendation: Baker/McGovern approve the adoption of the agenda, **as presented**.

Board action needed: Yes
(All yes, motion to carry 8-0)

E. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: Baker/Barbara approve the regular and executive session minutes dated **March 22, 2023, as submitted**.

Board action needed: Yes
(All yes, motion to carry 8-0)

2. Presentations

A. Stellar Comet of the Month- **March 2023**

1) **Walter Hill School**

Grade 6

- Kai Lewis
- Nicholas Nieves
- Sydney Schiavone
- Ashley Marlin
- Zori Mallory

2) **Charles G. Harker School**

Grade 3

- Isaac Okungbowa
- Milena Crichlow

Grade 4

- Jake McIlhenney

- Kayla Casalunovo
- Grade 5
- Elijah Coxe
 - Ava Hampton
- 3) **Gov. Charles Stratton School**
- Grade 1
- Westin Rasmussen
 - Madeline Hosey
- Grade 2
- Ty Vengenock
 - Ellie Grusemeyer
- 4) **Margaret Clifford School**
- Preschool
- Keisan McLaurin
 - Dominick Lane
- Kindergarten
- Olivia Vadino
 - Jameson Sanders

3. Communication

A. Superintendent

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1) Superintendent Updates

- Today is Administrative Assistants Day- we are grateful to all of our Administrative Assistants. Thank you for all you do!
- Home Depot- thank you for helping the Harker School install a Butterfly Garden.
- NJSLA Testing- 3rd & 4th grade will be testing May 8th through May 12th in ELA and Math. 5th and 6th grade ELA and Math will be May 15th- 18th. 5th grade Science will be May 22nd and 23rd.
- 100th Year Celebration- Tomorrow is our 100th Year Celebration at the Walter Hill School 6-8 pm. Thank you to Mrs. Boston for planning this celebration.
- Poetry Café- 2 5th grade classes shared their poems. The poems were fabulous! Board Member, Vivian Lane, was able to attend today. Thank you for being there.
- 5th Grade Drama- We have so many talented students. Thank you to the staff and students for such a great show.

Shout Outs!

- Thank you to Lauren Fox for organizing the March Music Madness challenge for the Harker School. The winning song was We Are the Champions by Queen.
- Thank you to the PTO volunteers who helped out with the Book Fair at Harker. Your support is greatly appreciated.
- Great job to the third and fourth grade chorus under the direction of Mrs. Fox and accompanied by Mrs. Overby....The concert was wonderful!
- Thank you to all the schools for recognizing Abilities Awareness Month. The feather projects are going to look awesome!
- Thank you to all the schools for recognizing Abilities Awareness Month. The feather projects are going to look awesome! Special thank you to our Abilities Awareness Ambassadors: Danielle Murphy, Meghan Green. Kim Bohanon.
- Thank Chrissy P, Comet Care, and the Clifford Staff for welcoming our Class of 2023-2024 Kindergarten parents to our Kindergarten Round Up. We are excited to welcome the new class of littles in September!
- Shout out to Mrs. Campbell, Miss Alexis Cancila, Mrs. Cancila, and Mrs. Tatam for joining the Spring Clean-ups the past two Saturdays with the FLL, Student Leaders, and G&T members from the Harker School.
- Thanks to Janeen Buirch for organizing this year's Stratton STEAM Night. It was a huge success with over 120 students and their families spending time together in the world of Engineering, Science and Art. Thanks, too to all of the teachers who volunteered their time to run the many different stations. It was a wonderful night.
- Once again, the second-grade play provided two evenings of entertaining fun. Congratulations to Michaela Counsellor, and Morgan Smith for organizing and directing this year's production of 101 Dalmatians. Who knew there were so many talented actors and actresses in the second grade! Many thanks also to helpers Morgan Baals and Erin Seibert and, of course the play's business manager, Deb Statile.
- Thank you to the Swedesboro-Woolwich Environmental Commission for all of the beautiful trees that were planted at the Stratton School over Spring Break. We are all looking forward to the coming years and the beautiful shade that these trees will provide.

Board member, Laurie Cecala-Read, wanted to say how lovely all the tree's look at Stratton. She enjoys them every morning during her walk to school.

- 2) District Enrollment
 - a) Report, **as submitted**

[Clifford](#)
[Stratton](#)
[Harker](#)
[Hill](#)

B. District Administration

- 1) Administrator's Monthly Board Reports, **as submitted**

[Clifford](#)
[Stratton](#)
[Harker](#)
[Hill](#)
[Technology](#)
[Special Services](#)
[Curriculum & Instruction](#)
[Maintenance](#)

Public Comments/Visitors- None to report

Public Hearing, Presentation and Adoption of the 2023-2024 Annual School District Budget

- A. [2023-2024 Budget Presentation](#)- Mr. Steven Jakubowski
- B. **PUBLIC COMMENT** this meeting will now be open to members of the public who wish to speak or make comment on the 2023-2024 School District Budget. Any person who wishes to speak must wait to speak until they have been recognized by the presiding Board Officer. Any person who wishes to speak is requested to give their name, municipality of residence, and group affiliation, if any, at the beginning of their comments. Comments shall be limited to five minutes in total length.
- C. **BE IT RESOLVED**, Baker/Barbara approve that the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District Board of Education in the County of Gloucester, New Jersey adopts the following resolution to approve the 2023-2024 Annual School District Budget. The Board also accepts the New Jersey Department of Education notification of 2023-2024 State Aid and authorizes the administration to make minor adjustments to the budget as required by the Burlington Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

WHEREAS, the School Funding Reform Act of 2008 required the submission of an itemized budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools by March 20, 2023;

WHEREAS, the Executive County Superintendent has reviewed the budget documents and has approved them without any recommend adjustments;

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WHEREAS, the Board has the opportunity to modify this budget at the public hearing on April 26, 2023;

WHEREAS, the Board authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to submit the following 2023-2024 annual school budget and accepts the New Jersey Department of Education notification of 2023-2024 State Aid;

WHEREAS, supporting documentation of this budget also contains an itemization of certain expenditures required under administrative regulations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves the following 2023-2024 annual school budget as follows:

General Fund	\$ 31,302,504
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 403,433
Debt Service Fund	\$ 3,334,344

- D. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that there should be raised for the General Fund Tax Levy of \$16,627,259 for the ensuing School Year (2023-2024) and a Debt Service Tax Levy of \$2,836,966; and
- E. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, pursuant to Board policy and N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b) the Board hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2023-2024 school year at the sum of \$55,000.00 and;
- F. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

Board President, Gina Azzari, wanted to thank for all the hard work put into the budget process. You kept the board well informed during the whole process.

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)

(All yes, motion to carry 8-0)

Natalie Baker-Y	Julie Dickson-Y	Tamara McGovern-Y
Vivian Lane-Y	Erin Carroll -Y	Kathryn Beaver
Laurie Cecala-Read-Y	Marie Barbara-Y	Gina Azzari-Y

4. Action Items

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Personnel/Finance/Negotiations Committee

Personnel & Finance Committee Meeting Report, (Chairperson) Vivian Lane

Negotiations Committee Meeting Report, (Chairperson) Natalie Baker

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the following Personnel Matters are presented for Board Approval:

- Budget Presentation
- Health Insurance Costs

A. **Personnel- Recommendation:** Baker/Lane approve the following personnel items, as listed:

Name	Position/ Cert	Salary	Budget Acct #	Action	Effective Date
1- Christine Adamucci	Long Term Sub	\$125/day (days 1-20) \$200/day (days 21+)	11-120-100- 101-000-00- 080	Long Term Sub	April 27, 2023
2- Jessie Deopp	Teacher	-	-	Resignation	June 30, 2023
3- Leigh Donato	Administrator	-	-	Retirement	September 1, 2023
4- Maria Palmaccio	LPC	\$14.13/hour	60-910-310- 100-000-00	LPC	March 28, 2023
5- Erica Mela	LPC	\$14.13/hour	60-910-310- 100-000-00	LPC	TBD- Pending completion of ALL state required paperwork
6- Walter Sandy	Maintenance	-	-	Requesting 5 days without pay	June 22 & 23 June 26-28
7- Lori Savas	ELA Coach	-	-	Requesting 1 day without pay	June 9, 2023
8- Robert Miles, III	School Business Administrator	\$123,800	11-000-251- 100-00-00	New Hire	July 1, 2023- pending completion of ALL State required paperwork
9- Christine Desrochers	Teacher	-	-	Leave of Absence	September 2023-September 2024
10- Staff ID # 5001	Teacher	-	-	Requesting Extension of medica/maternity leave	May 9, 2023-May 22, 2023

B. **Workshops- Recommendation:** Approve the following workshops, as listed:

Name	Workshop	Date & Time	Cost	Estimated Travel Cost
1- Dr. Walter Kappeler	Model Schools Conference	June 25-28, 2023/Orlando Florida	\$945/person	Not to exceed \$2055
2- Rachel Ryman	2023 School Social Work Association of America National Conference (Virtual)	9 hours between April 17, 2023-May 29, 2023	\$275	N/A

C **Recommendation:** Baker/Lane approve the [Board Secretary's Report](#) in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of **March 2023**. The

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Board Secretary certifies that no line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A – 16.10 (c) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, and

Approve the [Reconciliation Report](#) in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of **March 2023**. The Reconciliation Report and Board Secretary's Report are in agreement for the month of **March 2023**.

Whereas, the Board Secretary in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c) 2 certifies that there are no changes in revenue amounts or revenue sources, and

Whereas, the Board of Education certifies- pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 4 that after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C 6A: 23A-16.10 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

D. Regular, Payroll, Cafeteria & Addendum Bills

Recommendation: Baker/Lane approve for payment of **April 2023** regular and addendum bills in the amount of **\$1,291,769.73** and payment of **May 2023** payroll in the amount of **\$1,494,086.99, as submitted.**

E. Recommendation: Baker/Lane approve the **Line-Item Transfer** for **March 2023** in the amount of **\$161,097.68, as submitted.**

F. Recommendation: Baker/Lane approve the settlement agreement in the Swedesboro-Woolwich Board of Education and Swedesboro-Woolwich Education Association, **Docket No. CO-2020-131, as submitted.**

G. Recommendation: Baker/Lane approve Swedesboro-Woolwich School District to receive a dividend from the **Schools Health Insurance Fund** (SHIF) in the amount of \$189,549.69, **as submitted.**

H. Recommendation: Baker/Lane approve to accept the NJSIG Safety Grant in the amount of \$2,433.

I. Recommendation: Baker/Lane approve the **Cooperative Pricing Agreement** between the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District and Sourcewell (formerly known as National Joint Powers Alliance) for the 2023-2024 school year, **as submitted.**

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- J. Recommendation: Baker/Lane approve the agreement between [ESS Northeast, LLC](#) and the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District for the 2023-2024 school year, **as submitted. (Revised agreement attached)**
- K. Recommendation: Baker/Lane approve the 5th year of the 5-year contract renewal for NutriServe Food Management, Inc. at the management fee of \$46,850.00 with no guarantee but projected \$20,602.48 profit and a total cost of the contract being \$646,485.02 for Swedesboro-Woolwich School District for the 2023-2024 school year, **as submitted. [Index Rate Calculation](#) & [Service Contract](#).**
- L. Recommendation: Baker/Lane approve Steven Jakubowski as a Substitute Administrator from May 22, 2023 to June 30, 2023 at the rate of \$60 per hour, not to exceed 48 hours.

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)

(All yes, motion to carry 8-0)

Natalie Baker-Y	Julie Dickson-Y	Tamara McGovern-Y
Vivian Lane-Y	Erin Carroll-Y	Kathryn Beaver
Laurie Cecala-Read-Y	Marie Barbara-Y	Gina Azzari-Y

Curriculum, Policy, Community Relations Committee

[Committee Meeting Report](#), (Chairperson) Natalie Baker

- *Summer Clubs*
- *State Testing- Decreased number of testing days*

- A. Recommendation: Baker/Lane approve **HIB, as submitted.**
- B. Recommendation: Baker/Lane approve Kayla Kushner Richards to conduct Psychological Evaluations, on an as needed bases, **[as per contract](#), as submitted.**
- C. Recommendation: Baker/Lane approve Denise Barr to conduct Learning Evaluations, on an as needed basis, **[as per contract](#), as submitted.**
- D. Recommendation: Baker/Lane approve (#3188017814) to attend Out of District Placement at Durand Academy for the 2022-2023 school year, per IEP.
- E. Recommendation: Baker/Lane approve Out of District Placement for (#2195719186) per IEP, placement to be determined.

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- F. Recommendation: Baker/Lane approve Homebound Instruction for (#2195719186) per IEP, as per contract rate of \$38/hour.
- G. Recommendation: Baker/Lane approve the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District to accept the School Climate Change Pilot Grant in the amount of \$6,660.
- H. Recommendation: Baker/Lane approve the following [staff and substitute staff](#) for ESY for 2023, as per contract rate \$25/hour for paraprofessionals and \$38/hour for teachers, **as submitted**.
- I. Recommendation: Baker/Lane approve the following [staff members](#) to attend Summer IEP meetings, as needed, as per the contract rate of \$38/hour, **as submitted**.
- J. Recommendation: Baker/Lane approve the following Out of District placements for the 2023-2024 school year, per IEP:
- (#8484560324) LACR
 - (#9810440169) Bankbridge Developmental Center
 - (#8781449809) Bankbridge Developmental Center
 - (#3188017814) Durand Academy
 - (#7300464046) Durand Academy
 - (#5180110767) LARC
 - (#3626297962) Bankbridge Elementary
 - (#9290827059) Bankbridge Elementary
 - (#7181905175) HollyDell
 - (#7287406781) TBD
 - (#4531424645) Creative Achievement Academy
- K. Recommendation: Baker/Lane approve the following Summer Clubs for the 2023-2024 school year, as per contract rate of \$38/hour

Teacher (s)	School/Grades	Club Name	Dates
1- Christina McClellan	Incoming Kindergarten	Ready, Set, Grow Kindergarten Camp	July 31-August 3, 2023/9-11:30 am
2- Christina McClellan	Incoming Kindergarten	Ready, Set, Grow Kindergarten Camp	August 7-10, 2023/9-11:30 am
3- Lauren Poulson	1 st Grade	1 st Grade Adventure Club	Every M-R July 31-Aug 17 10-11
4- Alexia Cancila	1 st Grade	1 st Grade Adventure Club	Every M-R July 31-Aug 17 10-11
5- Debbie Rivera	1 st Grade	1 st Grade Adventure Club	Every M-R July 31-Aug 17 10-11

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Board member, Tamara McGovern, questioned why the district is contracting out for evaluations?

Heather Worrell explained that we have additional outside companies for testing and evaluations. They are on an as needed basis. We are required by state guidelines to complete the in a specific time frame.

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)

(All yes, motion to carry 8-0)

Natalie Baker-Y

Julie Dickson-Y

Tamara McGovern-Y

Vivian Lane-Y

Erin Carroll-Y

Kathryn Beaver

Laurie Cecala-Read-Y

Marie Barbara-Y

Gina Azzari-Y

Operations

Buildings and Grounds, Long Range Plans, Technology, Transportation

Committee Meeting Report, (Chairperson) Julie Dickson

- Replacing Hill and Stratton Floors this summer beginning June 19th
- Warehouse Meeting- June 1st being held at Kingsway

A. Facility Usage Requests

Recommendation: McGovern/Barbara approve Facility Usage Requests, as listed. (Subject to submission of Insurance Certificate, and 501 documentation, and no conflict with school district activities)

Organization	School/Location	Date & Time	Activity
1- Swedesboro-Woolwich Soccer Association	Harker & Hill Fields	March 2023-June 2023/5:30-9:00 pm	Practices and Games
2- Blooming Buds	Clifford MPR	May 24, 2023	PreK Graduation
3- The Goddard School	Stratton MPR	June 15, 2023	PreK Graduation

B. Recommendation: McGovern/Barbara approve the following Front Door Evacuation Drills, **as submitted:**

- [Clifford](#)
- [Stratton](#)
- [Harker](#)
- [Hill](#)

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)

(All yes, motion to carry 8-0)

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Natalie Baker-Y
Vivian Lane-Y
Laurie Cecala-Read-Y

Julie Dickson-Y
Erin Carroll-Y
Marie Barbara-Y

Tamara McGovern-Y
Kathryn Beaver
Gina Azzari-Y

Delegates:

- a. NJSBA – Mrs. Gina Azzari
- b. GCSBA – Mrs. Natalie Baker

6. Adjournment

Recommendation: Baker/McGovern approve the adjournment of meeting.

Board action needed: Yes

Time: 7:26 pm

(All yes, motion to carry 8-0)

Respectfully submitted,



**Mr. Steven Jakubowski
Board Secretary/SBA**

Next Meeting(s).

May 10, 2023

Board/Committee Meetings as scheduled