

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Stafford Township Board of Education was held on October 10, 2022 at 6:34pm at the Oxycocus Elementary School.

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 the district website.

ROLL CALL

Taylor Brennan	Member
Kevin Cooney	Member
Patricia Formica	Member
Deborah Lyons	Member
Matthew Regulski	Member
Joseph Washco	Member
Mark Zoladz	Member
Joseph Mangino	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

None

B. CLOSED SESSION – Student Matters, Specifically HIB Matters

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:

Student Matters, Specifically HIB Matters

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.

A motion was made by Ms. Formica and seconded by Mrs. Lyons to move on the above Resolution. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (9-0); motion passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Formica and seconded by Mr. Washco to exit closed session. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (9-0); motion passed.

TIME IN: 6:35pm

TIME AT CONCLUSION OF CLOSED SESSION: 6:42pm

C. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None

D. PERSONNEL/POLICY

Chairperson Tammy Wagner – Update (Policy Only)

1. To discuss the **second reading** of the following **revised** policy:
 - 2425 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan
2. To discuss the **second reading** of the following **new** regulation:
 - R2425 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan
3. To discuss the **first reading** of the following **revised** policy:
 - 5512 Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying

Ms. Wagner reported that on tonight's agenda there are 17 substitutes in different capacities for approval. There is one transfer, no changes of assignment and 15 new hires in various positions on this agenda. There is also the second reading of a revised/new policy and regulation.

With regard to the revised policy for Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan, Mr. Chidiac noted that after three consecutive snow days by Department of Education Standards, we can opt to be remote.

With regard to the revised policy for Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying, Mr. Chidiac noted that there is a new approved form.

E. SPECIAL EDUCATION/CURRICULUM

Chairperson Patricia Formica – Update

Curriculum – Mrs. Bush reviewed events and updates from her county meeting. Parent Ed Camp was held on October 5, 2022 in conjunction with the PTO Night Parent Meeting. Programs were available for parents/guardians to attend. Start Strong Assessment was completed 10/6 and 10/7. Make-ups will be on-going until 10/21. Students tested five points about NJSLA assessments prior to November break. Above State Average – Board Data must be reported in November. In addition, students who take the alternative assessment (Dynamic Learning Maps) will begin their assessment prior to November break.

Special Education – Ms. Reo reported that the Iguana Café opened the week of October 3rd. Our transportation department took our campus MD classes to Costco to purchase all the necessary “goodies” for our students to sell. The café will feature daily coffee and treats first period at the Intermediate School. October is ADHD and Down Syndrome Awareness Month and throughout the district there are students who are diagnosed with different disabilities and/or conditions that impact learning and social situations. Our campus OT began training the new Special Education staff in Crisis Prevention Institute/Intervention (CPI) – Level 2/3 – staff will learn tips and strategies to avoid restraining a “disruptive” student; staff will also learn safety holds to prevent students from hurting themselves and others.

F. FINANCE/BUILDINGS&GROUNDS

Chairperson Joseph Mangino – Update

Mr. Mangino reported on the bills list, FY’21 preschool security grant, special education, comprehensive maintenance plan, safety, PLC alteration, holding of payment for Wallace Brothers until close-out, food service application, and buses sold (\$5500) on Gov Deals.

Mr. Chidiac reported that for the Trunk or Treat Halloween Parade/Party that parents will be invited. Mr. Chidiac noted that Mr. Ytreboe will be presenting at NJSBA on Monday, October 24th at 3:10pm. There are 200 students in E-Sports (only elementary) competing with middle school students. The demonstration for the Camera Project at the Intersection was held and quotes are being obtained.

G. CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Mangino and seconded by Mr. Zoladz to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. All members present voted yes (9-0); motion passed.

Lourdes LaGuardia
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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