

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Stafford Township Board of Education was held on September 12, 2022 at 6:30pm at the Stafford Township Arts Center (STAC).

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

~Safe Return Plan – Update

- Mr. Chidiac shared that the Safety Drill in August was well attended by many areas of law enforcement.
- Mr. Chidiac reported that the cameras are being considered to enhance visibility for safety.
- Mr. Chidiac shared that the school year kick-off was good. Transportation efficiencies worked on resolving parental issues.
- Ms. Wagner thanked Mr. Chidiac and Mr. Press for going to bus stops to investigate.

B. CLOSED SESSION

None

C. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

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.

None

D. PERSONNEL/POLICY

Chairperson Tammy Wagner – Update (Policy Only)

1. To discuss the **second reading** of the following **revised** policies and regulations:
 - 0163 Quorum
 - 2415 Every Student Succeeds Act (M)
 - 3216 Dress and Grooming
 - 3270 Professional Responsibilities
 - 4216 Dress and Grooming
 - 5513 Care of School Property (M)
 - R 3270 Lesson Plans and Plan Books
 - R 5513 Care of School Property (M)
2. To discuss **second reading** of the following **new** policy:
 - 1511 Board of Education Website Accessibility (M)
3. To discuss the **first reading** of the following **revised** policy:
 - 2425 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan
4. To discuss the **first reading** of the following **new** regulation:
 - R2425 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan

Ms. Wagner reported that on tonight’s agenda, there are 15 substitutes in different capacities for approval. There are five transfers, seven changes of assignment and 13 new hires in various positions on this agenda. There is also the second reading of various revised/new policies and regulations.

E. SPECIAL EDUCATION/CURRICULUM

Chairperson Patricia Formica – Update

Curriculum - Mrs. Bush discussed the highlights of opening week professional development, which included 18 challenges (Amazing Race) and plans for other professional development. Mrs. Bush shared an update on how the ELA pilots “Wonders (K-5) and Study Sync (6)” as well as “MyView (K-5) and MyPerspectives (6th)” will be rolled out and the upcoming training. She explained the basis of each program and what they have to offer.

Ms. Wagner and Ms. Formica thanked Mrs. Bush for her presentation in August on "Health Curriculum Discussion".

Special Education – The buildings were ready and the special education department is booming. There were 14 special education students move in this summer district-wide including three ODP students. A new MD-K class opened at Ocean Acres and this class is designed to focus on higher functioning Pre-K skills and introduce kindergarten skills, providing students as many opportunities as possible to build language and social skills.

F. FINANCE/BUILDINGS&GROUNDS

Chairperson Joseph Mangino – Update

Mr. Mangino reported on the finance bills, budget calendar, health resolution, bus garage TCO, comprehensive maintenance plan, health and safety checklist, review of the PLC bathroom bid, STAC events and the filing of Free and Reduced Lunch applications.

Mr. Zoladz asked for an explanation on the Resolutions for F-3 (Virtual and Remote Instruction Plan), F-4 (Health Benefits) and F-5 (NJ Student Learning Standards for Health and Physical Education). For F-5 a letter will be addressed to the governor on grades 2, 5 and 6 health mandates and testing opposing start strong.

G. CLOSED SESSION - Litigation Matters and Other 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:

Litigation Matters and Other 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 Mr. Mangino to move on the above Resolution. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (9-0); motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Zoladz and seconded by Mr. Mangino to exit closed session. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (7-0); motion passed.

TIME IN: 6:43pm

TIME AT CONCLUSION OF CLOSED SESSION: 7:16pm

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Zoladz and seconded by Mr. Mangino to adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (9-0); motion passed.

Lourdes LaGuardia
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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