

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Stafford Township Board of Education was held on July 11, 2022 at 6:30pm 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 (Absent)
Kevin Cooney	Member
Patricia Formica	Member
Deborah Lyons	Member
Matthew Regulski	Member
Joseph Washco	Member
Mark Zoladz	Member
Joseph Mangino	Vice President (Absent)
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

Mrs. Marybeth Weidenhof gave a presentation on the history of the Stafford Township Education Foundation and the possibility of reinstating for revenue and sponsorship opportunities. Continuing to explore options.

B. CLOSED SESSION – Personnel and Contractual 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:

Personnel and Contractual 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. Cooney to move on the above Resolution. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (7-0); motion passed.

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

TIME IN: 6:34pm

TIME AT CONCLUSION OF CLOSED SESSION: 6:59pm

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:

- 2415.04 Title I – District – Wide Parent and Family Engagement (M)
- 2417 Student Intervention and Referral Services (M)
- 2461 Special Education/Receiving Schools (M)
- 3161 Examination for Cause
- 4161 Examination for Cause
- 5512 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (M)

- 7410 Maintenance and Repair (M)
- 8420 Emergency and Crisis Situations (M)
- 9320 Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies (M)
- R7410.01 Facilities Maintenance, Repair Scheduling, and Accounting (M)
- R9320 Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies (M)

2. To discuss to adopt the **second reading** of the following **new** policies:

- 1648.15 Recordkeeping for Healthcare Settings in School Buildings – COVID-19 (M)
- 2415.50 Title I – School Parent and Family Engagement (M)
- 2416.01 Postnatal Accommodations for Students

Ms. Wagner reported that on tonight’s agenda there are 11 substitutes in different capacities for approval along with the teacher aide rehire list for the 2022/2023 school year. There are also 18 new hires in various positions. There is the second reading of various revised/new policies and regulations.

E. SPECIAL EDUCATION/CURRICULUM

Chairperson Patricia Formica – Update

Ms. Formica reported that in Curriculum they looked at the data from fall to spring noting the grade level growth and comparison to national norms. Good progress was made by all. Ms. Formica reported that as Special Education begins the 2022-2023 school year, there are over 150 special education students that are attending the Extended School Year (ESY) program. This allows the special education students to continue receiving school-based services, extending their learning both academically and socially.

F. FINANCE/BUILDINGS&GROUNDS

Chairperson Joseph Mangino – Update

Mrs. LaGuardia provided information on each of the agenda items under Finance/Insurance/Transportation. Mrs. LaGuardia gave an update on (1) Bus Garage; (2) Maintenance, which included the Door Project at Intermediate and McKinley, Painting Projects at McKinley, Ocean Acres and PLC, HVAC Roof-top Project at Intermediate/STAC, PLC Bathroom Project and Paving Project. Mrs. LaGuardia reported on the Playground Project, noting the flat rubber surface has been installed and the first fence at PLC has gone up. Mrs. LaGuardia noted that dehumidifiers are running throughout the district. An update on Food Services was provided, noting Free & Reduced applications and also reported was that the Food Service Manager has left for Vineland as of June 30th and the district manager is in the process of interviewing for a replacement. The budget end of year process is still on-going.

G. CLOSED SESSION – Student Matters, Specifically HIB

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A motion was made by Ms. Formica and seconded by Dr. Regulski to exit closed session. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (7-0); motion passed.

TIME IN: 7:18pm

TIME AT CONCLUSION OF CLOSED SESSION: 7:24pm

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Cooney and seconded by Dr. Regulski to adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (7-0); motion passed.

Lourdes LaGuardia
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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