

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Stafford Township Board of Education was held on July 10, 2023 at 6:00pm 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**

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

**ALSO PRESENT**

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

**FLAG SALUTE**

**A. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

None

**B. SPECIAL EDUCATION/CURRICULUM**

Chairperson Patricia Formica – Update

- Ms. Formica and Mrs. Bush provided a summary on student I-Ready results in Reading/Math testing. There was 121% growth in math toward next level, above average. Curriculum meeting standards teachers teaching to prior year. Improvements, growth in reading 131%, above average. Used program for three years and resources are paying off.

- Ms. Formica reported that Mr. Reilly indicated that there were 150 kids in ESY and there was a soft start last week. STAC event issues with start time looking for solutions for next year.
- Mrs. Bush presented the District Goals.

**C. PERSONNEL/POLICY**

Chairperson Tammy Wagner – Update (Policy Only)

1. To discuss the **first reading** of the following **revised** policies:

- 5850 Social Events and Class Trips
- 8820 Opening Exercises/Ceremonies

2. To discuss the **first reading** of the following **new** regulation:

- R5850 Social Events and Class Trips

Mrs. Wagner stated that on tonight’s agenda for the 2023-2024 school year there are district wide substitutes, transfers and changes of assignment for approval. There are three policies or regulations on this agenda for review.

**D. FINANCE/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

Chairperson Taylor Brennan – Update

Mrs. LaGuardia reported out on the bills, cafeteria audit, café lines, Free & Reduced impact, federal state numbers, referendum (35 million and 19 million other building repairs) and referendum public relations presentations to Civic Association and other groups with Mr. Siegel, Mr. Chidiac and Mrs. LaGuardia as the presenters.

**E. CLOSED SESSION – Personnel Matters, Student Matters, Specifically HIB Related**

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 Matters, Student Matters, Specifically HIB Related

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 (7-0); motion passed.

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

TIME IN: 6:14pm

TIME AT CONCLUSION OF CLOSED SESSION: 6:20pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Formica and seconded by Mr. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (7-0); motion passed.

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Lourdes LaGuardia  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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