

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Stafford Township Board of Education was held on September 11, 2023 at 6:02pm 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**

Cono Cirone	Member
Kevin Cooney	Member
Patricia Formica	Member
Deborah Lyons	Member (Absent)
Matthew Regulski	Member
Christopher Smith	Member
Joseph Washco	Member
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**

The Board interviewed two candidates for the vacant position of Taylor Brennan: Paul Abbott and Robert Morello.

**B. CLOSED SESSION – Board 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:

**Board 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 Mr. Cooney and seconded by Dr. Regulski to move on the above Resolution. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (7-0); motion passed.

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

TIME IN: 6:40pm

TIME AT CONCLUSION OF CLOSED SESSION: 7:03pm

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

None

**D. PERSONNEL/POLICY**

Chairperson Tammy Wagner – Update (Policy Only)

- Mrs. Wagner shared that on tonight’s agenda for the 2023/2024 school year there are 14 district wide substitutes for approval and there are three transfers and 12 change of assignments. There were no policies/regulations on this agenda for review.

**E. SPECIAL EDUCATION/CURRICULUM**

Chairperson Patricia Formica – Update

- Ms. Formica reported that Mrs. Bush shared the highlights of the opening week professional day for staff. She also shared the next step for Wonders/StudySync implementation training.
- Ms. Formica reported that Mr. Reilly shared the highlights of the opening week professional development and also discussed the August meeting for the special education parents’ meeting.

**F. FINANCE/BUILDINGS&GROUNDS**

Chairperson Joseph Washco – Update

- Mrs. LaGuardia shared lunch applications, ROD grant at 40% funding, bus lease, transportation accounting for children and bus tracking. She also shared the DOE Capacity Analysis Approval and the Long Range Facility Plan.

**G. CLOSED SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Formica and seconded by Dr. Regulski to adjourn the meeting at 7:09pm. 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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