

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Stafford Township Board of Education was held on November 13, 2023 at 6:10pm 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

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

Mr. Chidiac welcomed Mr. Robert Morello as the newest member of the Board of Education.

B. CLOSED SESSION

None

C. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None

D. PERSONNEL/POLICY

Chairperson Tammy Wagner – Update (Policy Only)

1. To discuss the **first reading** of following **new** policy and regulations:
 - 1642.01 Sick Leave
 - R 1642.01 Sick Leave
 - R 4212 Attendance (M)

 2. To discuss the **first reading** of following **revised** policies:
 - 2270 Religion in the Schools
 - 3161 Examination for Cause
 - 3212 Attendance (M)
 - 4161 Examination for Cause
 - 4212 Attendance (M)
 - 5116 Education of Homeless Children and Youths
 - 8500 Food Services (M)
 - R 3212 Attendance (M)
 - R 5116 Education of Homeless Children and Youths

 3. To discuss to **rescind** the following policies and regulations:
 - 3432 Sick Leave
 - 4432 Sick Leave
 - 8540 School Nutrition Programs (M)
 - 8550 Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill (M)
 - R 3432 Sick Leave
 - R 4432 Sick Leave
- Mrs. Wagner shared that on tonight’s agenda there are 15 district-wide substitutes, two transfers and one change of assignment for the 2023-2024 school year. There are multiple policies and regulations on the agenda for review.

 - Mr. Chidiac discussed the two STEA sidebars, noting salary and the recognition clause for the Behaviorist and Behavior Technicians as well as the nurse coordinator stipend on the first sidebar and noting the music/chorus stipend for increased participation on the second sidebar.

 - Mr. Chidiac discussed Mr. Ytreboe’s resignation as Director of Personnel and the realignment of duties for administrators in light of the resignation.

E. SPECIAL EDUCATION/CURRICULUM

Chairperson Patricia Formica – Update

- Ms. Formica reported that Mrs. Bush reviewed the changes to New Jersey Student Learning Standards in ELA and Math, as well as timeline for adoption into curriculum. She shared updates from her county meeting as well.

- Ms. Formica reported that Mr. Reilly discussed the completion of CPI training for staff. The communication boards are now in place at Ocean Acres, McKinley and Intermediate. Additionally, Sensory Rooms are being developed at Ocean Acres for our MD students.

F. FINANCE/BUILDINGS&GROUNDS

Chairperson Joseph Washco – Update

- Mr. Washco reported that Mrs. LaGuardia gave an update on the four-year bus lease and a revenue briefing which encompassed one-time infusions expired and S2 revenue impact; losses will be reflected in the 2024-2025 budget. The Genesis bills list was reviewed. Also, reported that the district received an Insurance Risk Management Award for meeting its obligations.

G. CLOSED SESSION – Attorney-Client Privilege and 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:

Attorney-Client Privilege and 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 Mr. Washco 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 Dr. Regulski to exit closed session. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (7-0); motion passed.

TIME IN: 6:23pm

TIME AT CONCLUSION OF CLOSED SESSION: 7:02pm

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Regulski and seconded by Ms. Formica to adjourn the meeting at 7:02. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (7-0); motion passed.

Lourdes LaGuardia
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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