

**Minutes**  
**November 8, 2023**  
**Swedesboro-Woolwich Board of Education**  
*"A Community dedicated to inspiring life-long learners"*  
**Gov. Charles Stratton School**  
**15 Fredrick Boulevard**  
**Woolwich Township, NJ 08085**  
**6:00 Regular Session**  
**Executive Session to Follow**

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**1. Opening**

A. Call to Order

**Open Public Meeting Act.** *Adequate notice of this meeting of the board of education of the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District has been provided in accordance with the certification of notice by the secretary of the board, which shall become part of the minutes of this meeting.*

B. Roll Call

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gina Azzari, School Board President	All Committees
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Natalie Baker, School Board Vice President	(Chair) Curriculum, (Chair) Negotiations, Personnel/Finance Committees
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Julie Dickson	(Chair) Operations Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tamara McGovern	Curriculum Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vivian Lane	(Chair) Personnel/Finance, Negotiations Committees
	Erin Carroll	Operations Committee
	Kathryn Beaver	Curriculum Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laurie Cecala-Read	Operations Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marie Barbara	Personnel/Finance, Negotiations Committees

Quorum: 7-2/6:00 pm

Other's Present:

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Dr. Walter Kappeler, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Robert Miles, School Business Administrator, Board Secretary

Mr. Joel Brown, Chief Information Officer

C. Flag Salute

D. Adoption of Agenda

Recommendation: Baker/Barbara approve the adoption of the agenda, **as presented.**

Board action needed: Yes  
(All yes, motion to carry 7-0)

E. Presentation- Warehouse Development

### **Public Comments/Visitors**

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting will now be open to members of the public who wish to speak or make comment on agenda items or a school district issue that may be of concern to the residents of the district. Any person who wishes to speak must wait to speak until they have been recognized by the presiding Board Officer.

Any person who wishes to speak is requested to give their name, municipality of residence, and group affiliation, if any, at the beginning of their comments. Comments shall be limited to five minutes in total length. It is the intention of the board to listen to public comments, and to respond if possible. If questions cannot be immediately answered the Board asks that you pose the question to the Board Secretary via email.

If questions or comments pertain to litigation, student or personnel matters, the Board asks that you email the Superintendent after the meeting since the Board does not, pursuant to Open Public Meetings Act, discuss or respond to these items in public.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – If Needed**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes boards of education to meet in closed executive session under certain circumstances, and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District Board of Education (the "Board") to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into closed executive session; now therefore:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board that it is necessary to meet in closed executive session to discuss certain items, including the following:

- Matters of personal confidentiality rights, including but not limited to, staff and/or student discipline matters, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- Matters in which the release of information would impair the right to receive government funds, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- Matters which, if publicly disclosed, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- Matters concerning negotiations, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- Matters involving the purchase of real property and/or the investment of public funds, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- Matters involving the real tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Matters involving anticipated or pending litigation, including matters of attorney-client privilege, and specifically: Attorney Advice
- Matters involving personnel issues, including but not limited to, the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or discipline of any public officer or employee, and specifically:  
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- Matters involving quasi-judicial deliberations, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board anticipates the executive session to last approximately 30 minutes. The Board will return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

- 1) Recommendation: Baker/Dickson approve to enter into **Executive Session** for the purpose of discussing/reviewing items as noted above.  
Board action needed: Yes Time: 7:48 pm  
(All yes, motion to carry 7-0)
  
- 2) Recommendation: Baker/Lane approve to return to **Regular Session**.  
Board action needed: Yes Time: 8:19 pm  
(All yes, motion to carry 7-0)

**Delegates:**

- a. NJSBA – Mrs. Gina Azzari
- b. GCSBA – Mrs. Natalie Baker

**6. Adjournment**

Recommendation: Dickson/Barbara approve the adjournment of meeting.  
Board action needed: Yes Time: 8:20 pm  
(All yes, motion to carry 7-0)

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Mr. Robert Miles**  
**Board Secretary/SBA**  
**Next Meeting(s)**  
**November 15, 2023**

**Board/Committee Meetings as scheduled**