

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Stafford Township Board of Education was held on December 11, 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

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

ALSO PRESENT

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

FLAG SALUTE

Led by Mr. Chidiac

A. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

- Donna Madjak – Ocean County Library Initiative – Libby - on-site children’s app

B. CLOSED SESSION – Attorney-Client Privilege

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

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 Dr. Regulski 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 Dr. Regulski 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: 6:50pm

C. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None

D. PERSONNEL/POLICY

Chairperson – Update (Policy Only)

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

2. To discuss the **second reading** of the following **revised** policies and regulations:
 - 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 approve suspending Bylaw 0131 to have a first and only reading on item #4 due to timeline.

4. To discuss the **first and only reading** of the following **new** policy:
 - 9180.01 School Volunteers – Non-Family

5. To discuss the **first and only reading** of the following **revised** policies and regulations:
- 9150 School Visitors
 - 9180 School Volunteers – Family
 - 9722 School-Related Groups
 - R9150 School Visitors
 - R9180 School Volunteers – Family and Non-Family

Mr. Chidiac reported that on tonight’s agenda there are 13 district-wide substitutes, one transfer and three change of assignments for approval for the 2023/2024 school year. There are multiple policies/regulations on the agenda as well. Mr. Chidiac also reported on the advertised vacancy for STAC.

E. SPECIAL EDUCATION/CURRICULUM

Chairperson Patricia Formica – Update

Ms. Formica reported that Mrs. Bush reviewed the notes from the most recent Curriculum County Meeting. Mrs. Bush also gave a brief Mental Health presentation.

Ms. Formica reported that Mr. Reilly discussed the success of the Special Education Parent Meeting. He also revealed the recent purchase of two more Communication Boards to the PLC and Oxycocus playgrounds. All five buildings now have these on their playgrounds. Mrs. Dillion – de-escalation meltdown; special ed substitute vs. certified replacement

F. FINANCE/BUILDINGS&GROUNDS

Chairperson Joseph Washco – Update

Mr. Washco reported that our auditor, Mike Garcia from Ford-Scott stated that there were no recommendations and it was a clean audit. He also stated that there will be challenges in the upcoming budget due to the state aid losses.

G. CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Formica and seconded by Dr. Regulski to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (7-0); motion passed.

Lourdes LaGuardia
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary