

Sussex-Wantage Regional School District
November 30, 2023
Regular Session Meeting

The Regular Session Meeting of the Sussex-Wantage Regional School District Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Nick D'Agostino, Board President, on November 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sussex Middle Media Center.

Roll Call

Roll Call

Members Present: Mrs. Alissa Cecchini, Mrs. Kristen Cooper-Trinidad, Mrs. Taylor Dely, Mrs. Brittney Simmons, Mrs. Stephanie Tortorella, Mrs. Dorothy Witte, Mrs. Danielle Zill-Barry and Mr. Nicholas D'Agostino

Members Absent: Ms. Courtney deWaal Malefyt

Also in attendance were: Mr. Michael Gall, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Christina M. Riker, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Ms. Frances Febres, Board Attorney

The following statement was read by Mr. D'Agostino

Open Public Meetings Act

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Sussex Wantage Regional School District Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the school buildings and notice of said meeting sent to the New Jersey Herald and The Star Ledger.

Mrs. Witte read the Sussex Wantage School Mission Statement: The Sussex Wantage Regional School District is a responsive, caring, child-centered community. Our mission is to educate each individual to become a confident, competent, lifelong learner and productive, responsible citizen, by providing challenging opportunities in a safe environment through a partnership of families, schools and communities.

Mission Statement

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Report

Sussex Middle School Students of the Month:

- 6th grade – Ayla Mancini
- 7th grade – Clay Lubanski
- 8th grade – Kyra Ribello

Mr. Schwarz was joined by Mr. Gall. He reported that besides Students of the Month, Sussex Middle School would be looking to also have Students of the Week this school year. Mr. Schwarz gave brief introductions of each of the students, including staff reasons for selection. All students were in attendance and came forward to receive a certificate of recognition.

Mr. Gall reported on the following to the Board and Public:

- Congratulations to all the recipients.
- Thanked Mrs. Winfield and Mrs. Potts for coordinating TREP\$. Mr. Gall said that this was the most well attended in a really long time.
- Thank you to parents and staff for being patient with the Preschool Expansion. Families on lottery list have been notified. Mr. Gall said that he anticipates class placement letters to go out next week.
- Thanked Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Barbieri for coordinating the Book Fair. Mr. Gall added that the Tree Lighting will be held at Wantage tomorrow night. He gave special thanks to the Fire Department for their assistance with the lights; looks like twice as many this year.
- Mr. Gall introduced Mrs. Kerri Freda here to introduce her students here tonight to give presentations.
- Mrs. Freda said she has been teaching at SMS since 2005 and this year she switched to technology and is very excited to bring presentations that the 6th grade worked on. She said that the Project was Techno Travel and included picking a destination and putting together a two-day itinerary. Students researched, planned and presented their form of Marketing. Mrs. Freda introduced her first group of 6th graders to present:
 - Sierra Tanis and Broghan Lynch, Destination Dreams Travel Agency, presented on Paris, France. The students reviewed the various aspects of their two-day itinerary.
 - Mrs. Freda introduced Trevor Bernice who was here to preview Disney World. He gave an exciting presentation on the different parks within Disney World and reviewed his two-day itinerary.
 - Mrs. Freda introduced the last group of students: Lily and Nora of Cityviews Travel Agency. The students went over their two-day itinerary of Manhattan and included places to explore in the Big Apple and the city that never sleeps.
- Mrs. Freda thanked the Board for allowing the students to present tonight and hoped that the Board enjoyed exploring France, Disney and Manhattan.
- Mr. Gall thanked Mrs. Freda and the students for their presentation. He said that they did a really outstanding job.
- Mr. D'Agostino said "Great job", thank you all.
- Mr. D'Agostino said that he is happy to report that last night the Board tentatively reached an agreement with SWEA. He said he is happy to be able to move on with all the good things happening in Sussex-Wantage.

Audience Remarks:

**Audience
Remarks**

- Lisa Fahrenfeld, SWEA President, said that on June 30th, 2023 the SWEA and BOE contract expired. Staff worked all summer long to get ready and started the school year. She said last night, with the assistance of a state mediator, SWEA and the BOE reached a fair settlement. She thanked everyone that showed up to support last night in the cold weather. She said now staff can get back to teaching and serving the community.
- Mr. D'Agostino thanked Lisa.
- Barbara Hollstein, Montague, questioned #16 on page 5 of the agenda. She said that the company is located in Bordentown and they are not school bus professionals. She said we could have picked a better

company. Mr. Gall said that he met with the company and they conducted review in Montague and the Board has example of the study.

Board Secretary Certification – read by Mrs. Riker

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a), I certify that as of October 31, 2023 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a).

Board
Secretary
Certification

Approval of Board Minutes:

Approval of
Board
Minutes

Moved by Mrs. Cecchini, seconded by Mrs. Dely that the Board approve following minutes:

October 19, 2023 Regular & Executive Session

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Personnel:

Personnel

Moved by Mrs. Simmons, seconded by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad that the Board approve Francesca Amati, Special Education Teacher, C.E. Lawrence School, BA, Step 1, \$57,546.00 (prorated), effective January 02, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year.

New Hire –
CEL SE
Teacher

Carried; Yes 9, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Simmons, seconded by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad that the Board approve Employee # [REDACTED] for an intermittent NJFLA leave of absence from October 30, 2023 to December 31, 2023, utilizing accumulated leave.

Intermittent
NJFLA LOA

Carried; Yes 9, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Simmons, seconded by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad that the Board approve Employee # [REDACTED] for a continuous FMLA/NJFLA designated leave of absence from on or about February 23, 2024 to April 08, 2024 utilizing accumulated leave. This will be followed by an unpaid, continuous FMLA/NJFLA designated leave of absence from April 9, 2024 to May 24, 2024. This will be followed by an unpaid, continuous non-FMLA/NJFLA designated leave of absence from May 28, 2024 to on or about June 12, 2024. This will be followed by an unpaid, continuous non-FMLA/NJFLA designated leave of absence from September 03, 2024 to October 11, 2024. Anticipated return to work date is October 14, 2024.

FMLA/NJFLA
LOA

Carried; Yes 9, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad, seconded by Mrs. Dely that the Board approve the following substitute teachers, nurses, teacher assistants, secretaries, bus drivers, and custodians as listed for the 2023-2024 school year.*

Substitute
Approval

Teacher

Brittany Caldwell

Teacher Assistant

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Brooke Chiusano

(*All new substitutes and appointments are subject to compliance with all State Statute regarding fingerprinting, background checks and P.L. 2018, c.5)
Carried; Yes 9, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad, seconded by Mrs. Dely that the Board rescind the following resolution that was approved at the November 16, 2023 Board of Education meeting:

Rescind New Hire – CEL SE Teacher

It is recommended that the Board approve Alexis Sugar, Special Education Teacher, C.E. Lawrence School, BA, Step 1, \$57,546.00 (prorated) effective January 02, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Carried; Yes 9, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad, seconded by Mrs. Dely that the Board approve Rebecca Sajban, part-time Confidential Central Office Secretary, effective on or about December 04, 2023, \$34,000.00 (prorated), for the 2023-2024 school year.
Carried; Yes 9, No 0, Absent 1

New Hire – BOE PT Secretary

Moved by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad, seconded by Mrs. Dely that the Board approve Pamela Flynn, WES School Nurse, for additional hours to contact parents of students regarding potential exposure to food illnesses, \$40.00 per hour, not to exceed 2.0 hours.

After Hours for WES Nurse

Carried; Yes 9, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad, seconded by Mrs. Dely that the Board approve the following personnel to provide nursing services for a student participating in after school activities at their regular hourly rate of pay as follows below. No stipend is paid if activity does not occur or if the student is not present.

Nursing Services

Date(s)	Name	Hours	After School Activity
12/5, 12/6/23	Pamela Flynn	3:45pm - 5:30pm 2 hours, 45 minutes	SMS Play Auditions
12/08/23	Pamela Flynn	7:00pm - 9:00pm 2.0 hours	SMS Activity Night

Carried; Yes 9, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad, seconded by Mrs. Dely that the Board approve the following personnel to fulfill IEP requirements for students participating in after school activities as follows below. Stipend rate is \$16.00 per hour. No stipend is paid if activity does not occur or if the student is not present.

Afterschool TAs

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Date(s)	Name	Additional Hours	After School Activity
12/08/23	Sarah Bakonyi	7:00am - 9:15am 2 hours, 15 minutes	Chorus trip to WSUS
12/08/23	Loriann Clarke	7:00pm - 9:00pm 2.0 hours	SMS Activity Night

Carried; Yes 9, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad, seconded by Mrs. Dely that the Board approve Kristen Woodell for additional hours to assist with nursing needs for incoming preschool students at the substitute Nurse hourly rate, not to exceed 5.0 days.
Carried; Yes 9, No 0, Absent 1

Sub Nursing Hours

Moved by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad, seconded by Mrs. Dely that the Board approve the revision of the following resolution that was approved at the November 16, 2023 Board of Education meeting:

Adjust Salary – CEL School Nurse Hire

It is recommended that the Board approve Kristin Woodell, School Nurse, C.E. Lawrence School, BA, Step 1, \$57,546.00 (prorated), effective January 02, 2024.

To read as follows:

It is recommended that the Board approve Kristin Woodell, School Nurse, C. E. Lawrence School, BA+30, Step 1, \$59,796.00 (prorated), effective January 02, 2024.

Carried; Yes 9, No 0, Absent 1

Policy:

Policy

Moved by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approved the following resolution:

HIB Approval

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received the Superintendent’s report of incident(s) of Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying (“HIB”) within the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has had the opportunity to review the Superintendent’s recommendations with respect to the incident(s) of HIB on this report;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board accepts the Superintendent’s recommendations as presented on the report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15(d), the Superintendent of Schools, and/or his designee, has informed the applicable parents/guardians of the students involved in these incidents with the following information within five (5) days of this Board meeting:

- The nature of the investigation;
- Whether the District found evidence of HIB;
- Whether discipline was imposed;
- Whether services were provided to address the incident of HIB.

Presented to the Board for first review/approval:

CEL #3 2023-2024
 CEL #4 2023-2024
 CEL #5 2023-2024
 CEL #6 2023-2024
 CEL #7 2023-2024
 WES #5 2023-2024
 WES #6 2023-2024
 WES #7 2023-2024
 WES #8 2023-2024
 WES #9 2023-2024
 WES #10 2023-2024
 WES #11 2023-2024
 SMS #6 2023-2024
 SMS #7 2023-2024
 SMS #8 2023-2024
 SMS #9 2023-2024
 SMS #10 2023-2024

Presented to the Board for second review/approval:

CEL #1 2023-2024
 CEL #2 2023-2024
 WES #2 2023-2024
 WES #3 2023-2024
 WES #4 2023-2024
 SMS #1 2023-2024
 SMS #2 2023-2024
 SMS #3 2023-2024
 SMS #4 2023-2024
 SMS #5 2023-2024

Carried; Yes 9, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad, seconded by Mr. Cecchini that the Board approves on Second Reading the following Policies and Regulations:

Policy –
 Second
 Reading

a	Policy 0168	Recording Board Meetings (Revised)
b	Policy 2270	Religion in the Schools (Revised)
c	Policy and Reg 2419	School Threat Assessment Teams (M) (New)

d	Policy and Reg 3212	Attendance (M) (Revised)
e	Policy 3216	Dress and Grooming (Revised)
f	Policy 3324	Right of Privacy (Revised)
g	Policy and Reg 4212	Attendance (M) (Revised)
h	Policy 4324	Right of Privacy (Revised)
i	Policy and Reg 5116	Education of Homeless Children and Youths (Revised)
j	Policy and Reg 8310	Public Records (Revised)

Carried; Yes 9, No 0, Absent 1

HIB Approval

Moved by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad, seconded by Mrs. Tortorella that the Board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received the Superintendent's report of incident(s) of Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying ("HIB") within the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has had the opportunity to review the Superintendent's recommendations with respect to the incident(s) of HIB on this report;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board accepts the Superintendent's recommendations as presented on the report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15(d), the Superintendent of Schools, and/or his designee, has informed the applicable parents/guardians of the students involved in these incidents with the following information within five (5) days of this Board meeting:

- The nature of the investigation;
- Whether the District found evidence of HIB;
- Whether discipline was imposed;
- Whether services were provided to address the incident of HIB.

Presented to the Board for first review/approval:

CEL #8 2023-2024
 WES #12 2023-2024
 WES #13 2023-2024
 SMS #11 2023-2024

Carried; Yes 9, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad, seconded by Mrs. Tortorella that the Board approve the submission of the NJDOE Facilities Standard Waiver Application for full day Preschool Expansion classrooms at C.E. Lawrence School.
Carried; Yes 9, No 0, Absent 1

PEA Waiver
Application
Approval

Finance:

Finance

Board Member Comments:

Board
Member
Comments

- Mrs. Witte said that “I feel confident in saying on behalf of our Board that after many hours and days of deliberation, we believe the majority of the Board, with the support of our Executive County Business Official, feel comfortable that the Greenville/Mt. Salem bus stop is in fact, a safe bus stop and have chosen to wait until such time when all our bus routes and stops can be reviewed and possible re-evaluated.”
- Mrs. Simmons said that originally thought that we should do # 16, but with what Neil Cramer has advised the district, it makes no fiscal sense.
- Mr. D’Agostino reiterated what Mrs. Witte said and that if the bus company did not think it was a safe stop, they would not stop and pick up. He added that the District has also offered three (3) other bus stops.

Moved by Mrs. Witte, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve the payment of bills for the end of October 2023 in the amount of \$1,741,573.81 as reviewed and as per the attached check register. Be it further noted that the breakdown by category is as follows: (F1)

Bills List –
End of
October 2023

Fixed	\$	26,163.85
Operating	\$	103,728.08
Salaries	\$	1,608,435.53
Special	\$	<u>3,246.35</u>
Total	\$	1,741,573.81

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Witte, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve the payment of bills for November 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023 in the amount of \$2,098,934.52 as reviewed and as per the attached check register. Be it further noted that the breakdown by category is as follows: (F2)

Bills List –
November
2023

Fixed	\$	841,802.82
Operating	\$	354,799.83
Salaries	\$	833,212.29
Special	\$	<u>69,119.58</u>
Total	\$	2,098,934.52

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 1, Abstain 2 (Dely, Tortorella)

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, we the Trustees of the Sussex-Wantage Regional Board of Education, having reviewed the reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of Monies, certify that no major account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, for the period ending October

Board
Secretary/

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31, 2023.
Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Treasurer
Report
October 2023

Moved by Mrs. Witte, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board accept the Treasurer's Report and Board Secretary's Report for the month of October 2023.
Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Witte, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve the attached Transfers for the month of October 2023. (F5)
Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Transfers –
October 2023

Moved by Mrs. Witte, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve professional day travel, pursuant to policies 0147, 0147A, 3440, and 4440 as per the attached. (F6)
Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

PD - Travel

Moved by Mrs. Witte, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve an Agreement for School Clearance and Biopsychosocial Evaluations/Risk Assessments with The Center for Evaluation and Counseling, Inc. for the 2023-2024 school year beginning September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

2023-2024
Agreement –
The Center
for Evaluation
and
Counseling

Moved by Mrs. Witte, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve a Joint Transportation Agreement with Camden County Educational Services Commission for Route 209 effective September 7, 2023 through June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$72,249.76 as follows:

Joint Transp.
Agreement –
CCESC

Host District: **Camden County Educational Services Commission**

Joiner District: **Sussex-Wantage**

Joiner District To and From Total Route Cost: **\$72,249.76**

Start Date	End Date	Host District's Route #	Destination	# of Host District's Students	# of Joiner District's Students	Per Diem Cost	Number of Days	Total Joiner Cost
9/7/2023	10/20/2023	609	Garfield Park Academy	8	1	\$250.00	32	\$8,000.00
10/23/2023	06/30/2024	609	Garfield Park Academy	4	1	\$434.12	148	\$64,249.76

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Witte, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve a Quote for Professional Development from Staff Development Workshops, Inc. for an Overview of NJSLA ELA for K-8 teachers on January 12, 2024 and for an Overview of NJSLA Math for K-8 teachers on March 28, 2024 for an amount not to exceed \$2,400.00. ***This is to be funded by the FY 2024 Elementary and***

PD – Staff
Development
Workshops

Secondary Education Act, Title IIA grant - Account # 20-270-200-300-000-000.

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Witte, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve COR # 003 for T.M. Brennan Contractors, Inc. for the Auditorium HVAC Upgrades Project at Sussex Middle School as follows:

COR #003 –
TM Brennan
SMS
Auditorium
HVAC
Upgrades

COR-003: Thermostat Cover	\$ 497.50
Sub-Total	\$ 497.50
Original Allowance	\$ 40,000.00
Amount of Allowance Used	\$ <u>7,877.00</u>
Current Allowance	\$ 32,123.00
Total Amount of this Change Order	\$ <u>497.50</u>
New Remaining Contract Allowance Amount	\$ 31,265.50

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Witte, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board authorize the submission of the 2024-2025 Preschool Operational Plan to the New Jersey Department of Education on November 15, 2023 as required.

2024-2025
Preschool
Operation
Plan
Submission

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Witte, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board authorize the submission of the 2024-2025 Pre-Kindergarten Projected Enrollment to the New Jersey Department of Education on November 15, 2023 as required.

2024-2025
Pre-K
Projected
Enrollment

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Witte, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve Order Form Q-252110 from Teaching Strategies, LLC for the purchase of The Creative Curriculum for Preschool in an amount not to exceed \$23,575.00.00. ***This is to be funded by the Preschool Education Aid (PEA) - Account # 20-218-100-600-000-000.***

PEA –
Creative
Curriculum

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Witte, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve Order Form Q-261903 from Teaching Strategies, LLC for the purchase of a GOLD New Jersey Bundle in an amount not to exceed \$978.75. ***This is to be funded by the Preschool Education Aid (PEA) - Account # 20-218-100-600-000-000.***

PEA – GOLD
NJ Bundle

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Witte, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve Quote 341871 from Lakeshore Learning Materials, contract # 80991, for the purchase of Preschool furniture for the two (2) new classrooms in an amount not to exceed \$36,692.24. ***This is to be funded by the Preschool Education Aid (PEA) - Account # 20-218-100-800-000-000.***

PEA –
Lakeshore
Learning

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Witte, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve the

School Bus

proposal from MBO Engineering, LLC for a school bus stop safety study in the amount of \$2,385.00.

Stop Study

Did not Carry: Yes 3, No 5 (Cecchini, Dely, Simmons, Witte, D'Agostino), Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Tortorella, seconded by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad that the Board approve Quote # Q-284892 from Teaching Strategies, LLC for the purchase of one (1) license for Creative Curriculum Cloud and Hardcopy Volumes 1-6 of The Creative Curriculum for Preschool in the amount of \$2,421.20. This license is for the Preschool Instructional Coach (PIC). ***This is to be funded by Preschool Expansion Funds - Account # 20-218-100-600-000-000.***

PEA - PIC
Creative
Curriculum

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Tortorella, seconded by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad that the Board approve Quote # Q-261912 from Teaching Strategies, LLC for Creative Curriculum Training to be held tentatively on December 19, 2023 in the amount of \$3,495.00. ***This is to be funded by Preschool Expansion Funds - Account # 20-218-200-580-000-000.***

PEA –
Creative
Curriculum
Training

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Tortorella, seconded by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad that the Board approve Parette Somjen Architects to provide Professional Services for the Sussex Middle School Window Replacement Project (awarded a ROD Grant for this) in the amount of \$43,900.00 for their fixed fee and \$3,300.00 for reimbursable expenses for a total cost of \$47,200.00. ***This is a budgeted 2023-2024 item and also will be partially funded by a ROD grant from the state - Account # 12-000-400-390-000-000.***

SMS Window
Replacement
– Parette
Somjen
Architects

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Tortorella, seconded by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad that the Board approve Parette Somjen Architects to provide Professional Services for the Wantage Elementary School Exterior Stair Replacement Project in the amount of \$12,700.00 for their fixed fee and \$1,000.00 for reimbursable expenses for a total cost of \$13,700.00. ***This is a budgeted 2023-2024 item - Account # 12-000-400-390-000-000.***

WES Exterior
Stairs –
Parette
Somjen
Architects

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Tortorella, seconded by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad that the Board approve the submission of the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the 2023-2024 school year to the Sussex County Department of Education.

2023-2024
Comp Maint
Plan

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Special Services:

Special
Services

Moved by Mrs. Dely, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve home instruction for student # [REDACTED] for a maximum of ten (10) hours per week, effective immediately, duration pending out of district placement.

Home
Instruction

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Dely, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve home instruction for student # [REDACTED] for a maximum of ten (10) hours per week, effective immediately, duration TBD.

Home
Instruction

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Dely, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve a Risk Assessment for student # [REDACTED] to be performed by The Center for Evaluation and Counseling for an amount not to exceed \$750.00.

Risk
Assessment

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Dely, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve an Occupational Therapy Evaluation for student # [REDACTED] to be performed by Performance Pediatrics for an amount not to exceed \$479.75.

OT Eval

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Dely, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve an Occupational Therapy Evaluation for student # [REDACTED] to be performed by Performance Pediatrics for an amount not to exceed \$479.75.

OT Eval

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Dely, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve an Occupational Therapy Evaluation, a Speech Evaluation and an AAC Evaluation for student # [REDACTED] to be performed by Creative Speech Solutions, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$2,100.00.

OT Eval

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Dely, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve a Risk Assessment for student # [REDACTED] to be performed by The Center for Evaluation and Counseling for an amount not to exceed \$750.00.

Risk
Assessment

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Moved by Mrs. Dely, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve an Occupational Therapy Evaluation for student # [REDACTED] to be performed by Performance Pediatrics for an amount not to exceed \$479.75.

OT Eval

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Moved by Mrs. Dely, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve an Occupational Therapy Evaluation for student # [REDACTED] to be performed by Performance Pediatrics for an amount not to exceed \$479.75.

OT Eval

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Dely, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve a Request for Educational Services for student # [REDACTED] while at St. Clare's Hospital to be performed by Prime Healthcare Services - Saint Clare's, LLC for one (1) hour per day at a rate not to exceed \$55.00 per hour.

Educational
Services

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Dely, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve a Risk Assessment for student # [REDACTED] to be performed by The Center for Evaluation and

Risk
Assessment

Counseling for an amount not to exceed \$750.00.
Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Dely, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve a Risk Assessment for student # [REDACTED] to be performed by The Center for Evaluation and Counseling for an amount not to exceed \$750.00.
Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Risk Assessment

Moved by Mrs. Dely, seconded by Mrs. Tortorella that the Board approve home instruction for student # [REDACTED]5 for a maximum of five (5) hours per week, effective immediately, duration TBD.
Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Home Instruction

Moved by Mrs. Dely, seconded by Mrs. Tortorella that the Board approve Educational Services for student # [REDACTED] while at Inspira Health Bridgeton Campus for a maximum of two (2) hours per day, Monday through Friday, at a rate of \$40.00 per hour to be provided by Brookfield Schools.
Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Educational Services

Curriculum:

Curriculum

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad that the Board approve the following field trips:

Field Trips

Date	Grade Level/Teacher	Destination, Purpose, Cost
11/06/23	4/Schnetzer	Benny's Bodega Promote kindness and good citizenship No cost to students
11/17/23	8/All Teachers	High Point Regional High School Acclimate 8th graders to HPRHS No cost to students
12/06/23	3-5/Grifone, Hanson, Mitchell	Sparta Bowling To allow children in the community to learn socialization and appropriate behavior in public Cost to students \$10.00 and \$15.00 per pizza No cost to BOE (paid by school store Community Connection)

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12/12, 12/18/23, 01/09, 01/11, 01/16, 01/17, 01/30/24 Possible week of 02/12-02/16/24	6-8/Posey	Various School Districts Boys Basketball No cost to students
12/12/23	5/Doherty	Sussex Middle School Dress rehearsal for the 5th Grade Winter Concert No cost to students
12/20/23, 01/18/, 01/22, 01/24, 01/29/24	6-8/Tironi	Various School Districts Girls' Basketball No cost to students
05/03/24	K/All Teachers	Turtle Back Zoo Science and social studies curriculum Cost for students \$12 Paid by BOE
05/17/24	5/All Teachers	Miner's Game Cost to students \$11 Paid by BOE
05/17/24	1/All Teachers	Space Farms Study of animals and non- fiction reading & writing No cost to students
05/17/24	6/All Teachers	Medieval Times Historical simulation of a medieval times feast and jousting tournament. Cost to students: approximately \$60 Partial parent paid; partial BOE paid
05/24/24	2/All Teachers	Waterloo Village Study American History and Native Americans Cost to students \$15 Paid by BOE
05/28/24	K/Fryer, Shea	Sussex Wantage Branch Library Stress the importance of reading

		No cost to students
05/29/24	K/Roy, Young	Sussex Wantage Branch Library Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1 No cost to students
05/30/24	K/VanTassel, Lewis	Sussex Wantage Branch Library Stress the importance of reading No cost to students

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad, seconded by Mrs. Tortorella that the Board approve the following field trips:

Field Trips

Date	Grade Level/Teacher	Destination, Purpose, Cost
11/30/23	1/VandenHeuvel, Churchill, Harper	WES Scholastic Book Fair No cost to students
11/30/23	1/Moscaritolo, Schneider, King	WES Scholastic Book Fair No cost to students

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Unfinished Business

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- Mrs. Simmons asked for an update on the Board meeting with Student Council. Mr. Gall said he would talk to Mrs. Weiss-Connors and advise the Board.

New Business:

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- None

Audience Remarks:

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- Barbara Hollstein, Montague, extremely disappointed in the vote on # 16, although she said that we could have found a better company. She said that Mt. Salem is not a safe bus stop and that she will find an attorney to

fight the Board on this matter.

- Mrs. Witte said that the Township did go up and put blacktop down at the bus stop and cut back the weeds and put in a drain to help with water.

Executive Session:

Executive Session

WHEREAS, this Board is authorized, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 to exclude the public from that portion of this meeting for purposes of discussing specific matters as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; and,

WHEREAS, this Board intends to discuss certain matters which are deemed confidential pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, in Executive Session,

WHEREAS, at this time the Board cannot determine the time when the discussion to be held in Executive Session will be made public, but will disclose the minutes of the Executive Session when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Sussex Wantage Regional Board of Education that this meeting shall be adjourned to an Executive Session (closed session) and the public will be excluded in order that the Board may discuss the items listed below, and upon reconvening this public meeting the Board President will announce, if possible, the time when and the circumstances under which the discussion conducted in Executive Session will be disclosed to the public. This resolution is authorized and allowed by and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-13.

The general nature of the subject to be discussed per N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 (a):

Legal & Personnel Matters

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Dely that the Board go into executive session at 7:51 pm. Mr. D'Agostino advised the public that the Board would be in executive session for approximately twenty (20) minutes and that action would be taken afterwards.

The Board returned to public session at 8:36 pm.

Moved by Mrs. Simmons, seconded by Mrs. Cooper-Trinidad that the Board approve the following resolution:

HIB Affirmation

Whereas, the Board of Education held a HIB hearing on November 16, 2023 regarding HIB investigations Nos. SMS 4 and SMS 5; and

Whereas, the Board of Education held its decision in abeyance to allow the parent of the other involved student to appear before the Board of Education; and

Now, be it resolved, after having provided the parents of the involved students with the opportunity to appear before it; and

Be it further resolved, that after considering the relevant information and

deliberating, the Board of Education affirms the determination of the District regarding HIB investigations Nos. SMS 4 and SMS 5.

Carried; Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Tortorella to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm.

Adjourn-
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Respectfully submitted,



Christina M. Riker
Board Secretary