

Sussex-Wantage Regional School District
August 3, 2023
Special Session Meeting

The Special Session Meeting of the Sussex-Wantage Regional School District Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Nick D'Agostino, Board President, on August 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sussex Middle School Media Center.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Mrs. Taylor Dely, Ms. Courtney deWaal Malefyt

Also in attendance was: Mrs. Christina M. Riker, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Roll Call

The following statement was read by Mr. D'Agostino

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.

Open Public Meetings Act

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

Audience Remarks:

- None

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Personnel:

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Board Member Comments:

- Mrs. Witte made the following statement:
"At our last board meeting, just a week ago, I had spoke during discussion on personnel. I had stated and will continue to state that I as a board member have a job to try my best at being fiscally responsible. I am not sure why we are having a special meeting, especially when there was a legal quorum last week and two (2) items were not passed. I still feel we have adequate teachers to fulfill the 5th grade position and I honestly feel that until some type of physical and/or physical fitness requirement is required and fulfilled by both continuously employed and newly hired security guards

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we should hold off on especially on hiring new ones. I have not, and will not ever take advantage of this board.”

Moved by Mrs. Cecchini, seconded by Mrs. Simmons 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
Alexa Cunningham

Teacher Assistant
Susan McIntyre
Ane Murphy
Elyse Schear

Custodian
Frank Bifano

(*All new substitutes and appointments are required to comply with State Statute regarding fingerprinting, security checks and appropriate legal agency clearance, and also Federal Employment)

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Cecchini, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve Taylor Hemmer, 5th Grade Teacher, Wantage School, BA+10, Step 1, \$58,296.00, effective September 05, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Carried; Yes 6, No 1 (Witte), Absent 2

New Hire -
WES
Teacher

Moved by Mrs. Cecchini, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve William Jurewicz, Security Guard, location TBD, \$29.59 per hour, effective September 05, 2023, for the 2023-2024 school year.

Carried; Yes 6, No 1 (Witte), Absent 2

New Hire -
Security

Moved by Mrs. Cecchini, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve Lauren Farbanish, Autism Special Education Teacher, C.E. Lawrence School, BA, Step 1, \$57,546.00, effective September 05, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

New Hire -
CEL Spec Ed
Teacher

Moved by Mrs. Cecchini, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve Susan McIntyre, 3.5 hour Special Education Teacher Assistant, location TBD, Step 1, \$18.90 per hour, effective September 05, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. Shift is 8:30am to 12:00pm.

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

New Hire –
3.5 TA

Moved by Mrs. Cecchini, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve Anne Murphy, 3.5 hour Special Education Teacher Assistant, location TBD, Step 1, \$18.90 per hour, effective September 05, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. Shift is 12:00pm to 3:30pm.

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

New Hire –
3.5 TA

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Moved by Mrs. Cecchini, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve Elyse Schear, 3.5 hour Special Education Teacher Assistant, location TBD, Step 1, \$18.90 per hour, effective September 05, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. Shift is 8:30am to 12:00pm.

New Hire –
3.5 TA

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Cecchini, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve Ashley Yanish, 5.5 hour Special Education Teacher Assistant, location TBD, Step 1, \$18.90 per hour, effective September 05, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. Shift is 9:30am to 3:30pm with a ½ hour unpaid lunch.

New Hire –
5.5 TA

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Cecchini, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve Brittany McDougal, 5.5 hour Special Education Teacher Assistant, location TBD, Step 1, \$18.90 per hour, effective September 05, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. Shift is 8:30am to 2:30pm with a ½ hour unpaid lunch.

New Hire –
5.5 TA

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Cecchini, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve Erin Fuchs, 5.5 hour Special Education Teacher Assistant, location TBD, Step 1, \$18.90 per hour, effective September 05, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. Shift is to be determined.

New Hire –
5.5 TA

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Cecchini, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve Abigail Link, 5.5 hour Special Education Teacher Assistant, location TBD, Step 1, \$18.90 per hour, effective September 05, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. Shift is to be determined.

New Hire –
5.5 TA

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Cecchini, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve Alexa Cunningham, 5.5 hour Special Education Teacher Assistant, TBD, Step 1, \$18.90 per hour, effective September 05, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. Shift is to be determined.

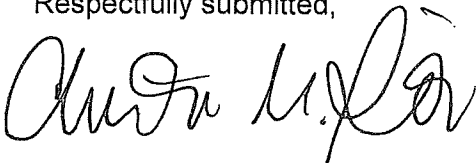
New Hire –
5.5 TA

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Tortorella, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm.

Adjourn-
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Respectfully submitted,



Christina M. Riker
Board Secretary