

February 8, 2016

The Stillwater Board of Education met on February 8, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Stillwater School Library for a Committee of the Whole Board of Education Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Shannon Nothstine at 7:00 p.m. In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, the time, date and location of this meeting was provided to the New Jersey Herald and Township Journal on January 5, 2016. Notices were posted in the Stillwater School, Town Hall, Lakeland Bank, Stillwater Post Office, Middleville Post Office and Swartswood Post Office.

Mrs. Nothstine led the flag salute. The following Board members were present: Mrs. Svendsen, Mrs. Nothstine, Mrs. Saul, Mr. Grace (arrived 7:54 pm), Mr. Theys, Mrs. Galante and Mr. DeGroat.

Absent: Mrs. Santore and Mrs. LoCascio.

Also present were George Petty, Interim Superintendent, René Solar, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Marissa Cramer, Principal/Supervisor of CST and Special Education/Basic Skills, and Matthew Robinson, Assistant Principal.

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

1. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Svendsen to approve the Regular Board of Education Meeting minutes from January 25, 2016. Motion approved by voice vote, Mrs. Svendsen-Aye; Mrs. Galante-Abstain; Mrs. Nothstine-Aye; Mrs. Saul-Aye; Mr. DeGroat-Aye; Mr. Theys- Aye.
2. Reminder: Ethics Disclosure Statements due. Please submit them as soon as possible.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

Dr. Petty reported on the following items:

- Stillwater's Lip Dub
- Pinwheel Program trip to Sandyston School
- Budget Review Meeting with the County Office
- Kindness Certified School- 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row!
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders trip to KRHS for the play

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PERSONNEL**

1. Superintendent Search Ad hoc Committee Report- Mr. DeGroat reported we had 14 resumes, 5 were selected for interviews. First round of interviews will be held this week.

2. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Svendsen to approve attached professional days. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
3. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Svendsen to retroactively approve Elaine Makarevich to finish the remaining mentoring program for Sarah DiLorenzo for a pro-rated stipend of \$316.25 from January 11, 2016- June 30, 2016. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
4. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Svendsen to approve Brittany Celentano as an afterschool paraprofessional for Volleyball club at a rate of \$15/hour for 9 hours. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
5. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Svendsen to approve Megan Reed as a long term Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator substitute to begin February 22, 2016 to April 18, 2016 for 3 days per week at an annual salary of \$40,000 (\$166.67/day) pro-rated to time worked. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
6. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mr. Theys to approve payment to employee #00768 in the amount of \$1,909.40 as per arbitration settlement. Motion approved by voice vote, Mrs. Svendsen-Aye; Mrs. Galante-Aye; Mrs. Nothstine-Aye; Mrs. Saul-Abstain; Mr. DeGroat-Aye; Mr. Theys- Aye.

## **POLICY**

1. Motion made by Mrs. Galante, second by Mr. DeGroat to approve the first reading of the following policies:  
     Policy# 5141.22 Medical Marijuana  
     Policy# 4112.8/4212.8 Nepotism  
 A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
2. Motion made by Mrs. Galante, second by Mrs. Svendsen to approve the second & final reading of the following policy:  
     Policy # 3515 Smoking Prohibition  
 A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

## **EDUCATION & CURRICULUM**

1. Motion made by Mrs. Svendsen, second by Mr. DeGroat to approve Eugene McNicholas (in place of Richard Poplaski) as a Regional Curriculum Coordinator Consultant & Professional Development Consultant for the Next Generation Science Standards revisions effective February 10, 2016 through June 30, 2016 at a per diem rate of \$750.00 not to exceed 5 days, with the understanding that the cost of said agreement is to be distributed among the Boards of Education of Fredon Township, Stillwater Township, Sandyston-Walpack Consolidated School District, Hampton Township and Kittatinny Regional High School based upon the October 15, 2015 student count in grades K-8 and furthermore, that the

Hampton Township Board of Education will serve as the Local Educational Agency for the 2015-2016 school year. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

## **BUILDING & GROUNDS**

No Report.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

1. Motion made by Mr. Theys, second by Mrs. Svendsen to approve transportation to Kittatinny Regional High School for grades 5 & 6 pinwheel students on March 10, 2016 with a snow date of March 17, 2016 with Stocker Bus, at a cost of \$244.35. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
2. Motion made by Mr. Theys, second by Mrs. Svendsen to approve transportation to Kittatinny Regional High School for District Band and Chorus students on February 16, 17, & 22, 2016 with Stocker Bus, at a cost of \$733.05. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

## **BUDGET & FINANCE**

1. Budget Committee Report- Miss Solar informed the board the committee meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.
2. Motion made by Mrs. Saul, second by Mr. Theys to approve the following resolution, Waiver of Requirements in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program:

Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2016-2017 school year, and

Whereas, the Stillwater Township Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Stillwater Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Sussex an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion approved by roll call vote, Mrs. Svendsen-Aye; Mrs. Galante-Aye; Mrs. Nothstine-Aye; Mrs. Saul-Aye; Mr. DeGroat-Aye; Mr. Theys- No.

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

No Report.

## LEGISLATIVE

No Report.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kathy Pevarnik- The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders loved the play at KRHS. It is always great to see all of our former students.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Svendsen at 7:32 pm by the Stillwater Township Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and 10:4-13 that said public body hold a closed session for the purpose of discussing Attorney-Client Privilege & Personnel Matters it is expected that the minutes taken of this closed session will be made public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

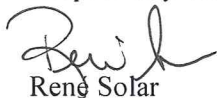
Mr. Grace arrived 7:54 pm.

Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mr. Grace at 8:57 pm to come out of executive session and return to public session. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mr. Theys to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



René Solar  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary