

February 22, 2016

The Stillwater Board of Education met on February 22, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Stillwater School Library for a Regular 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. Santore, Mrs. Svendsen, Mrs. Nothstine, Mrs. Saul, Mrs. LoCascio, Mr. Theys, Mr. Grace (left at 9:04pm), Mrs. Galante (left at 9:19pm) and Mr. DeGroat.

Absent: None.

Also present were René Solar, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Marissa Cramer, Principal/Supervisor of CST and Special Education/Basic Skills.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mr. Grace at 7:04 p.m. 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 Superintendent Candidate Interviews 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.

Motion made by Mr. Grace, second by Mrs. Svendsen at 9:02 p.m. to come out of executive session and return to public session. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

BOARD BUSINESS

1. Motion made by Mrs. Santore, second by Mr. DeGroat to approve the Executive Session Meeting minutes from January 25, 2016. Motion approved by voice vote, Mrs. LoCascio-Aye; Mrs. Galante-Aye; Mrs. Saul-Aye; Mr. DeGroat-Aye; Mrs. Santore-Aye; Mrs. Nothstine-Aye; Mr. Theys-Aye; Mr. Grace- Aye, Mrs. Svendsen-Abstain.
2. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mr. Theys to approve the Committee of the Whole Board of Education Meeting minutes and executive session minutes from

February 8, 2016. Motion approved by voice vote, Mrs. Svendsen-Aye; Mrs. Galante-Aye; Mrs. Saul-Aye; Mr. DeGroat-Aye; Mr. Grace- Aye; Mrs. Nothstine-Aye; Mr. Theys – Aye, Mrs. LoCascio-Abstain, Mrs. Santore – Abstain.

Mr. Grace left the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

3. Motion made by Mrs. Santore, second by Mr. DeGroat to approve the January 31, 2016 Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports which balanced in the amount of \$2,022,377.76 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10(c)3, we certify that as of January 31, 2016 after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Petty's written report included the following items:

- The Great Kindness Challenge
- The school wide Lip Dub
- Regional Superintendent's meeting
- B-Alive program
- Budget process
- 5th & 6th grade attendance at KRHS play
- Literacy Connection program
- English Language Arts committee
- Volleyball club

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you letter for workshop attendance from Mrs. Mahedy.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

No Report

PERSONNEL

1. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Santore to approve attached professional days. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
2. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Santore upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to approve Lauren Stocklinski as maternity leave

replacement substitute for a Special Education Teacher, to begin on or about March 14, 2016 to June 30, 2016 at BA, Step 0 for a daily rate of \$263.89, no benefits, pending valid NJ K-6 & Special Education Certificate of Eligibility. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

3. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. LoCascio to approve the after school club stipend of \$410 for Lisa Conry for the craft club. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

POLICY

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

EDUCATION & CURRICULUM

1. Motion made by Mrs. Svendsen, second by Mrs. LoCascio to extend Maureen Riva's Handle With Care certification until June 2016 for a cost of \$90.00. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

1. Motion made by Mrs. Saul, second by Mr. DeGroat to approve building and use calendar for March 2016. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

TRANSPORTATION

No Report

BUDGET & FINANCE

1. Miss Solar provided the Budget Committee Update. The committee met on February 9th at 5:30 pm and reviewed special revenue and capital projects. At the meeting on February 22nd they began to review general fund expenditures. They will finish the general fund expenditure review at the next committee meeting scheduled for February 29th at 5:30 pm. The tentative budget will need to be approved at the March 14th Board meeting.

Mrs. Galante left the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

2. Motion made by Mrs. Santore, second by Mrs. LoCascio to approve February regular checks numbered 23088 through 23143, N0127, N0128, N0129, N0202,

N0204, N0209, N0210, N0211, N0212, void check#23055 for a total of \$654,915.46, and cafeteria checks numbered 2546, 2547, N0202 in the amount of \$14,917.65. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

3. Motion made by Mrs. Santore, second by Mrs. LoCascio to approve January student activity checks numbered 6149-6150 in the amount of \$374.55. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
4. Motion made by Mrs. Santore, second by Mr. DeGroat to approve the attached list of purchase orders over \$1,000 for 2015-2016 school year. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
5. Motion made by Mrs. Santore, second by Mrs. Svendsen to approve monthly travel as attached. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
6. Motion made by Mrs. Santore, second by Mrs. LoCascio to accept the Target Take Charge of Education donation in the amount of \$68.18. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
7. Motion made by Mrs. Santore, second by Mrs. LoCascio to purchase 50 Dell Chromebooks and 3 laptop carts for a total of \$18,056.47 to be paid as listed:
\$11,204.53 REAP Grant
\$3,280.20 IDEA-B (12 chromebooks)
\$3,571.74 General Fund
A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

LEGISLATION

No Report

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Mrs. LoCascio reported on the following:

- 100th day of school – 1,500 items for local food pantries were collected
- NBC's Pat Battle will feature Stillwater's 100th day of school program next year!
- Thank you to Mrs. Ciccolella, Mrs. Collier and the entire student council for putting together another successful 100th day program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Board member required training- Due by December 31, 2016.
2. Personal/Relative Ethics Disclosure Forms have been completed by all board members! Thank you!

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. DeGroat commented how great it is & important it is to have full board support for our next Superintendent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. LoCascio to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m.
A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



René Solar
Business Administrator/Board Secretary