

January 2, 2018

The Stillwater Township Board of Education met on January 2, 2018, at 7:17 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 7:17 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 November 7, 2017. Notices were posted in the Stillwater School, Town Hall, Lakeland Bank, Stillwater Post Office, Middleville Post Office, Swartswood Post Office, and Stillwater School Website.

Mrs. Nothstine led the flag salute. The following Board members were present: Mrs. Svendsen, Mrs. Nothstine, Mr. Theys, Mr. DeGroat, Mrs. Saul, Mrs. McPeek, Mrs. Santore, and Mrs. LoCascio.

Absent: Mrs. Galante.

Also present were Matthew Robinson, Superintendent, René Metzgar, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Marissa Cramer, Principal/Supervisor of CST and Special Education/Basic Skills, and members of the public.

BOARD BUSINESS

1. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Saul to approve the Regular Board of Education Meeting minutes and executive session minutes from December 18, 2017. Motion approved by voice vote: Mrs. Svendsen-Abstain; Mrs. Nothstine-Aye; Mrs. Saul-Aye; Mrs. Santore- Abstain; Mrs. LoCascio- Aye; Mr. DeGroat-Aye; Mr. Theys- Aye; Mrs. McPeek-Abstain.
2. Save the date! Sussex County School Boards Meeting will be held on January 30, 2018 at the Mohawk House. Registration starts at 6 pm, program 6:45-9:00pm. Topic: School Consolidation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL

1. Motion made by Mrs. LoCascio, second by Mrs. Saul to approve attached professional days. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
2. Motion made by Mrs. LoCascio, second by Mr. DeGroat to approve Helen Sallitt as a paraprofessional for the After School Learning Center from March 1, 2018-March 30, 2018 to be paid \$15.00/hour. Paid through Title I. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
3. Motion made by Mrs. LoCascio, second by Mrs. Svendsen to approve the advancement on guide for the following employee for the 2018-2019 school year, pending completion of credits and verification of official transcripts:
Ramona Knapp from BA+32 to MA
A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

POLICY

None.

EDUCATION & CURRICULUM

1. Motion made by Mrs. Svendsen, second by Mrs. LoCascio to approve J&B Therapy to provide behavioral services as needed not to exceed 3 hours per week, at a rate of \$90.00/hour from January 19, 2018- June 30, 2018 as a maternity leave replacement. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
2. Motion made by Mrs. Svendsen, second by Mrs. LoCascio to approve the purchase of the 6th grade t-shirts by the board of education, in the amount not to exceed \$650.00. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

1. Mrs. Metzgar provided an update on the following building and grounds items:
 - Stage and Window Curtains
 - Five new cameras installed
 - Septic pumped
 - Electric work in CST office and Teacher's Lounge
 - Boiler repairs
 - Installation of new bottle filler station
2. Motion made by Mrs. Santore, second by Mrs. LoCascio to approve Westchester Environmental to assist in the 1941 crawl space abatement project as listed:
 - Project Design Services: \$2,771
 - Bidding Assistance: \$85.00/hour
 - Project Monitoring: \$5,890A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

TRANSPORTATION

1. Motion made by Mr. Theys, second by Mr. DeGroat to approve the following new bus stop for ST9:
 - 904 West End DriveA voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

BUDGET & FINANCE

1. Demographic Study- Mr. Robinson reported that at the last Regional Superintendent's meeting, a discussion was had on possibly conducting a demographic study. A study hasn't been done in some time. Board members wanted more information on what would be included in the study, and how the information is gathered to see if would be worth the expense.

2. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. LoCascio to accept the donation from the Webb Family, in the amount of \$500 for our B-Alive H.I.L.L.S. House Program. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- PTA Meeting is on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm.
- Town Hall Meeting is tonight.
- February 2nd will be the Kindness 365 Assembly sponsored by the PTA.

LEGISLATIVE

-It's been very quiet on the State's end since November elections. We will see what this year brings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. DeGroat and second by Mrs. Santore to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



René Metzgar
Business Administrator/Board Secretary