

February 10, 2020

The Stillwater Township Board of Education met on February 10, 2020 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 Dennis DeGroat 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 & Star Ledger on January 7, 2020. Notices were posted in the Stillwater School, Town Hall, Stillwater Post Office, Middleville Post Office, Swartwood Post Office and the Stillwater School Website.

Mr. DeGroat led the flag salute. The following Board members were present: Mr. DeGroat, Mrs. Svendsen, Mrs. Nothstine, Mrs. Williver, Mrs. Thibault, Mrs. Saul, Mrs. Kraft, Mrs. Galante and Mrs. LoCascio.

Absent: None.

Also present were William Kochis, 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 Mrs. Nothstine, second by Mrs. LoCascio to approve the Regular Board of Education Meeting minutes & Executive session meeting minutes from January 27, 2020. Motion approved by voice vote: Mrs. Svendsen-Aye; Mrs. Nothstine-Aye; Mrs. Galante-Abstain; Mrs. Saul-Aye; Mrs. LoCascio-Aye; Mr. DeGroat-Aye; Mrs. Williver- Aye; Mrs. Thibault-Aye; Mrs. Kraft-Aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL

1. Motion made by Mrs. Nothstine, second by Mrs. Svendsen, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve attached professional days. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
2. Motion made by Mrs. Nothstine, second by Mrs. Svendsen, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to retroactively approve Heather Vivian as substitute bus aide for the 2019-2020 school year to be paid \$17.17/day. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
3. Motion made by Mrs. Nothstine, second by Mrs. Thibault, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following substitute teacher/paraprofessional at the previously approved rate of pay for the 2019-2020 school year:

Lauren Davis

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

- Motion made by Mrs. Nothstine, second by Mrs. Thibault, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to retroactively approve the following Interlocal Shared Services Agreements with the Fredon Township Board of Education from December 6, 2019 to June 30, 2020:

Name	Subject/FTE	Cost to STE
DeAngelis, Danielle	Teacher's Aide –.75 hours/day, 5 days /week = total of 3.75 hrs/wk (.15 FTE of .7 FTE)	\$1,248.77 Prorated (\$178.40/month)
Scott, Laura	Teacher's Aide –2.50 hours/day, 5 days /week = total of 13.75 hrs/wk (.5 FTE of .8 FTE)	\$3,996.06 Prorated (\$570.87/month)

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

- Motion made by Mrs. Nothstine, second by Mrs. Thibault to approve Emily Perez from Sussex County Community College to complete 20 observation hours in Mrs. Bessemer's kindergarten classroom. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
- Motion made by Mrs. Nothstine, second by Mrs. Svendsen to accept with regret the resignation of Maureen Beckman, effective July 1, 2020 for the purpose of retirement. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
- Motion made by Mrs. Nothstine, second by Mrs. Svendsen to retroactively approve a leave of absence covered under FMLA for employee #630 beginning January 13, 2020 and returning on February 10, 2020. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
- Motion made by Mrs. Nothstine, second by Mrs. Svendsen to accept with regret the resignation of Fred Iradi, effective April 10, 2020. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

POLICY

No Report.

EDUCATION & CURRICULUM

- Motion made by Mrs. Saul, second by Mrs. Nothstine 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

- Mrs. Metzgar provided an update on the following Building & Grounds items:
 - 1966 Emergency Roof Repair funding
 - 1966 Section Boiler Project

- Motion made by Mrs. Galante, second by Mrs. LoCascio, to approve Alimi Builders to repair the six major gym wall cracks in the amount of \$14,850.

Other quotes:

Zitone Construction: \$22,000

Drill Construction: \$19,800

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.

TRANSPORTATION

- Motion made by Mrs. Thibault, second by Mrs. LoCascio, to approve transportation with Stocker Bus for the following field trips for the 2019-2020 school year:

Date	Location	Grade	Cost
May 22, 2020	Rizzo's Wildlife Discovery	Grade 3	\$335.00
May 29, 2020	White Lake Recreation Area	Special Education	\$225.00- IDEA B

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

BUDGET & FINANCE

- Mrs. LoCascio provided a Budget Committee Update/Shared Services discussion regarding the following:
 - Budget committee met again on 2/10, prior to the board meeting. Discussed funds 40, 30, and 20. Began to review general fund revenues. The next meeting the committee will be going line by line.
 - Shared service opportunity of sharing our Superintendent with Sandyston/Walpack was also discussed.
- Mr. Kochis and Mrs. Metzgar presented a Budget & Finance update. The update included discussion on our revenues and expenditures in the past, present, and for the future of Stillwater School. Powerpoint presentation is attached to the minutes.
- Motion made by Mrs. LoCascio, second by Mrs. Svendsen to approve the attached list of Preschool Education Aid transfers and submit to Department of Education as required. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.
- Motion made by Mrs. LoCascio, second by Mrs. Nothstine, 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 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 school year.
A roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Mrs. Williver provided an update on the following items:

- Second Strategic Planning is tomorrow, February 11th.
- PTA Tricky Tray is April 24th.
- HS Play at KRHS is in two weeks.

Mrs. LoCascio provided an update on the following item:

- 100th Day of School

Mrs. Thibault provided an update on the following item:

- Thanked Mrs. Gardner and the PTA for hosting the Father/Daughter Dance
- Thanked Mr. Nick and Mr. Reed for being so helpful to rec basketball
- Last basketball clinic is this week.

LEGISLATIVE

Mrs. Metzgar informed the board of the updated Public Works Certificate regulations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Alicia Gardner, Millbrook Road, Stillwater- Thanked the board for paying for the 6th grade t-shirts. The 6th grade rec commission is currently hosting the following fundraisers:

- Little Caesars Pizza
- Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale
- Participation in Stillwater Clean Up Day
- Car Wash- April 15th
- Bake Sale and the PTA Tricky Tray

Mrs. Gardner also provided a PTA update:

- The PTA is trying to work with wrestling and basketball to come together to purchase a new scoreboard for the school.
- The PTA is proud to announce they will be donating \$7,500 for the purpose of purchasing books for Reader's Writer's Workshop to enhance the classroom libraries.

Administration and the Board of Education members thanked and cheered for the PTA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by Mrs. LoCascio, second by Mrs. Nothstine at 8:13 pm 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 Individual Privacy it is expected that

the minutes taken of this closed session will be made public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion made by Mrs. LoCascio and seconded by Mrs. Svendsen at 8:15 p.m. to come out of executive session and return to public session. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mrs. Nothstine, second by Mrs. Svendsen to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rene Metzgar
Business Administrator/Board Secretary