

February 8, 2021

The Stillwater Township Board of Education met on February 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. remotely via Zoom 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, Township Journal & Star Ledger on January 5, 2021. Notices were posted in the Stillwater School, Town Hall, Stillwater Post Office, Middleville Post Office, Swartswood Post Office and the Stillwater School Website. Notice of remote meeting access due to current emergency regarding COVID-19 was also provided to the public on February 3, 2021.

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

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, Cali Roberts, Assistant Principal/Regional Curriculum Coordinator, and members of the public.

BOARD BUSINESS

1. Motion made by Mrs. LoCascio, second by Mrs. Nothstine to approve the Regular Board of Education Meeting minutes from January 25, 2021. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
2. Mr. Kochis provided a Reopening Plan Update on the bringing back grades 1, 2, and 4 Monday through Thursday for marking period 3 that started this week. He thanked the board of education, administration, custodial department, and parents for all assisting to make this happen while still continuing our safe standards.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL

1. Motion made by Mrs. Galante, 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. Galante, second by Mrs. Thibault, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to offer a contract to the following part-time 15 hours/week Para-Professional staff member for employment for the 2020-2021 school year from February 9, 2021-June 30, 2021 to be paid at an hourly rate:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Base Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Total Hourly Rate</u>
Nicole DiRienzo	\$13.17	N/A	\$13.17

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.

3. Motion made by Mrs. Galante, second by Mrs. LoCascio to approve Emily Perez from Sussex County Community College to complete 5 observation hours in Mrs. Bradley's preschool classroom. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
4. Motion made by Mrs. Galante, second by Mrs. Kraft, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve employment contract with Stephen Tiberi from April 12, 2021-June 30, 2021 or earlier, pending release from prior district, as a full-time Physical Education/Health Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year, at MA, Step 6 (pending receipt of official transcripts), for an annual salary of \$66,425, to be pro-rated to time worked. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.

POLICY

No report.

EDUCATION & CURRICULUM

1. Special Presentation by Mrs. Radimer: Lü Interactive Projector. Mrs. Radimer introduced to the board of education a new product that she would like to use her grant monies and some additional funding from the board of education to purchase for the school.
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 \$400. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

1. Mrs. Metzgar provided an update on the following Building & Grounds items:
 - 1966 Wing Boiler Project
 - Soda Ash Injection System
 - Single Stall Restroom Project

TRANSPORTATION

1. Motion made by Mr. Franek, second by Mrs. Svendsen, to approve the following new bus stop for the 2020-2021 school year:
 - ST5 - 925 Fairview Lake RoadA voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

BUDGET & FINANCE

1. Budget/Finance Update- Mrs. Metzgar provided a budget update to the board. Administration continues to gather all information necessary for the 2021-2022 budget development. We will be scheduling a committee meeting within the next week.
2. Motion made by Mrs. Thibault, second by Mrs. Svendsen 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 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 school year. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Mrs. Williver provided an update on the following items:

- The Stillwater School website and newsletter has information in regards to clubs and activities through the school.
- Grade 4 article in the newsletter referred to two great links for activities for students.
- KRHS Players Booster club is celebrating National Pizza Day with a fundraiser at Villa Capri on February 12th.
- Stillwater Twp. Website has a waiver for field use for spring sports.
- Stillwater Recreation sports signups are now available.

LEGISLATIVE

Mrs. Kraft provided an update on the following items:

- Learning Loss Education bill for summer learning programs
- New substitute teacher certification requirements

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by Mrs. LoCascio, second by Mrs. Nothstine at 7:37 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 discussing SEA Contract Negotiations 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.

Mrs. Cramer and Mrs. Roberts were excused from the meeting at 7:37 pm.

The board took a zoom picture for the yearbook and website during this time.

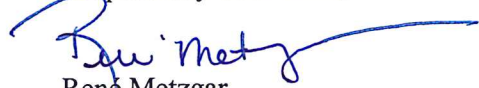
Mrs. Kraft and Mrs. Thibault were excused from the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Motion made by Mrs. LoCascio and seconded by Mrs. Nothstine at 7:47 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. LoCascio, second by Mr. Franek to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rene Metzgar
Business Administrator/Board Secretary