

August 31, 2020

The Stillwater Township Board of Education met on August 31, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. remotely via Zoom for a Special 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 August 27, 2020. 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 August 27, 2020.

Mr. DeGroat led the flag salute. The following Board members were present: Mr. DeGroat, Mrs. Svendsen, Mrs. Nothstine, Mrs. Williver, Mrs. Saul (arrived 7:05pm), Mrs. Galante, Mrs. Kraft, Mrs. LoCascio 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

None.

ACTION ITEMS:

PERSONNEL

1. Motion made by Mrs. Nothstine, second by Mrs. Svendsen to rescind the following motion that was approved at the August 24, 2020 Regular Board of Education Meeting:

Motion made by Mrs. Nothstine, second by Mrs. LoCascio, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to offer the maternity leave teacher replacement contract to Lauren Davis from September 1, 2020 to January 22, 2021 to be hired at BA, Step 0, at a daily rate of \$281.45. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.

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 offer the maternity leave teacher replacement contract to William (Bill) Zschack from September 1, 2020 to January 22, 2021 to be hired at BA, Step 1, at a daily rate of \$285.45, pending criminal history and background check. Start date pending receipt of all required paperwork. Motion approved by voice vote: Mrs. Svendsen-Aye; Mrs. Nothstine-Aye; Mrs. Galante-Aye; Mrs. Saul-Absent; Mrs. LoCascio-Aye; Mr. DeGroat-Aye; Mrs. Williver- Aye; Mrs. Thibault-Aye; Mrs. Kraft-Aye.

POLICY

Mrs. Saul arrived 7:05 pm.

1. Motion made by Mrs. Svendsen, second by Mrs. Nothstine to approve the first reading of the following revised policy:

Policy# 3541.33 Transportation Safety

Discussion was in regards to the contractors cleaning plan for Covid-19. The contractor is cleaning the full bus at the end of the day, handrails between each run. Hand sanitizer will be provided by the regional districts for each bus. Also, Stillwater will be providing extra masks on the bus for any student that needs one.

Mrs. Nothstine expressed concerns regarding their cleaning plan. This seems something the contractor should be able to accommodate. She thanked Mrs. Roberts for working on seating charts to assist in social distancing and administration for doing everything we can on our end to protect our students, staff and community.

Mr. Kochis noted that the regional district Superintendents and Business Administrators have been in contact with bus contractor to help devise a plan for proper cleaning between each run, however, no progress has been made to increase cleaning procedures. We will continue to be in contact with the bus company and update the community with any new information.

Motion approved by voice vote: Mrs. Svendsen-No; Mrs. Nothstine-Aye; Mrs. Galante-Aye; Mrs. Saul-Aye; Mrs. LoCascio-No; Mr. DeGroat-Aye; Mrs. Williver-Aye; Mrs. Thibault-Aye; Mrs. Kraft-Aye.

2. Motion made by Mrs. Svendsen, second by Mrs. LoCascio to approve the second reading of the following new policy:

Policy# 6713.1 Remote Learning

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

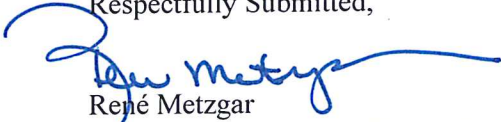
None.

Mr. DeGroat wished everyone a Happy Labor Day and a safe school opening!

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mrs. Nothstine, second by Mrs. Svendsen to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.
A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



René Metzgar
Business Administrator/Board Secretary