

March 28, 2022

The Stillwater Township Board of Education met on March 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Stillwater School All Purpose Room for a Regular Board of Education Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Dennis DeGroat, President, 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 4, 2022. Notices were posted in the Stillwater School, Town Hall, Stillwater Post Office, Middleville Post Office, Swartswood Post Office and the Stillwater School Website.

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

Absent: Mrs. Galante.

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. LoCascio, second by Mr. Franek to approve the Committee of the Whole Board of Education meeting minutes from March 21, 2022. Motion approved by voice vote: Mrs. LoCascio-Aye; Mr. DeGroat-Aye; Mrs. Williver- Aye; Mrs. Kraft-Aye; Mr. Franek-Aye; Mrs. Voris-Aye; Mrs. Thibault-Abstain; Mrs. Frey-Abstain.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Kochis reported on the following items:

- Covid-19 update
- Read Across America Week Update- Thank you to our guest reader, Miss Stillwater, Ashley Geydoshek.
- Trep\$ Marketplace is April 5th
- Activity Night- April 8th

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

None.

POLICY

None.

EDUCATION & CURRICULUM

1. Motion made by Mrs. Kraft, second by Mrs. LoCascio, to approve the ASE/SEEK Program, running May 2, 4, 9, 11, 2022 for a cost to Fairview Lake YMCA in the amount of \$150/trip for a total of \$600, paid for by Title IV. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

1. Motion made by Mrs. Williver, second by Mrs. LoCascio, to approve building and use calendar for April 2022. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
2. Motion made by Mrs. Williver, second by Mrs. LoCascio, to approve Parette Somjen Architects to begin professional services for the Masonry Repairs-Phase 2 at a cost of \$3,500 plus \$300 for reimbursable expenditures. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

TRANSPORTATION

1. Motion made by Mrs. Voris, second by Mr. Franek, to approve the following field trips for the 2021-2022 school year:

Location	Grade
N.J. State Fairgrounds	Kindergarten
Fairview Lake YMCA	SEEK/ASE
Kittatinny Regional High School	Aquatic Safety Program-Grade 4
Kittatinny Regional High School	Move Up Day-Grade 6

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

2. Motion made by Mrs. Voris, second by Mrs. Kraft, to approve transportation with Stocker Bus for the following field trips for the 2021-2022 school year:

Date	Location	Grade	Cost
May 20, 2022	N.J. State Fairgrounds	Kindergarten	\$222.34
May 2, 4, 9, 11, 2022	Fairview Lake YMCA	SEEK/ASE Program	\$77.55/trip=\$310.20
May 23-27, 2022	Kittatinny Regional High School	Aquatic Safety Program-Grade 4	\$180.97/trip=\$904.85 total
May 24, 2022	Kittatinny Regional High School	Move Up Day-Grade 6	\$232.68

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

BUDGET & FINANCE

1. Motion made by Mrs. Thibault, second by Mrs. LoCascio, to rescind the following motion that was approved at the February 28, 2022 Regular Board of Education meeting and approve the revise motion:
Motion made by Mr. Franek, second by Mrs. LoCascio, to approve regular checks from January 25, 2022-February 28, 2022 numbered 27663-27726, N1215, N1223, N0103, N0114, void checks#27663 and 27687 for a total of \$827,411.75. Cafeteria check 2652-2653 in the amount of \$13,702.91. No Student activity checks. Grand total: \$841,114.66. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Revised motion:
Motion to approve regular checks from January 25, 2022-February 28, 2022 numbered 27784-27849, N0121, N0131, N0208, N0215, N0228, for a total of \$876,423.45. Cafeteria checks 2656-2657, void ck#2658 in the amount of \$25,183.17. No Student activity checks. Grand total: \$901,606.62. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
2. Motion made by Mrs. Thibault, second by Mrs. Frey, to approve regular checks from March 1, 2022-March 28, 2022 numbered 27850-27908, N0301, N0304, N0315, for a total of \$621,197.48. Cafeteria check 2659 in the amount of \$13,285.49. Student activity check 6605 in the amount of \$959.50. Grand total: \$635,442.47. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
3. Motion made by Mrs. Thibault, second by Mr. Franek, to approve the attached list of purchase orders over \$1,000 for 2021-2022 school year. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
4. Motion made by Mrs. Thibault, second by Mrs. Williver, to approve monthly travel as attached. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

LEGISLATION

No report.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Mrs. Williver reminded everyone about all the activities mentioned at last week's meeting and reminder for Trep\$ Marketplace on April 5th!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Board member Ethics/Financial Disclosure Forms
2. Board member required training- Due December 31, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

*This public session is designed for members of the public to speak on items for Board consideration. By law, the Board of Education is under no obligation to respond to public comment. If the Board of Education chooses to respond, it does not waive its right thereafter not to respond. Members of the public are asked to state their name and address for the record. ***Members of the public are requested to keep their comments to a maximum of 5 minutes. ***

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by Mrs. LoCascio, second by Mr. Franek at 7:16 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. Thibault and Mrs. Cramer were excused from the meeting at 7:16 pm.

Motion made by Mrs. LoCascio and seconded by Mr. Franek at 8:01 p.m. to come out of executive session and return to public session. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mrs. LoCascio, second by Mrs. Kraft to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



René Metzgar
Business Administrator/Board Secretary