

January 3, 2022

The Stillwater Township Board of Education met on January 3, 2022, at 7:23 p.m. in the All Purpose Room for a Committee of the Whole Board of Education Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Dennis DeGroat at 7:23 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 November 4, 2021. 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. Kraft, Mrs. Williver, Mr. Franek, Mrs. Thibault, Mrs. LoCascio, Mrs. Frey, and Mrs. Voris.

Absent: Mrs. Galante.

Also present were William Kochis, Superintendent, René Metzgar, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and members of the public.

BOARD BUSINESS

1. Motion made by Mrs. LoCascio, second by Mr. Franek to approve the Regular Board of Education Meeting minutes and Executive Session minutes from December 13, 2021. Motion approved by voice vote: Mrs. LoCascio-Aye; Mr. DeGroat-Aye; Mrs. Williver- Aye; Mrs. Thibault-Aye; Mrs. Kraft-Aye; Mr. Franek-Aye; Mrs. Frey-Abstain; Mrs. Voris- Abstain.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL

1. Motion made by Mrs. LoCascio, second by Mrs. Thibault, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve attached professional days. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
2. Motion made by Mrs. LoCascio, second by Mrs. Williver, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following substitute teacher/paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year:

-Kenneth Hayes (pending criminal history & background check)

-Holly DeStefano

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.

POLICY

None.

EDUCATION & CURRICULUM

None.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

1. Mrs. Metzgar provided an update on the following Building & Grounds items:
 - Restroom Project
 - Direct Install
 - Fire Department Walkthrough
 - Fire Department Knox Box

Dr. Kochis then discussed with the Board of Education regarding building use activities while we are in the red zone for COVID cases. The board felt they wanted to continue usage as long as everyone is following COVID regulations/plans. If we see a spike in COVID cases from after school activities, then administration may have to stop them. The board felt it was important for our children to have these activities.

Dr. Kochis then provided a COVID-19 update. We plan to stay with in person learning as long as we have the staffing available.

Mrs. Thibault wanted to thank Mrs. Hurley and the staff for everything they are during these difficult times.

BOARD BUSINESS

1. School Board Ethics Training- Kathy Helewa from NJSBA provided the Board Members with School Board Ethics training. Presentation slides are attached to the minutes.

TRANSPORTATION

None.

BUDGET & FINANCE

1. Mrs. Metzgar provided the board with an update on the following items:
 - FEMA Reimbursement
 - SOARS Review Update
2. Budget Update & Budget Calendar- Mrs. Metzgar reported that the budget process has begun. Once a budget committee is established, we will work on setting up meetings to begin to review and discuss the 2022-2023 budget. The calendar of events is posted to our google drive and will be updated as more information is available.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

No Report.

LEGISLATIVE

Mrs. Kraft reported on the following bills:

- School Security Drills
- Wellness Grant Program
- School Report Card update
- Anti Bullying Law

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

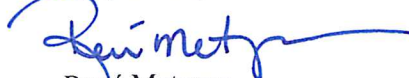
EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mrs. Thibault, second by Mr. Franek to adjourn at 8:38 pm. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



René Metzgar
Business Administrator/Board Secretary