

November 21, 2022

The Stillwater Township Board of Education met on November 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Stillwater School Library 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. Thibault, Mr. Franek, Mrs. Kraft, Mrs. Williver, Mrs. Voris, Mrs. Galante, Mrs. Valeich, and Mrs. Frey.

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. Galante, second by Mr. Franek to approve the Committee of the Whole Board of Education meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes from November 7, 2022. Motion approved by voice vote: Mr. DeGroat-Abstain; Mrs. Galante- Aye; Mrs. Williver- Aye; Mrs. Kraft-Aye; Mr. Franek-Aye; Mrs. Voris-Aye; Mrs. Thibault-Aye, Mrs. Frey-Aye; Mrs. Valeich-Aye.
2. Motion made by Mrs. Williver, second by Mrs. Galante, to approve the October 31, 2022 Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports which balanced in the amount of \$3,013,509.58 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10(c)3, we certify that as of October 31, 2022 after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
3. Motion made by Mrs. Thibault, second by Mrs. Valeich to approve the 2023 Board Reorganization Meeting & Committee of the Whole Meeting to be held on Monday, January 9, 2023 with a snow date of Tuesday, January 10, 2023, beginning at 7:00 pm. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
4. Motion made by Mr. Franek, second by Mrs. Kraft, to approve the 2022-2023 Board Goals action plans as attached. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Metzgar noted that she has been in contact with NJSBA for training as per our board goals. We will begin our first training on January 9th.

5. Unofficial Election Results- Mrs. Metzgar reported the election results and congratulated Mrs. Kraft, Mrs. Thibault, Mrs. Voris, and Mrs. Valeich for being the successful candidates for the 3 year and 1 year seats.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Kochis reported on the following items:

- 6th Grade Fairview Lake Field trip
- Student Council- Toy Drive, PJ Day for CHOP, World News bulletin. Thanked Mrs. Collier and Ms. Johnson for being the Student Council advisors and assisting the students in these activities.
- Halloween Parade
- Parent Academy Night
- KRHS Marching Band Performance
- 2022-2023 District Goals Action Plan review

CORRESPONDENCE

-None.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. DeGroat congratulated Krista Galante and John Gray on their promotion to Lieutenant in the Sussex County Sheriff's Office!

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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None.

ACTION ITEMS:

PERSONNEL

1. Motion made by Mr. Franek, second by Mrs. Williver, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve attached professional days. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

- Motion made by Mr. Franek, second by Mrs. Frey, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following graduate class at the New Jersey City University for Christine Pagano, reimbursement as per SEA contract:

Title of Course	Dates	Cost
Theory into Practice Language Acquisition and Constructing Meaning Across the Curriculum PreK-K	January 2023- May 2023	\$2,402.10

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

POLICY

- Motion made by Mrs. Frey, second by Mrs. Kraft, to suspend policy#3542.1 from February 6-10, 2023 for the limited purpose of the PTA Valentine Candy Sale. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

EDUCATION & CURRICULUM

- Motion made by Mrs. Kraft, second by Mrs. Williver, to approve Chris Henke as the pianist for the 2022-2023 holiday & spring concerts and rehearsals for a total of \$300.00. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Mrs. Metzgar provided an update on the following Building and Grounds items:
 - Board Office remediation
 - Cafeteria steam table install
 - Anticipated summer projects: 1941 foundation repairs/drainage, Phase 3 Masonry work, and 1966 ventilation upgrades.
- Motion made by Mrs. Williver, second by Mrs. Thibault, to approve the revised building and use calendar for November 2022. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
- Motion made by Mrs. Williver, second by Mr. Franek, to approve building and use calendar for December 2022. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

TRANSPORTATION

None.

BUDGET & FINANCE

- Motion made by Mrs. Thibault, second by Mrs. Frey, to approve regular checks from October 18, 2022-November 21, 2022 numbered 28379-28448, N1021, N1031, N1102, and N1115 for a total of \$825,763.00. Student Activity check

numbered 6644 for a total amount of \$758.00. Cafeteria checks 2670-2673 in the amount of \$12,288.58. For a grand total of \$838,809.58. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

2. Motion made by Mrs. Thibault, second by Mr. Franek, to approve the attached list of purchase orders over \$1,000 for 2022-2023 school year. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
3. Motion made by Mrs. Thibault, second by Mrs. Galante, to approve monthly travel as attached. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
4. Motion made by Mrs. Thibault, second by Mrs. Galante, to approve transfers from October 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022 as attached. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
5. Motion made by Mrs. Thibault, second by Mrs. Frey, to accept the safety grant award from New Jersey School's Insurance Group in the amount of \$2,300. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
6. Motion made by Mrs. Thibault, second by Mrs. Valeich, to approve submission of the grant application for the Youth Garden Grant in the amount of \$500 and a collection of gardening supplies to be used towards our school garden. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

LEGISLATION

-None.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Mrs. Williver reported on the following items:

- Reminder: 12:40 PM Dismissal - 11/23/22
- School Closed 11/24 & 11/25/22 - Happy Thanksgiving
- PTA Holiday Shop 12/13 to 12/15/22
- Stillwater PTA movie night 12/15
- Student Council Toy Drive
- Student Council PJ Day for CHOP-12/2
- KRHS Player Community Event

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Board member required training- Due December 31, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

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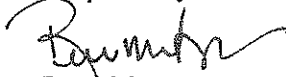
EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mrs. Williver, second by Mrs. Kraft to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rene Metzgar
Business Administrator/Board Secretary