

January 2, 2024

The Stillwater Township Board of Education met on January 2, 2024, at 7:15 p.m. in the Stillwater School Library for a Committee of the Whole Board of Education Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Krista Galante at 7:15 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 27, 2023. Notices were posted in the Stillwater School, Town Hall, Stillwater Post Office, Swartswood Post Office and the Stillwater School Website.

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

Absent: Mr. Franek.

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. Thibault, second by Mrs. Valeich, to approve the Regular Board of Education Meeting minutes from December 11, 2023. Motion approved by voice vote: Mrs. Galante- Aye; Mrs. Williver- Abstain; Mrs. Kraft-Aye; Mrs. Valeich-Aye; Mrs. Frey-Aye; Mr. DeGroat-Aye, Mrs. Thibault-Aye; Mrs. Voris-Aye.
2. Motion made by Mrs. Frey, second by Mrs. Kraft, to approve the 2023-2024 Board Goals action plans. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
3. Motion made by Mrs. Thibault, second by Mrs. Valeich, to approve the November 30, 2023 Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports which balanced in the amount of \$3,334,904.66 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, we certify that as of November 30, 2023 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL

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

2. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Frey, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following part-time Para-Professional staff member for employment for the 2023-2024 school year from January 8, 2024-June 30, 2024 to be paid at an hourly rate, pending criminal history and background check:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Base Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Total Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Contract Hours</u>
Buff, Lori	Special Education	\$15.13	\$.50 Associates Degree	\$15.63	4 hours and 50 minutes/day

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.

3. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Kraft, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following graduate class at the New Jersey City University for Christine Pagano:

<u>Title of Course</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Reimbursement</u>
Classroom Management, Classroom Behavior, and Positive Behavior Supports	January 2024-May 2024	\$1,378.59	Yes, as per SEA Contract

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

4. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Frey, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following graduate classes at Centenary University for Maureen Riva:

<u>Title of Course</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Reimbursement</u>
Special Populations	January 8, 2024-April 30, 2024	\$2,300	Yes, as per SEA Contract
Assess and Evaluate Special Education	January 8, 2024-April 30, 2024	\$2,300	Yes, as per SEA Contract

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

5. Motion to table the following motion indefinitely was made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Frey. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to retroactively approve the following teacher for the After School Learning Center for a total of 44 sessions at a rate of \$75/session from January 2, 2024-June 30, 2024. Paid through Title I, Account # 20-231-100-101-102-000.

Mary DiRienzo

- Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Valeich, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following after school programs for the 2023-2024 school year. The stipend for each teacher is \$410:

Club Name	Staff Member #1	Staff member #2	Grade Level	Grant
Math Lego Club	Beth Johnson	Ramona Knapp	Grade 2	Title I 20-231-200-100
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A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

POLICY

- Motion made by Mrs. Valeich, second by Mrs. Williver, to approve the final reading of the following new policy:

Policy #3320.1 Green Purchasing
A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

- Motion made by Mrs. Valeich, second by Mrs. Frey, to approve the Lost/Damaged Equipment Form and fee schedule as attached. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

EDUCATION & CURRICULUM

- Motion made by Mrs. Kraft, second by Mr. DeGroat, to approve the following parent nights:
-January 10, 2024- NJ Child Abuse and Prevention (parent & student program)
-April 23, 2024- Mental Health and Well Being- presented by NJ4S (Mental Health Association: NJ support student services)
A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

None.

TRANSPORTATION

None.

BUDGET & FINANCE

- Motion made by Mrs. Thibault, second by Mrs. Valeich, to approve transfers from November 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023 as attached. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

2. Motion made by Mrs. Thibault, second by Mrs. Frey, to accept the following 2023-2024 tuition student beginning January 8, 2024-June 30, 2024:

<u>Sending District</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Tuition Cost</u>	<u>Program</u>
Sandyston-Walpack	09192019	\$22,000 (to be prorated)	PSD

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- PTA Family Fun Night- Two Skate Nights- January 11th & 25th
- KRHS Players Booster Club Clothing Drive- Happening now!

LEGISLATIVE

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by Mrs. Frey, second by Mrs. Williver at 7:25 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 Student Privacy 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.

Motion made by Mrs. Thibault and seconded by Mrs. Kraft at 7:29 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 Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Valeich to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



René Metzgar
Business Administrator/Board Secretary