

November 6, 2023

The Stillwater Township Board of Education met on November 6, 2023 at 7:00 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, 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 10, 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, Mrs. Williver, Mrs. Kraft, Mrs. Frey, Mr. Franek, Mrs. Thibault, and Mrs. Valeich.

Absent: Mrs. Voris and Mr. DeGroat.

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 Mr. Franek, second by Mrs. Thibault, to approve the Regular Board of Education Meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes from October 16, 2023. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
2. Motion made by Mrs. Frey, second by Mrs. Valeich, to approve the September 30, 2023 Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports which balanced in the amount of \$3,639,806.34 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, we certify that as of September 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.
3. New Jersey School Boards Convention Update- Mrs. Williver, Mrs. Kraft, Mrs. Metzgar, and Dr. Kochis provided an update on the conference. Many great sessions were attended, great to network with other schools and great to see the vendors and the new items that are available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the school administrators are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application & operational plan to the New Jersey Department of Education on behalf of the Stillwater Township Board of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Superintendent and Business Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Stillwater Township Board of Education and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

1. Mrs. Metzgar reported on the following Building & Grounds items:
 - 1988 Gym Wall Crack Investigation
 - Phones
 - PA system

2. Motion made by Mr. Franek, second by Mrs. Frey, to award a professional services contract for Architect Services, Civil Engineering Services, Structural Engineering Services, Environmental & Geotechnical Services to Environetics Group Architects (ENV) for the preparation of a report and recommendation for Wall and Floor Cracking at Stillwater Township School in the amount of \$31,500, plus allowances of \$4,500 for ground penetrating radar services and pipe investigation video. Plus reimbursable expenditures estimated in the amount of \$3,150. In accordance with 18A:18A-2 governing Professional Services, these services are authorized by law, regulated by law requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.

TRANSPORTATION

1. Motion made by Mrs. Valeich, second by Mrs. Kraft, to approve transportation with Stocker Bus for the following field trips for the 2023-2024 school year:

Date	Location	Grade	Cost
November 17, 2023	Waterloo Village, Stanhope, NJ	Grade 4	\$420.00
April 26, 2024	Crayola Experience, Easton PA	Grade 2	\$457.42

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

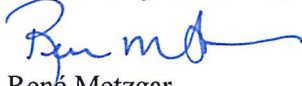
BUDGET & FINANCE

1. Mrs. Metzgar spoke to the board about options for the audit presentation dates. The presentation will take place at the November 20th meeting via zoom this year due to scheduling conflicts.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mrs. Williver second by Mrs. Kraft to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.
A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



René Metzgar
Business Administrator/Board Secretary