

STILLWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting- 7:00 P.M.-Library

Agenda-September 23, 2024

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Galante

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 3, 2024. Notices were posted in the Stillwater School, Town Hall, Stillwater Post Office, Swartswood Post Office and the Stillwater School Website.

B. FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Galante

C. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Metzgar

BOARD MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Dennis DeGroat		
Darrick Franek		
Margaret Frey		
Krista Galante		
Jennifer Kraft		
Karen Thibault		
Amy Valeich		
Christine Voris		
Cheryl Williver		

D. BOARD BUSINESS

Mrs. Galante

1. Board/District Goal Setting-NJSBA Representative-Kelly Mitchell

That the following Board Business resolutions be approved:

2. Motion to approve the Committee of the Whole Board of Education meeting minutes September 9, 2024. (attachment)
3. Motion to approve the August 31, 2024 Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports which balanced in the amount of \$3,651,537.20 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10(c)3, we certify that as of August 31, 2024 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. (attachment)

Moved By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Vote:

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Kochis

F. CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Galante

G. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mrs. Galante

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Galante

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I. ACTION ITEMS:

PERSONNEL

Mr. DeGroat

That the following Personnel resolutions 1-5 be approved as recommended by Superintendent:

1. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve attached professional days. (attachment)

2. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the contract for the following full-time Para-Professional staff member for employment for the 2024-2025 school year from September 24, 2024-June 30, 2025:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Base Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Base Salary</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Total Salary</u>
Pavlick, Rebecca	Preschool	\$15.13	\$ 17,898.79	\$750 BA Degree	\$18,648.79

3. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Rebecca Pavlick as a bus aide on ST6 from September 30, 2024 to June 30, 2025 for an annual stipend of \$3,240, to be prorated to start date, to be paid as worked.
4. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following staff member to sub as a bus aide from September 24, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to be paid a daily rate of \$18.00 (\$9.00/run), not to exceed a total of \$3,240 to be paid as per timesheets submitted:

-Jennifer Siple

5. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following substitute paraprofessionals/main office secretaries for the 2024-2025 school year:

Jake Kramer- pending criminal history & background check
Radmilla Hornung- pending criminal history & background check

Moved By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Roll Call Vote:

That the following Personnel resolutions 6-10 be approved as recommended by Superintendent:

6. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following stipend positions for the 2024-2025 school year:

Student Council (Co)	Beth Johnson	\$425
Student Council (Co)	Lynda Collier	\$425
Yearbook	Meghan Earley	\$850
Yearbook	Janessa Green	\$850
Night Foreman	Robert Kay	\$850
Greenhouse Coordinator (Co)	Erica Then	\$425
Greenhouse Coordinator (Co)	Corrine Robinson	\$425

7. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following facilitators for the check in/check out program for the 2024-2025 school year, prorated stipend for each mentor of \$150 per month, not to exceed \$1,500 per year, as worked, to be paid through Title I Funds, Account #20-231-200-100:

Kaitlin Phlegar
 Meghan Earley
 Danielle Hoon
 Steve Tiberi
 Melissa Piazza

8. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following Check in/Check out Program Coordinator for the 2024-2025 school year, for a stipend of \$3,000 to be paid through Title I Funds, Account #20-231-200-100:

Jeanne Smetana

9. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following teachers and administrators as chaperones for the Fairview Lake YMCA Camp trip October 17 & 18, 2024 to be paid \$175 for the 1 extended day:

William Kochis-No pay
 Marissa Cramer
 Janet Mahedy
 Jessica Steffens
 Mary DiRienzo
 Colleen Hurley-Nurse

10. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following before & after school programs for the 2024-2025 school year. The stipend for each teacher is \$410:

Club Name	Staff Member #1	Staff member #2	Grade Level	Grant/Account Number
Lego Club (Session 2)	Beth Johnson	Ramona Knapp	2	Title IV 20-280-100-100
E-Gaming Club-Fall	Danielle Hoon	Spencer Both	5-6	Title IV 20-280-100-100

Moved By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Roll Call Vote:

POLICY

Mrs. Frey

EDUCATION & CURRICULUM

Mrs. Kraft

1. SSDS Reporting Period 2: January 1, 2024- June 30, 2024- Dr. Kochis
2. 2023-2024 HIB Grades Self-Assessment- Dr. Kochis

That the following Education & Curriculum resolutions be approved:

3. Motion to approve Jessica Frank to provide the CPR Recertification class to 12 employees at a rate of \$20.00/person, for a total of \$240, pending receipt of required paperwork.
4. Motion to approve Nicole DiRienzo from East Stroudsburg University to observe 10 days in K-6 science classes for the 2024 Fall Semester.
5. Motion to approve the following resolution:
Resolution declaring October 7-11, 2024 Week of Respect

WHEREAS, The Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights, Assembly Bill 3466, was approved by the New Jersey Legislature in November 2010 and signed into law as P.L. 2010, c. 122, by Governor Chris Christie on January 5, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The statute is intended to protect students from harassment and intimidation that would substantially interfere with their education; and

WHEREAS, In a 2009 survey by the National Centers for Disease Control, one in five New Jersey students indicated they had been the subject of bullying on school grounds during the previous year; and

WHEREAS, The Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights places expanded responsibilities on teachers, school administrators and boards of education to protect students from incidents of bullying, harassment and intimidation; and

WHEREAS, The Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights designates the week beginning with the first Monday in October as “Week of Respect” throughout New Jersey”; and

WHEREAS, The law directs school districts to observe the “Week of Respect” through age-appropriate instruction in accordance with New Jersey’s core curriculum content standards; and

WHEREAS, The Stillwater Board of Education recognizes the harmful impact of

harassment and bullying on children and is committed to providing all of its students with a safe and secure learning environment free from intimidation; and

WHEREAS, The Stillwater Board of Education supports the intent of the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights to protect our children, as well as the goal of previous law to enhance training and instruction to prevent harassment, intimidation and bullying. Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Stillwater Board of Education declares October 2 through 6, 2022 as a “Week of Respect” in all district schools, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Week of Respect will be a part of the Stillwater Public Schools’ ongoing efforts to foster respect among students and staff for the diverse cultures and personalities represented in our school community, and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, State Senator Space, Assembly Representatives Fantasia and Ingagamort, the New Jersey School Boards Association and the Sussex County School Boards Association.

6. Motion to declare October 21-25, 2024 School Violence Awareness Week:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:36-5.1. declares the week beginning with the third Monday in October of each year is designated as "School Violence Awareness Week" in the State of New Jersey. School districts shall observe this week by organizing activities to prevent school violence including, but not limited to, age-appropriate opportunities for student discussion on conflict resolution, issues of student diversity, and tolerance. Law enforcement personnel shall be invited to join members of the teaching staff in the discussions. Programs shall also be provided for school board employees that are designed to help them recognize warning signs of school violence and to instruct them on recommended conduct during an incident of school violence. The Department of Education shall provide guidelines and information to boards of education for use in planning the activities in observance of the week and such funds as are necessary to pay the costs of the required activities and programs.

RESOLVED, That the School Violence Awareness Week will be a part of the Stillwater Township Schools’ ongoing efforts to help students and staff to recognize the importance of tolerance and to understand and apply conflict resolution techniques.

Moved By: _____ **Seconded By:** _____

Roll Call Vote:

2. Motion to approve transportation with Stocker Bus for the following field trips for the 2024-2025 school year:

Date	Location	Grade	Cost
October 16, 2024 Rain Date: October 23 rd	Tranquility Farms, Green, NJ	K	\$450
October 17 & 18, 2024	Fairview Lake YMCA, Stillwater, NJ	6	\$395/day, \$790 total
October 24, 2024	Franklin Mineral Museum, Franklin, NJ	3	\$400
October 25, 202 Rain Date: October 28 th	Swartwood State Park, Newton, NJ	PreK	\$345/ bus=\$690 total
October 30, 2024	NJ School of Conservation (SOC), Sandyston NJ	6	\$485 Paid for by the SOC
May 30, 2025	Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry, PA	4	\$510

3. Motion to approve the following new bus stop for the 2024-2025 school year:

ST7- 1011 Old Foundry Road

Moved By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Vote:

BUDGET & FINANCE

Mrs. Thibault

That the following Budget & Finance resolutions be approved:

1. Motion to approve the following checks from August 20, 2024-September 23, 2024 as attached: (attachment)

Account	Check Numbers	Amount
Funds 10, 11, 12, 20	29688-29755, N0830, N0906	\$575,114.33
Capital Reserve	N/A	\$0
Student Activities	N/A	\$0
Cafeteria	N/A	\$0
Grand Total		\$575,114.33

- N. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** **Mrs. Galante**
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- O. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** **Mrs. Galante**
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by 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.

- P. **ADJOURN**