

BOARD RETREAT

August 12, 2024

The Board Retreat of the Stafford Township Board of Education was held on August 12, 2024 at 5:40pm at the Oxycocus Elementary School.

CALL TO ORDER

The Stafford Township Board of Education is called to order in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act Law - 1975 Chapter 231 (P.L. 1975-231C). This meeting was advertised in the Atlantic City Press. Notice has been posted in the office of the Stafford Township Clerk, all school buildings and the district website.

ROLL CALL

Brian Fenlon	Member (Late)
Gregory Gioe	Member
Robert Morello	Member (Late)
Matthew Regulski	Member (Late)
Christopher Smith	Member (Late)
Bonnie Strouse	Member
Joseph Washco	Member
Kevin Cooney	Vice President
Tammy Wagner	President

ALSO PRESENT

George J. Chidiac	Superintendent
Lourdes LaGuardia	Business Administrator/Board of Education Secretary
Jerry Dasti Esq.	Board of Education Attorney

FLAG SALUTE

A. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

None

B. CLOSED SESSION

None

C. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None

D. PERSONNEL/POLICY – No Report

Chairperson Tammy Wagner – Update (Policy Only)

1. To discuss the **first reading** of following **revised** policies and regulations:

- 0141 Board Member Number and Term
- 2200 Curriculum Content (M)
- 3160 Physical Examination (M)
- 4160 Physical Examination (M)
- 5337 Service Animals
- 5350 Student Suicide Prevention (M)
- 8420 Emergency and Crisis Situations (M)
- 8467 Firearms and Weapons (M)
- R3160 Physical Examination (M)
- R4160 Physical Examination (M)
- R5200 Attendance (M)
- R8467 Firearms and Weapons (M)

2. To discuss to **rescind** the following policy:

- 0164.6 Remote Public Board Meetings During a Declared Emergency (M)

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Chidiac presented -

- 2024-2025 School Year Highlights and Referendum Update
- STAC Ticket Pricing
 - \$20/Ticket
 - Back Section \$5
 - Middle Section \$10
 - Front Section \$15 – equivalent to high school charge
 - Student Price – n/a

Mr. Chidiac discussed the RFP for Special Counsel – the general consensus was favorable. Mr. Chidiac also discussed the Annual Approval for Handbooks.

E. SPECIAL EDUCATION/CURRICULUM

Chairperson Matthew Regulski – Update

Mrs. Bush and Mr. Reilly discussed the agenda for the New Staff Orientation, teacher aid CPI training for self-contained, BCBA staff interaction, professional development throughout the year, new staffing challenges, maternity leave replacements on-going, cafeteria/playground aides (5) still needed as well as the need for six teacher aides, Bus Driver Orientation, hiring of two new bus drivers, Link-It, faculty meetings, NJSLA standards (Math complete; ELA September) and ELL scores presented 60 day timeframe.

F. FINANCE/BUILDINGS&GROUNDS

Chairperson Joseph Washco – Update

Mrs. LaGuardia discussed the agenda items, Referendum/ROD grant update, Oxycocus fire update, abatement, year end audit, new year teacher supply orders, payroll report, food service update, STAC usage and building usage.

G. CLOSED SESSION – Matters of Superintendent Contract

Whereas Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

Whereas, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Stafford Township Board of Education, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action of the hereinafter specified subject matters.

The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

Matters of Superintendent Contract

It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated subject matters shall be made public at such time as the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exists.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Strouse to move on the above Resolution. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (8-0); motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Strouse to exit closed session. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (8-0); motion passed.

TIME IN: 6:20pm

TIME AT CONCLUSION OF CLOSED SESSION: 6:53pm

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Strouse to adjourn the meeting at 6:54pm. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (8-0); motion passed.

Lourdes LaGuardia
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary