

Sussex-Wantage Regional School District
April 25, 2024
Regular Session Meeting

The Regular Session Meeting of the Sussex-Wantage Regional School District Board of Education was called to order by Mrs. Stephanie Tortorella, Board President, on April 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sussex Middle Media Center.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mrs. Alissa Cecchini, Mr. Nicholas D'Agostino, Mrs. Caitlin Space, Mrs. Stevie Vallone, Mrs. Danielle Zill-Barry and Mrs. Stephanie Tortorella

Members Absent: Mrs. Taylor Dely, Mrs. Brittney Simmons, Mrs. Dorothy Witte

Also in attendance were: Mr. Michael Gall, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Christina M. Riker, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Ms. Frances Febres, Board Attorney

Roll Call

The following statement was read by Mrs. Tortorella

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Sussex Wantage Regional School District Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the school buildings and notice of said meeting sent to the New Jersey Herald and The Star Ledger.

Open Public Meetings Act

Mrs. Tortorella read the Sussex Wantage School Mission Statement: The Sussex Wantage Regional School District is a responsive, caring, child-centered community. Our mission is to educate each individual to become a confident, competent, lifelong learner and productive, responsible citizen, by providing challenging opportunities in a safe environment through a partnership of families, schools and communities.

Mission Statement

Superintendent's Report:

Sussex Middle School Students of the Month:

- 6th grade – Ethan Sparta
- 7th grade – Allison Ross
- 8th grade – Evan Fisher

Superintendent Report

SMS Students of the Month

Mr. Schwarz was joined by Mr. Gall. He reported that besides Students of the Month, Sussex Middle School would be looking to also have Students of the Week this school year. Mr. Schwarz gave brief introductions of each of the students, including staff reasons for selection. All students were in attendance and came forward to receive a certificate of recognition.

Mr. Gall reported on the following to the Board and Public:

Supt. Report
Continued

- Congratulations to all the recipients.
- One of the goals of Community Outreach Committee was to engage the Student Council. They are here this evening to present to the Board and Public.

Student Council Report:

Student
Council
Report

Student Council President Trevor Unangst and Vice-President Carlie DiCarlo reported on the Sussex Middle School activities during the month of April:

- Cast and crew of Aladdin, Jr. performed three spectacular performances and they were sad to see it end.
- They sold bottled water at the start of each of the performances and the proceeds will be donated to Ronald McDonald House.
- All track students, seventy (70) in total; have participated in three (3) successful meets this month.
- National Junior Honor Society hosted 5th graders at SMS and took them on tours around the school.
- Student Council hosted Spirit Week this week where students dressed up as teachers and teachers dressed up as students. Other days included: dress alike day, hat day and tomorrow is superhero day.
- Ending the month of April with state testing next week.
- Thank you for allowing us to share the happenings at SMS with you tonight.

2024-2025 Budget Presentation – Mrs. Riker and Mr. Gall

2024-2025
Budget
Presentation

- To be discussed:
 - Curriculum Initiatives
 - Staffing Additions
 - Capital Projects/Other Capital
 - Estimated Tax Levy
- Curriculum Initiatives
 - Maintaining district average class sizes
 - Into Reading Textbooks K-5 (Digital & Print)
 - iScience 6-8
 - Discovery Education Science & Social Studies Techbooks K-8
- Additional Staffing
 - District Tier III Math Instructor
 - General Education Teacher at WES – to maintain average class size
- Included: Facility Repairs/Maintenance
 - CEL
 - Install sinks in restrooms
 - Finish Pre-K fence & sitework
 - Crack sealing
 - Add additional parking – continue to examine classroom expansion opportunities (room conversion & modular)
 - WES

- Steam traps
- Epoxy OT/PT – room 31
- Crack sealing
- Mini-split Media Center – replace
- SMS
 - Replace classroom door – room 105
 - Replace sidewalk behind solar lot
- District/Technology
 - Backup generator – BOE server room
 - Additional security cameras
- All of the above will be funded by both Capital and Maintenance Reserve accounts
- Estimated School Year Tax Levy - +4.42%
 - Wantage Township
 - Average Home assessed at \$263,816
 - +4.17% overall increase in tax
 - +\$12.13 estimated increase per month
 - +\$145.60 estimated school year
 - Sussex Borough
 - Average Home assessed at \$184,346
 - +5.81% overall increase in tax
 - +\$11.17 estimated increase per month
 - +\$134.10 estimated school year

Audience Remarks:

- Andrea Sparta, Wantage, asked how many parking spots would be added at Lawrence and how much is it going to cost. Mr. Gall answered that there would be approximately twenty (20) – thirty (30) spaces at an estimated cost of \$350,000. He added that there are many factors that could impact that final cost and number of spaces. Mr. Gall added that the district was looking to fully utilize the back parking lot and adding an access point into the building. He said that was on the agenda this evening for the Board’s consideration.

Board Secretary Certification – read by Mrs. Riker

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a), I certify that as of March 31, 2024 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a).

Approval of Board Minutes:

Moved by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve the following minutes:

- February 29, 2024 Regular & Executive Session
- March 14, 2024 Regular & Executive Session

Audience
Remarks

Board
Secretary
Certification

Approval of
Board
Minutes

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Personnel:

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve the following substitute teachers, nurses, teacher assistants, secretaries, bus drivers, and custodians as listed for the 2023-2024 school year.*

Teacher
Morgan Meyers
Andrea Rettig

Teacher Assistant
Morgan Meyers

Secretary
Michelle DeFinis

(*All new substitutes and appointments are required to comply with State Statute regarding fingerprinting, security checks and appropriate legal agency clearance, and also Federal Employment)

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve the job description for PreK Social Worker.

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board accept the resignation of Jeffrey Korger, Security Guard, Sussex Middle School, effective April 15, 2024.

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board accept the resignation of Mitre Koloski, Night Custodian, C.E. Lawrence Elementary School, effective April 23, 2024.

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve Jonathan Stephens, full-time night Custodian, C.E. Lawrence Elementary School, Step 1, \$43,631.00 (prorated), effective May 01, 2024, for the 2023-2024 school year.

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve the following personnel for the SMS Home Track meet on April 18, 2024 as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Lisa Hutcheson	Official	\$35
Dylan Watson	Official	\$35
Sadie Watson	Official	\$35

Personnel

Substitute Approval

Job Description – PreK Social Worker

Resignation – SMS Security

Resignation – CEL Custodian

New Hire – CEL Custodian

SMS Home Track Meet Staff

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Susan Winfield Official \$35
 Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Afterschool
TAs

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve the following personnel to provide nursing services for a student participating in after school activities at their regular hourly rate of pay as follows below. No stipend is paid if activity does not occur or if the student is not present.

Date(s)	Name	Hours	After School Activity
03/19/24	Pamela Flynn	3:40pm - 4:40pm 1.0 hour	WES Reading Program
03/26/24	Pamela Flynn	3:45pm - 5:30pm 1 hour, 45 minutes	SMS Play Practices
04/08/24	Pamela Flynn	3:45pm - 6:00pm 2 hours, 15 minutes	SMS Play Practices
04/12/24	Pamela Flynn	3:45pm - 6:00pm 2 hours, 15 minutes	SMS Play Practices

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve the following personnel for additional time as follows for a meeting for a new student:

Additional
Hours – New
Student
Meeting

Name	Date	Additional hours	Additional time
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Danuta Wolak	03/27/24	9:10am - 10:10am	1.0 hour
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Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve the following personnel to fulfill IEP requirements for students participating in after school activities as follows below. Stipend rate is \$16.00 per hour. No stipend is paid if activity does not occur or if the student is not present.

Afterschool
TAs

Date(s)	Name	Additional Hours	After School Activity
03/15/24	Laura Lau	7:00pm - 9:00pm 2.0 hours	SMS Activity Night
03/15/24	Lisa VanInderstine	7:00pm - 9:00pm 2.0 hours	SMS Activity Night
03/18/24	Jennifer Beco	3:30pm - 5:30pm 2.0 hours	SMS Musical Stage Crew Practice

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03/18/24	Linda Kuperus	3:30pm - 5:30pm 2.0 hours	SMS Musical Stage Crew Practice
03/20/24	Sarah Bakonyi	3:30pm - 5:30pm 2.0 hours	SMS Musical Stage Crew Practice
03/20/24	Susan Rome	3:30pm - 5:30pm 2.0 hours	SMS Musical Stage Crew Practice
04/18/24	Susan Rome	6:15pm - 7:00pm 45 minutes	SMS Musical Performance
04/18/24	Haley Flores	6:15pm - 7:00pm 45 minutes	SMS Musical Performance
04/20/24	Jane Wilczynski	1:15pm - 2:00pm 45 minutes	SMS Musical Performance
04/20/24	Linda Kuperus	1:15pm - 2:00pm 45 minutes	SMS Musical Performance

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve the following personnel for additional hours of attendance to fulfill IEP requirements as follows at their regular hourly rate of pay, unless otherwise noted:

Additional
Hours – TAs

Name	Date	Add'l Hours Worked	Add'l Time
Bakonyi, Sarah	03/12/24	3:30pm - 3:40pm	10 minutes
Bakonyi, Sarah	03/13/24	3:30pm - 3:40pm	10 minutes
Beco, Jennifer	04/10/24	2:30pm - 3:30pm	1.0 hour
Cosh, Randi	03/22/24	8:30am - 10:30am	2.0 hour
Cosh, Randi	03/26/24	8:30am - 10:30am	2.0 hour
Crift, Nanette	03/19/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Crift, Nanette	03/22/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Crift, Nanette	03/27/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Crift, Nanette	04/08/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Crift, Nanette	04/11/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Crift, Nanette	04/16/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Crift, Nanette	04/19/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Crift, Nanette	04/24/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Crift, Nanette	04/29/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Ganley, Leah	03/11/24	2:30pm - 3:30pm	1.0 hour
Ganley, Leah	03/12/24	2:30pm - 3:30pm	1.0 hour
Ganley, Leah	03/13/24	2:30pm - 3:30pm	1.0 hour
Ganley, Leah	03/18/24	2:30pm - 3:30pm	1.0 hour
Ganley, Leah	03/19/24	2:30pm - 3:30pm	1.0 hour
Ganley, Leah	03/20/24	2:30pm - 3:30pm	1.0 hour
Ganley, Leah	04/12/24	2:30pm - 3:30pm	1.0 hour
Ganley, Leah	04/16/24	2:30pm - 3:30pm	1.0 hour
Hickey, Shirley	04/25/24	3:30pm - 4:30pm	1.0 hour
Kuperus, Linda	03/26/24	8:15am - 8:30am	15 minutes

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Kuperus, Linda	04/16/24	7:25am - 8:30am	1.0 hour, 5 minutes
Kuperus, Linda	04/22/24	7:30am - 8:30am	1.0 hour
Lopez-DiPalma, Norma	03/18/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Lopez-DiPalma, Norma	03/21/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Lopez-DiPalma, Norma	03/26/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Lopez-DiPalma, Norma	04/10/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Lopez-DiPalma, Norma	04/15/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Lopez-DiPalma, Norma	04/18/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Lopez-DiPalma, Norma	04/23/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Lopez-DiPalma, Norma	04/26/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Rueda-Angotti, Gina-Marie	04/15/24	3:30pm - 4:30pm	1.0 hour
Smolinski, Melissa	04/16/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Smolinski, Melissa	04/17/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
VanInderstine, Lisa	03/25/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
VanInderstine, Lisa	03/28/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
VanInderstine, Lisa	04/09/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
VanInderstine, Lisa	04/12/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
VanInderstine, Lisa	04/17/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
VanInderstine, Lisa	04/22/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
VanInderstine, Lisa	04/25/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
VanInderstine, Lisa	04/30/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3			

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve additional time for the following personnel to proctor the NJSLA testing at Wantage School. Additional time will be from 8:25am to 10:10am (1 hour, 45 minutes) on May 06, May 07, May 08 and May 09, 2024 and paid at their regular hourly rate of pay. Previously approved for additional hours from 8:45am to 10:10am at the April 27, 2023 BOE meeting.

NJSLA
Proctor Hours

Lisa VanWyk
Danuta Wolak

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve Kimberly Larese, 5.5 hour Special Education Teacher Assistant, C.E. Lawrence School, for a change in hours from 7:25am - 1:25pm to 8:30am - 2:30pm, eliminating AM van run, effective March 21, 2024.

Change in
Hours - CEL
TA

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve Concetta Lacatena, 3.5 hour Special Education Teacher Assistant, C.E. Lawrence School, for a change in hours from 8:30am - 12:00pm to 7:45am - 12:00pm, which includes the AM van run, effective March 21, 2024.

Change in
Hours - CEL
TA

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve the following personnel for the 2024-25 Curriculum Writing - maximum 10 hours per teacher; rate \$40/hour

2024-2025
Curriculum
Writing

K-2 Math:	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
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Fryer, Kelly	10	\$40	\$400
Maas, Sara	10	\$40	\$400
Wagner, Angela	10	\$40	\$400

K-2 ELA:	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Lewis, Natalie	10	\$40	\$400
Young, Brittany	10	\$40	\$400

3-5 Math:	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Snyder, Stephanie	10	\$40	\$400
Suyker, Lori	10	\$40	\$400
Veltri, Andrea	10	\$40	\$400

3-5 ELA:	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Madison, Kathleen	10	\$40	\$400
Obrotka, Melissa	10	\$40	\$400

6-8 Math:	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
McCarthy, Jade	10	\$40	\$400
Weiss-Connors, Cathryn	10	\$40	\$400

6-8 ELA:	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Apolito, Jennifer	10	\$40	\$400
Hudson, Samantha	10	\$40	\$400
Ratyniak, Alexandra	10	\$40	\$400
Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3			

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve the following personnel for the 2024 Moving Forward General Education Program, July 8 - August 01, 2024. This program is anticipated - contingent upon student enrollment. ***This will be funded by Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title 1, Part A grant and/or New Jersey Learning Acceleration Program - High Impact Tutoring Grant***

2024 Moving Forward Program

Lawrence School:

3.5 hours per day for 4 weeks - stipend \$2,731

- Fryer, Kelly
- Maas, Sara
- Shea, Hayley
- VanTassel, Lindsay
- Wagner, Angela

Wantage School:

3.5 hours per day for 4 weeks - stipend \$2,731

- Brijbag, Michele
- Iannuzzi, Amanda
- Ison, Tracy
- Obrotka, Melissa

Suyker, Lori

Sussex Middle School:

2.0 hours per day for 4 weeks - stipend \$1,561

Apolito, Jen

McCarthy, Jade

District

Tier III Reading Interventionist

3.5 hours per day for 4 weeks - stipend \$2,731

Gomez, Katherine

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve the following personnel to work a maximum of up to two (2.0) additional hours on Wednesday, Saturday, May 18, 2024 to conduct Kindergarten orientation:

Kindergarten
Orientation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Anderson, Harriet	\$62.73	\$125.46
Fryer, Kelly	\$50.35	\$100.70
Lewis, Natalie	\$44.44	\$ 88.88
Maas, Sara	\$63.35	\$126.70
Mason, Ruth	\$32.67	\$ 65.34
Roy, Catherine	\$61.52	\$123.04
Shea, Hayley	\$43.30	\$ 86.60
Sisco, Suzanne	\$23.93	\$ 47.87
VanTassel, Lindsay	\$41.06	\$ 82.12
Wagner, Angela	\$68.73	\$137.46
Young, Brittany	\$49.28	\$ 98.56

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve the date of Friday, June 14, 2024 as the date of the 8th Grade Commencement to be held at High Point High School.

SMS 8th grade
commence-
ment date

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve Kimberly Zehler, Long Term Leave Replacement Special Education Teacher, Sussex Middle School, for an extension of the assignment from an anticipated ending date of April 24, 2024 to an anticipated ending date of April 26, 2024.

LT Leave
Teacher –
SMS Spec Ed

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve Nicole Grifone, Special Education Teacher, Wantage School, for 45 additional minutes (6:15pm - 7:00pm) on April 19, 2024 for assisting a student during after school hours activity at the rate of \$40 per hour.

Additional
Hours – WES
Teacher

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve

Employee # [REDACTED] for an unpaid, continuous non-FMLA/NJFLA designated leave of absence from February 23, 2024 until on or about May 01, 2024. Anticipated return to work date is May 02, 2024.
Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Non-FMLA/NJFLA LOA

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve Employee # [REDACTED] for an intermittent, NJFLA designated leave of absence, between March 18, 2024 and June 30, 2024, utilizing up to 10 accumulated days. Anticipated return to work date is September 03, 2024.
Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Intermittent NJFLA LOA

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve Employee # [REDACTED], Special Education Teacher, Sussex Middle School, for an extension of a previously approved leave of absence from an anticipated return to work date of April 24, 2024 to an anticipated return to work date of April 29, 2024. Additional days of leave will be unpaid, non-FMLA/NJFLA.
Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Extension non-FMLA/NJFLA

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino that the Board accept the retirement of Robin Reese, Learning Disabilities Teacher - Consultant, Wantage School, effective July 1, 2024, with thanks for 28 years of service to the District.

Retirement – WES LDT-C

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino that the Board approve the following personnel to provide nursing services for a student participating in after school activities at their regular hourly rate of pay as follows below. No stipend is paid if activity does not occur or if the student is not present.
Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Afterschool Activity Nurse

Date(s)	Name	Hours	After School Activity
04/22/24	Pamela Flynn	3:30pm - 5:00pm 1.5 hour	SMS Musical Cast Party

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino that the Board approve the following personnel to fulfill IEP requirements for students participating in after school activities as follows below. Stipend rate is \$16.00 per hour. No stipend is paid if activity does not occur or if the student is not present.

Afterschool TAs

Date(s)	Name	Additional Hours	After School Activity
04/22/24	Denise Vanderhoff	3:30pm - 5:00pm 1.5 hour	SMS Musical Cast Party

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

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Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino that the Board approve the following personnel for additional hours of attendance to fulfill IEP requirements as follows at their regular hourly rate of pay, unless otherwise noted:

Additional
Hours – TAs

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Add'l Hours Worked</u>	<u>Add'l Time</u>
Crift, Nanette	05/01/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Crift, Nanette	05/06/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Crift, Nanette	05/09/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Crift, Nanette	05/14/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Crift, Nanette	05/17/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Crift, Nanette	05/22/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Crift, Nanette	05/28/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Crift, Nanette	05/31/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Ganley, Leah	04/22/24	2:30pm - 3:30pm	1.0 hour
Ganley, Leah	04/23/24	2:30pm - 3:30pm	1.0 hour
Kuperus, Linda	04/25/24	2:30pm - 3:30pm	1.0 hour
Lopez-DiPalma	05/02/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Lopez-DiPalma	05/07/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Lopez-DiPalma	05/10/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Lopez-DiPalma	05/15/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Lopez-DiPalma	05/20/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Lopez-DiPalma	05/23/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Lopez-DiPalma	05/29/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Smolinski, Melissa	04/24/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Smolinski, Melissa	04/25/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
VanInderstine, Lisa	05/03/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
VanInderstine, Lisa	05/08/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
VanInderstine, Lisa	05/13/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
VanInderstine, Lisa	05/16/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
VanInderstine, Lisa	05/21/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
VanInderstine, Lisa	05/24/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
VanInderstine, Lisa	05/30/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino that the Board approve the 2024 Summer Enrichment Program proposals and brochure.

2024 Summer
Enrichment
Programs

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Policy:

Policy –

Board Member Comments:

- Mr. D’Agostino made a comment about resolution # 4 from the School Ethics Commission. He said that Ms. deWaal-Malefyt to this message and thought she had taken care of it. She did not find out until eleven (11) months later that she did not. She decided to not complete it as she was leaving the Board. Mr. D’Agostino stated that he cannot understand how the Ethics Commission is removing someone that is not on the Board any longer.

Board
Member
Comments

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approves the

following resolution:

HIB Approval

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received the Superintendent’s report of incident(s) of Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying (“HIB”) within the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has had the opportunity to review the Superintendent’s recommendations with respect to the incident(s) of HIB on this report;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board accepts the Superintendent’s recommendations as presented on the report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15(d), the Superintendent of Schools, and/or his designee, has informed the applicable parents/guardians of the students involved in these incidents with the following information within five (5) days of this Board meeting:

- The nature of the investigation;
- Whether the District found evidence of HIB;
- Whether discipline was imposed;
- Whether services were provided to address the incident of HIB.

Presented to the Board for first review:

- CEL #11
- CEL #12
- WES #25
- WES #26
- WES #27
- WES #28
- SMS #17
- SMS #18
- SMS #19
- SMS #20
- SMS #21
- SMS #22
- SMS #23
- SMS #24
- SMS #25
- SMS #26
- SMS #27

Presented to the Board for second review/approval:

- CEL #10
- WES #24

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar.

2024-2025
School

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Calendar

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Vallone, in accordance with Board Policy 9550 – Educational Research Project, it is recommended that the Board of Education approve the research request by Mike Ryder, Doctoral Candidate at Centenary University. The main research purpose is to ascertain teacher perceptions of expectations of students' academic potential based on their mathematics ability.

Research
Project – Mike
Ryder

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve the following resolution that will be read into the record by Mrs. Riker:

Ethics
Commission
Ruling

**Before the School Ethics Commission
Agency Docket No.: 361-12/23
SEC Docket No.: T22-23
Resolution of Removal
Sussex Wantage Regional School District Board of Education, Sussex
County**

Whereas, Courtney Malefyt (Respondent) is a school official, as defined in the School Ethics Act (Act), serving as a member of the Sussex Wantage Regional School District Board of Education (Board), located in Sussex County, at all times relevant to the matter at issue in the above-captioned matter; and

Whereas, by decision dated December 19, 2023, the School Ethics Commission (Commission) found that Respondent failed to comply with the annual training mandate (the deadline was December 31, 2022) in violation of N.J.S.A. 18A:12-33 and N.J.A.C. 6A:28-4.1; and

Whereas, the Commission recommended that the Commissioner of Education impose a penalty of removal, with such removal to become effective immediately upon adoption by the Commissioner of Education. However, if Respondent completed training before the Commissioner of Education adopted a final decision (which was within forty-five (45) days after the mailing date of the Commission's decision), then the Commission recommended that the Commissioner of Education, in lieu of removal, impose a thirty (30) day suspension, with such suspension to become effective immediately upon adoption by the Commissioner of Education, provided Respondent provided written notice of successful completion of the training requirement; and

Whereas, Respondent did not complete training following the issuance of the Commission's December 19, 2023, decision; and

Whereas, by decision dated January 23, 2024, and because Respondent did not complete training following the issuance of the Commission's decision, the Commissioner of Education concurred with the penalty recommended by the Commission, and ordered Respondent's removal from the Board; and

Whereas, N.J.A.C. 6A:28-9.11(d) provides that for a penalty of censure, suspension or removal, a Resolution shall be adopted at the Commission's next meeting following the Commissioner's imposition of the sanction, and the Resolution shall be read at the Board's next public meeting following adoption by the Commission, shall be posted in such places as the Board posts its public notices for no less than thirty (30) days, shall be published online on the District's website, if available, for no less than thirty (30) days, and the reading of the resolution shall be memorialized in the Board's meeting minutes, and once approved, a copy of the minutes shall be forwarded to the Commission; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, the Commission adopts this Resolution stating that Respondent is hereby REMOVED as a school official for having been found to have violated N.J.S.A. 18A:12-33 and N.J.A.C. 6A:28-4.1; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board is ordered to read this Resolution at its next regularly scheduled public meeting following the Commission's adoption, to post it in such places as the Board posts its public notices for a period of thirty (30) days, and to publish it online on the District's website, if available, for no less than thirty (30) days; and

Be It Further Resolved, the Board shall provide the Commission with the minutes, once adopted, from the meeting at which it reads the within Resolution.
Carried; Yes 5, No 1 (D'Agostino), Absent 3

Finance:

Finance

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino that the Board approve the payment of bills for the end of March 2024 in the amount of \$ 1,883,183.85 as reviewed and as per the attached check register. Be it further noted that the breakdown by category is as follows: (F1)

Bills List –
End of March
2024

Fixed	\$ 55,727.24
Operating	\$ 43,321.02
Salaries	\$ 1,724,412.94
Special	\$ <u>59,722.65</u>
Total	\$ 1,883,183.85

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino that the Board approve the payment of bills for April 1 to April 25, 2024 in the amount of \$ 1,994,584.25as reviewed and as per the attached check register. Be it further noted that the breakdown by category is as follows: (F2)

Bills List –
April 2024

Fixed	\$ 617,989.65
Operating	\$ 380,427.17
Salaries	\$ 878,450.30
Special	\$ <u>117,717.13</u>
Total	\$ 1,994,584.25

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, we the Trustees of the Sussex-Wantage Regional Board of Education, having reviewed the reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of Monies, certify that no major account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, for the period ending February 29, 2024.

BS/Treas –
February
2024

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino that the Board accept the Treasurer's Report and Board Secretary's Report for the month of February 2024.

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino that the Board approve the attached Transfers for the month of February 2024. (F5)

Transfers

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, we the Trustees of the Sussex-Wantage Regional Board of Education, having reviewed the reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of Monies, certify that no major account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, for the period ending March 31, 2024.

BS/Treas –
March 2024

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino that the Board accept the Treasurer's Report and Board Secretary's Report for the month of March 2024.

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino that the Board approve the attached Transfers for the month of March 2024. (F7)

Transfers

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino that the Board approve professional day travel, pursuant to policies 0147, 0147A, 3440, and 4440 as per the attached. (F9)

PD - Travel

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino that the Board approve an Out of District Tuition Contract for student # [REDACTED] at Shepard School effective April 8, 2024 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$14,813.46.

OOD Tuition -
Shepard

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino that the Board approve a School Provider Agreement with Loving Care Agency, Inc. DBA Aveanna Healthcare effective April 16, 2024 through June 30, 2024 to provide Nursing Services (1:1) for student # [REDACTED] at the rate of \$70.00 per hour for an LPN.

Loving Care
Agency, Inc.

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino that the Board approve a quote from Combustion Service Corporation dated January 16, 2024 to replace two (2) steam traps at Wantage Elementary School in the amount of \$6,815.00. **(Account # 11-000-261-420-000-078)**
Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Steam Traps -
WES

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino that the Board approve Proposal # 3394 from Ben Shaffer Recreation, ESCNJ 20/21-22; Co-op #65MCESCCPS, for the purchase and installation of playground equipment for the Pre-K population at C.E. Lawrence Elementary School in the amount of \$45,828.95. ***This is to be funded by PEA - Account # 20-218-400-732-000-00.***
Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Pre-K
Playground

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino that the Board approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Federal Collaborative Monitoring conducted December 12 through 15, 2023. (F14)
Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

CAP –
Collaborative
Monitoring

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino that the Board approve the following resolution:

Coop –
Mercer
County

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
Sussex-Wantage Regional School District
TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT
WITH MERCER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the MERCER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT (MCSSSD), hereinafter referred to as the “Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in the renewal of Cooperative Pricing System (103-MCSSSDCPS) for the purchase of work, materials, services, supplies and such other items from February 1, 2023 to January 31, 2028, and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2024 the governing body of the Sussex-Wantage Regional School District in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in the MCSSSD Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of work, material, services, supplies and such other items;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

February 1, 2023 – January 31, 2028

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino that the Board approve the following resolution:

Submit SMS
Greenhouse
to Office of
School
Facilities

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Sussex-Wantage Regional Board of Education, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey authorizes Parette Somjen Architects to submit all necessary plans and paperwork to the Department of Education concerning the “New Greenhouse at Sussex Middle School” to serve as an application to the Office of School Facilities and to update the Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) via Minor Amendment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this project shall be an “Other Capital” project and the Board of Education is seeking State Funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 – Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund (ARP ESSER) to fully fund the project.

It is recommended that the Board approve the following resolution:

DCA Grant
Submission

WHEREAS, the Sussex-Wantage Regional School District desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$483,000.00 to carry out a project to enhance the exterior athletic and recreational areas of Sussex Middle School.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,

That the Sussex-Wantage Regional School District does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,

1. Recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between Sussex-Wantage Regional School District and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Michael Gall, Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. Christina Riker, School Business Administrator are authorized to sign the

application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.
Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino that the Board approve the following resolution:

**Adoption of Final Budget
2024-2025**

Approval of
Final Budget
2024-2025

BE IT RESOLVED that the Final Budget be approved for the 2024-2025 School Year using the 2024-2025 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following final budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

General Fund	
2024-2025 Total Expenditures	\$ 28,368,496.00
Less: Anticipated Revenue	\$ <u>9,868,559.00</u>
Taxes to be Raised	\$ 18,499,937.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2024-2025 Final Budget also includes the use of Capital Reserve and has budgeted a withdrawal from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$500,000.00 to be used for a Sussex Middle School Sidewalk Replacement Project and a C.E. Lawrence Elementary School Parking Lot Expansion Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2024-2025 Final Budget also includes the use of Maintenance Reserve and has budgeted a withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve in the amount of \$250,000.00 to be used for repairs and maintenance projects in the district, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2024-2025 Final Budget includes the use of enrollment adjustment of \$47,712.00 inflated by 2%, a healthcare adjustment in the amount of \$157,623.00 and the use of Banked CAP in the amount of \$223,054.00.

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Board Member Comments:

Board
Member
Comments

- Mr. Gall stated that addendum resolution # 5 is to approve replacing both set of steps in the front at Wantage Elementary School. He added that addendum resolution # 6 was for the architect to initiate the C. E. Lawrence Elementary School parking lot project.
- Mr. D’Agostino thanked Mrs. Riker and the Budget Committee for their work on the

budget. He said that it is important that the children are well taken care of while still keeping the taxpayers in mind.

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino that the Board approve a Tuition Contract Agreement for student # [REDACTED] with Newton Board of Education effective December 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$11,883.20 for Tuition.

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

OOD Tuition
– Newton
BOE

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino that the Board approve a Tuition Contract Agreement for student # [REDACTED] with Newton Board of Education effective December 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$12,738.60 for Tuition.

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

OOD Tuition
– Newton
BOE

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino that the Board approve a Temporary Use of School Equipment Agreement with Andover Regional School District for the use of a Rifton Activity Chair for student # [REDACTED].

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Temp School
Equipment
Use
Agreement

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino that the Board approve Quote # 13720 from Secuni, dba Dynamic Security LLC, NJ State Contract G-2424 Security SYS Maint & Install #43766 (Extension Year 3), to provide and install Access Control Equipment for the rear door at C.E. Lawrence Elementary School in the amount of \$4,483.54.

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

CEL Door
Swipe

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino that the Board revise the Bid Award for the Site Improvements at Wantage Elementary School that was approved at the March 14, 2024 Regular Session Meeting to now include the Alternate #01 for the Exterior Gym Stair in the amount of \$58,000.00. The total bid award to Walkill Group, Inc. is now as follows:

Base Bid	\$ 78,000.00
Alternate #01	\$ <u>58,000.00</u>
Total Bid Award	\$136,000.00

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Bid Award –
Site
Improvement
WES

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino that the Board approve a Professional Services Agreement with Parette Somjen Architects, LLC for the Parking Lot Expansion Project at C.E. Lawrence Elementary School in the amount of \$50,600.00 including reimbursables. ***This is a budgeted 2024-2025 project.***

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

CEL Parking
Lot PSA
Agreement

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Sussex-Wantage Regional Board of Education, in the County of Sussex,

Submit CEL
Parking Lot
Project to
State

New Jersey authorizes Parette Somjen Architects to submit all necessary plans and paperwork to the Department of Education concerning the “New Parking Lot at Clifton E. Lawrence Elementary School” to serve as application to the office of School Facilities and an amendment to the District’s Long Range Facility Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this project shall be a “Capital Reserve” project and the Board of Education is NOT seeking State funding but will fund the Project through the District’s Reserve Account.

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Special Services

Special Services:

Moved by Mrs. Space, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve home instruction for student # [REDACTED] for a maximum of ten (10) hours per week, effective immediately, duration TBD.

Home Instruction

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Space, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve a Psycho-Sexual Evaluation for student # [REDACTED] to be completed by The Center for Evaluation and Counseling for an amount not to exceed \$750.00.

Psycho-Sexual Eval

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Space, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve an Occupational Therapy Evaluation for student # [REDACTED] to be completed by Performance Pediatrics for an amount not to exceed \$479.75.

OT Eval

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Space, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve an Occupational Therapy Evaluation for student # 5900 to be completed by Performance Pediatrics for an amount not to exceed \$479.75.

OT Eval

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Space, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve an Occupational Therapy Evaluation for student # 6473 to be completed by Performance Pediatrics for an amount not to exceed \$479.75.

OT Eval

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Space, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve an Occupational Therapy Evaluation for student # [REDACTED] to be completed by Performance Pediatrics for an amount not to exceed \$479.75.

OT Eval

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Moved by Mrs. Space, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve an Occupational Therapy Evaluation for student # [REDACTED] to be completed by Performance Pediatrics for an amount not to exceed \$479.75.

OT Eval

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Educational

Moved by Mrs. Space, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve Educational Services for student # [REDACTED] during the stay at the Brookfield State-Funded Residential School Program for four (4) hours per day at the hourly rate of \$40.00 per hour.
Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Services

Moved by Mrs. Space, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve a Tuition Agreement for Home Instruction at Trinitas Regional Medical Center for student # [REDACTED] for no more than two (2) hours per day at the hourly rate of \$72.00 per hour.
Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Tuition Agreement

Moved by Mrs. Space, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve an increase in hours of home instruction for student # [REDACTED] from a maximum of five (5) hours per week (approved at the March 14, 2024 Board of Education meeting) to a maximum of ten (10) hours per week, effective immediately, duration TBD.
Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Home Instruction

Moved by Mrs. Space, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve a Risk Assessment for student # [REDACTED] to be completed by The Center for Evaluation and Counseling for an amount not to exceed \$750.00.
Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Risk Assessment

Moved by Mrs. Space, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve an Occupational Therapy Evaluation for student # [REDACTED] to be completed by Performance Pediatrics for an amount not to exceed \$479.75.
Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

OT Eval

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve an Educational Evaluation for student # [REDACTED] to be performed by Sussex County Educational Services Commission for an amount not to exceed \$396.55.
Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Educational Eval

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve an Educational Evaluation for student # [REDACTED] to be performed by Sussex County Educational Services Commission for an amount not to exceed \$396.55.
Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Educational Eval

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve a Risk Assessment for student # [REDACTED] to be performed by The Center for Evaluation and Counseling for an amount not to exceed \$750.00.
Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Risk Assessment

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve a Risk Assessment for student # [REDACTED] to be performed by The Center for Evaluation and Counseling for an amount not to exceed \$750.00.
Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Risk Assessment

Curriculum:

Curriculum

Field Trips

Moved by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Zill-Barry that the Board approve the following field trips:

Date	Grade Level/Teacher	Destination, Purpose, Cost
04/10, 04/16, 04/18, 04/24, 04/25, 05/02, 05/03, 05/09, 05/14, 05/21, 05/22, 05/24/24	6-8/Morris, Watson	Various local School Districts SMS Track Team practices and mee No cost to students
04/12/24	6-8/Watson	High Point Regional High School STEM League Challenge No cost to students
05/04/24	6/Kallimanis	Mt. Olive High School Meet and rehearse with other music students of the same level Cost to students \$25.00
05/14/24	3-5/Grifone	Sussex County YMCA Work on self help and adaptive skills in the community No cost to students
05/18/24	K/Various Staff	Kindergarten Orientation Bus ride through neighborhood loop for incoming Kindergarteners No cost to students
05/21/24	4/Ammirato, Lombardi	DAR Museum Study of local history and life in the early years of this country Cost to students \$1.00
05/22/24	4/Scannavino	DAR Museum Study of local history and life in the early years of this country Cost to students \$1.00
05/22/24	4/Snyder, Schnetzer	DAR Museum Study of local history and life in the early years of this country Cost to students \$1.00
06/03/24	5/All Teachers	Kittle Field/Stokes State Forest SEL, Team Building/Cooperation Skills, Environmental education No cost to students
06/04/24	8/All Teachers	High Point Regional High School

		Acclimate to high school No cost to students
06/05/24	3/All Teachers	Sparta Lanes Science: Force and Motion Cost to students \$17.00 Paid by school funding
06/06/24	4/All Teachers	High Point State Park Various educational/outdoor activities ie drawing nature, hiking, teamwork games, journaling No cost to students
06/07/24	Preschool/ All Teachers	Space Farms Aligns with various components of the Creative Curriculum No cost to students
06/12/24	3/All Teachers	Space Farms Science: Animal Life Cycles and Habitats No cost to students

Carried; Yes 5, No 0, Absent 3, Abstain 1 (Space)

Field Trips

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve the following field trips:

Date	Grade Level/Teacher	Destination, Purpose, Cost
05/23/24	2/All Teachers	Wantage School Orientation for 2nd graders No charge to students

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 3

Unfinished
Business

Unfinished Business

- None.

New Business

New Business:

- Mr. D'Agostino brought up a call he received from a parent asking to bring back the DC trip for the 8th graders. He said that the parent felt that many students will never get a chance to go to DC and learn about American History. He said that he knows there is a lot that goes into the planning of this trip, so if the Board thought we should bring it back, it would need to be started soon. Mr. Gall answered that he would take a look at this with Administration. He did say that the fundraising aspect is a multi-year endeavor.

Audience
Remarks

Audience Remarks:

- None.

Executive
Session

Executive Session:

WHEREAS, this Board is authorized, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 to exclude the public from that portion of this meeting for purposes of discussing specific matters as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; and,

WHEREAS, this Board intends to discuss certain matters which are deemed confidential pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, in Executive Session,

WHEREAS, at this time the Board cannot determine the time when the discussion to be held in Executive Session will be made public, but will disclose the minutes of the Executive Session when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Sussex Wantage Regional Board of Education that this meeting shall be adjourned to an Executive Session (closed session) and the public will be excluded in order that the Board may discuss the items listed below, and upon reconvening this public meeting the Board President will announce, if possible, the time when and the circumstances under which the discussion conducted in Executive Session will be disclosed to the public. This resolution is authorized and allowed by and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-13.

The general nature of the subject to be discussed per N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 (a):

Legal Matters

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Zill-Barry that the Board go into executive session at 6:32 pm. Mrs. Tortorella advised the public that the Board would be in executive session for approximately thirty (30) minutes and that no action would be taken afterwards.

The Board returned to public session at 6:58 pm.

Moved by Mrs. Space, seconded by Mrs. Vallone to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 pm.

Adjourn-
Ment

Respectfully submitted,



Christina M. Riker
Board Secretary