

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Stafford Township Board of Education was held on September 23, 2024 at 6:00pm at Stafford Township Arts Center (STAC).

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

ALSO PRESENT

George J. Chidiac	Superintendent
Lourdes LaGuardia	Business Administrator/Board of Education Secretary
Martin J. Buckley, Esq.	Board of Education Attorney (Arrived 6:30pm)

FLAG SALUTE

A. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

None

B. CLOSED SESSION

None

C. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None

D. PERSONNEL/POLICY

Chairperson Tammy Wagner

1. To discuss the **second 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)

Mr. Chidiac reported that there will be 22 substitutes, 11 personnel voluntary transfers on the agenda tonight. Mr. Chidiac discussed item #8 – Bus Drivers, #9 Move Up Step due to experience, CPAs, Aide, Replacement – IEP Driven, #36 Superintendent Shared Service, effective October 1st. Mr. Chidiac discussed the revised policies.

E. SPECIAL EDUCATION/CURRICULUM

Chairperson Matthew Regulski

Mrs. Bush reported the ABA sensory will be October 3rd, Stafford Olympics, Opening School Year Review, QSAC – Quality Assessment Review; Curriculum Website.

F. FINANCE/BUILDINGS&GROUNDS

Chairperson Joseph Washco – Update & Motion

Mr. Washco reported the Referendum passed, ROD Grants Intermediate In-House Phase II Spiezle, Surplus/Audit, GovDeals \$4,075, STAC Updates.

Mr. Chidiac conveyed that the district received two RFP responses for Special Counsel as district looking for a more responsive attorney with deeper understanding of school issues that has quick response time.

Mrs. Wagner introduced the walk-in motion to approve Lenox Law Firm of Lawrenceville, NJ for Legal Services as Special Counsel for the Stafford Township Board of Education from October 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 at a rate of \$175/hr Partners; and \$165/hr Associates on an as-needed basis. The proposal was one of two received and was selected on the factors set forth in the RFP (Year 1 of 3).

A motion was made Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Strouse to approve the walk-in motion for Legal Services as Special Counsel. Roll call vote: All members present voted yes (6-0); motion approved.

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. Washco and seconded by Mr. Smith to move on the above Resolution. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (7-0); 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 (6-0); motion passed.

TIME IN: 6:30pm

TIME AT CONCLUSION OF CLOSED SESSION: 6:55pm

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Morello and seconded by Mr. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (6-0); motion passed.

Lourdes LaGuardia
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

LL/km/10-1-2024