

REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 8, 2025

The Reorganization Meeting of the Stafford Township Board of Education was held on January 8, 2025 at 6:05pm at the Stafford Township Arts Center (STAC).

CALL TO ORDER – Board Secretary

The Stafford Township’s 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 and all school buildings. A mechanical device is being used to video record this meeting. Further, please take notice that this is the first regular meeting of the Board of Education and required Reorganization of elected board members pursuant to 18A:10-3 through 10-6.

FLAG SALUTE

ELECTION RESULTS

The following are the official results of the November 5, 2024 annual school election for three, three-year term office seats 2025-2027.

<u>Three-Year Term</u>	
Tammy Wagner	7,660 votes
Robert Morello	7,423 votes
Matthew Regulski	7,152 votes
Write-In	156 votes

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS – Board Secretary

ROLL CALL

Kevin Cooney	Member
Brian Fenlon	Member
Gregory Gioe	Member
Robert Morello	Member
Matthew Regulski	Member
Christopher Smith	Member
Bonnie Strouse	Member
Tammy Wagner	Member
Joseph Washco	Member

ALSO PRESENT

Stephanie Bush	Acting Superintendent
Lourdes LaGuardia	School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Martin J. Buckley, Esq.	Board of Education Attorney

THE BOARD SECRETARY ENTERTAINS NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF BOARD PRESIDENT

1. Tammy Wagner was nominated by Mr. Cooney for the office of Board President.

It was moved by Mr. Morello and seconded by Mr. Cooney for Tammy Wagner as Board President. Roll call vote: nine (9) members present voted yes; motion passed.

The Board Secretary turns the meeting over to the Board President.

THE BOARD PRESIDENT ENTERTAINS NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

1. Kevin Cooney was nominated by Mrs. Wagner for the office of Board Vice President.

It was moved by Dr. Regulski and seconded by Mr. Smith for Kevin Cooney as Board Vice President. Roll call vote: nine (9) members present voted yes; motion passed.

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None

BOARD BUSINESS

1. To approve the Acknowledgement of Receipt for the Code of Ethics and to adopt the Code of Ethics as distributed.
2. To reapprove the 2024-2025 Board of Education Goals and the 2024-2025 Stafford Township School District Goals as attached.
3. To approve the Board of Education meeting dates from January through December 2025 as attached.
4. To adopt Roberts Rules of Order as the official parliamentary procedure manual to be used to conduct Board meetings and appoint the Board Secretary and Board Attorney to act as the parliamentarian ending at the next organization meeting of the Board of Education.
5. To designate Atlantic City Press, Asbury Park Press and/or The Beacon as official Board newspapers for advertisements and on-line services through December 2025.

6. To designate OceanFirst Bank as official depository for all Board funds with the following signatories: Stafford Township Board of Education President, Treasurer of School Monies, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator through December 2025.
7. To designate the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund as a legal depository for Board funds and further to authorize the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator as the authorized agent for Cash Management Transactions through December 2025.
8. To approve Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors of Shrewsbury, NJ as Health Insurance Broker through December 2025. This exception to the advertised bidding requirements is in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5. Proposals were solicited for the 2023 calendar year with option to renew for two additional years. Selection factors and documentation are on file in the Board Secretary/Business Administrator's Office.
9. To acknowledge the following providers for Life Insurance Options:
 - a. Legacy Benefits Group to broker New York Life's Voluntary Guaranteed Issue Whole Life Insurance Program and Colonial Life's Voluntary Guaranteed Issue Short Term Disability Insurance Program as voluntary providers for Stafford Township Board of Education. All plans will be offered at no cost to the school district through payroll deduction.
 - b. Creative Financial Group to broker MassMutual's Voluntary Group Whole Life Insurance as a voluntary provider for Stafford Township Board of Education. All plans will be offered at no cost to the school district through payroll deduction.
10. To approve Spiezle Architectural Group of Hamilton, NJ as Architect of Record through December 2025. Proposals were solicited for the 2023 calendar year with option to renew for two additional years.
11. To appoint Acacia of Marlton, NJ as Financial Advisor through December 2025. This is a professional service.
12. To approve Dasti, Murphy, McGuckin, Ulaky & Connors of Forked River, NJ as Board Attorney through December 2025. Proposals were solicited for the 2024 calendar year with option to renew for two additional years.
13. To acknowledge the following Stafford Board of Education law firms, as previously appointed:

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- a. Machado Law Group of Springfield, NJ as Legal Counsel for Special Education Issues (July 2024 – June 2025)
- b. Comegno Law Group of Moorestown, NJ as Conflict Attorney (July 2024 – June 2025)
- c. Comegno Law Group of Moorestown, NJ as Legal Counsel for Labor Relations Services (July 2024 – June 2025)
- d. Lenox Law Firm of Lawrenceville, NJ for Legal Services as Special Counsel (October 2024 – June 2025)
- e. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. of Woodbridge, NJ as Bond Counsel (January – December 2025)

These are professional services. Selection factors and documentation are on file in the Board Secretary/Business Administrator’s Office.

- 14. To appoint Flett Exchange of Jersey City, NJ as an option to manage the sale of solar generated SRECs through December 2025.
- 15. To appoint Marex Spectron of New York, NY as an option to manage the sale of solar generated SRECs through December 2025.
- 16. To approve authorization to award contracts up to bid threshold of \$44,000 and quote threshold of \$6,600 through June 2025, based upon the Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) certification of the Business Administrator.
- 17. To approve the Stafford Township Board of Education Travel Expense Reimbursement District Maximum and Travel Expense Reimbursement per Employee Resolutions through December 2025 as attached.

A motion was made by Dr. Regulski and seconded by Mr. Gioe to approve Board Business item(s) #1-17. Roll call vote: nine (9) members present voted yes; motion passed.

ADVANCED PLANNING

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Gioe and seconded by Mr. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 6:14pm. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (9-0); motion passed.

Lourdes LaGuardia
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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