

**Agenda**  
**March 19, 2025**  
**Swedesboro-Woolwich Board of Education**  
*"A Community dedicated to inspiring life-long learners"*  
**Gov. Charles Stratton School**  
**15 Fredrick Boulevard**  
**Woolwich Township, NJ 08085**  
**7:55 P.M. Meeting Opening**

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**1. Opening**

A. Call to Order

**Open Public Meeting Act.** *Adequate notice of this meeting of the board of education of the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District has been provided in accordance with the certification of notice by the secretary of the board, which shall become part of the minutes of this meeting.*

B. Roll Call

<input type="checkbox"/> Gina Azzari, School Board President	All Committees
<input type="checkbox"/> Natalie Baker, School Board Vice President	(Chair) Curriculum, (Chair) Negotiations
<input type="checkbox"/> Julie Dickson	(Chair) Operations Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Erin Carroll	Operations Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Laurie Cecala-Read	Operations Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Marie Barbara	(Chair) Personnel/Finance Committee, Negotiations
<input type="checkbox"/> Tamara McGovern	Curriculum Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Alfred Beaver	Curriculum Committee, Personnel/Finance Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Kenneth Riley	Personnel/Finance Committees, Negotiations

Quorum\_\_\_\_\_

C. Flag Salute

D. Adoption of Agenda

Recommendation: Adoption of the agenda, **as presented.**

Board action needed: Yes

**Public Comments/Visitors**

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If questions or comments pertain to litigation, student or personnel matters, the Board asks that you email the Superintendent after the meeting since the Board does not, pursuant to Open Public Meetings Act, discuss or respond to these items in public.

**Mr. Korey Jeffries to present to the board the Tentative 2025-2026 School Budget**

**E. Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Submission of the Tentative 2025-2026 Budget to the Gloucester County Office of Education**

**Tentative Budget**

The Superintendent recommends approval to adopt the Tentative Budget for 2025-2026

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the tentative budget be approved for the 2025-026 School Year using the 2025-2026 state aid figures and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

CATEGORY	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	TOTAL
<b>2025-26 Total Expenditures</b>	\$33,111,285	\$440,738	\$3,331,119	\$36,883,142
<b>Less: Anticipated Revenues</b>	\$13,823,140	\$440,738	\$504,858	\$14,522,392
<b>Taxes to be Raised</b>	\$19,288,145	\$0	\$2,826,261	\$22,114,406

And to advertise said tentative budget in the legal section of the South Jersey Times in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a public hearing be held at the Swedesboro-Woolwich Board of Education located in the gym of the Stratton School on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. For the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2025-2026 School Year, and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Swedesboro-Woolwich Board of Education includes in the final budget the adjustment for enrollment in the amount of \$349,890. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for supplies and materials necessary for the additional students; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Swedesboro-Woolwich Board of Education includes in the final budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$202,057. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums; and

**WHEREAS**, the Swedesboro-Woolwich Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities

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and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. required Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting members of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting members of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Swedesboro-Woolwich Board of Education established \$45,830 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$16,989.97 as of this date; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$53,430 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)

Natalie Baker

Julie Dickson

Erin Carroll

Laurie Cecala-Read

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**Delegates:**

- a. NJSBA – Mrs. Gina Azzari
- b. GCSBA – Mrs. Natalie Baker

**6. Adjournment**

Recommendation: Approve the adjournment of meeting.

Board action needed: Yes

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Mr. Korey Jeffries**  
**Board Secretary/SBA**

**Next Meeting(s).**

**April 30, 2025**

**Board/Committee Meetings as scheduled**