April 1, 2025

The Stillwater Township Board of Education met on April 1, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Stillwater School All Purpose Room for a Special Board of Education Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Krista Galante, President, at 6:34 p.m. In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, the time, date and location of this meeting was provided to the New Jersey Herald & Star Ledger on February 26, 2025. Notices were posted in the Stillwater School, Town Hall, Stillwater Post Office, Swartswood Post Office and the Stillwater School Website.

Mrs. Galante led the flag salute. The following Board members were present: Mrs. Galante, Mrs. Williver, Mr. DeGroat, Mrs. Valeich, Mr. Franek, Mrs. Frey, Mrs. Voris, and Mrs. Kraft.

Absent: Mrs. Thibault.

Also present were William Kochis, Superintendent, René Metzgar, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Marissa Cramer, Principal/Supervisor of CST and Special Education/Basic Skills, and members of the public.

BOARD BUSINESS

-President Galante informed the board that Kittatinny is requesting to have a steering committee for the regionalization study. They are looking for 1-2 board members to be part of this committee. Mrs. Galante asked if anyone was interested and Mrs. Frey said she was interested. The first meeting will be in April. Mrs. Metzgar & Mrs. Cramer will also be joining the committee.

STRATEGIC PLANNING/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Strategic Planning-Meeting 2

Kathleen Helewa from Kathleen Helewa Educational Consultants led the second planning meeting. Community members, Board of Education members, staff, and administration broke out to smaller groups to begin brainstorming on our vision of the district. All participants reconvened and reviewed each group's findings.

Next Strategic Planning Meeting will be April 7, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the All Purpose Room.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

<u>Cody Castner-</u> 929 Fairview Lake Road- Asked why we would participate in the regionalization committee if we did not want to be part of the study.

Dr. Kochis responded that it is important to have a seat at the table. He thought Kittatinny reaching out is a nice olive branch to include all the sending districts.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Valeich to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rene Metzgar

Business Administrator/Board Secretary