

Agenda
April 30, 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
6:00 P.M. Meeting Opening

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

2. Presentations

Stellar Comet Award is each month, the principal of each building selects students as Stellar Comets. Each building has developmentally appropriate criteria for selecting these students. For example, the student demonstrates respect for self and others, shows acts of kindness, demonstrates a positive attitude, exhibits positive conduct and follows school rules, puts forth full effort in all areas, and comes to school on time prepared for the day. Congratulations to all of our Stellar Comets!

A. Stellar Comet of the Month- **March 2025**

1) **Walter Hill School**

Grade 6

- Angel Albaugh
- Brooklyn Grubb

2) **Charles G. Harker School**

Grade 3

- Nico Bottone
- Avery Meade

Grade 4

- Beau Whitzell
- Mae DiBella

Grade 5

- Richardson Reach
- Brynn Sacchetti

3) **Gov. Charles Stratton School**

Grade 1

- Matthew Tiedeken
- Emerson Tisa

Grade 2

- Lucy Horton
- Stella Kostick

4) **Margaret Clifford School**

Kindergarten

- Vienna Gechter
- Evan Kweeder
- Eden Clark
- Gianna Aiken

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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- ☒ Matters involving personnel issues, including but not limited to, the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or discipline of any public officer or employee, and specifically: Personnel
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board anticipates the executive session to last approximately 30 minutes. The Board will return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

- 1) Recommendation: To enter into **Executive Session** for the purpose of discussing/reviewing items as noted above.

Board action needed: Yes

Time _____

- 2) Recommendation: Return to **Regular Session**.

Board action needed: Yes

Time_____

Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the regular and/or executive session minutes dated **March 12, 2025, March 19, 2025 and April 2, 2025, as submitted.**

Board action needed: Yes

3. Communication

A. Superintendent

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- 1) Superintendent Updates
- 2) District Enrollment
 - a) Report, **as submitted**

[Clifford](#)
[Stratton](#)
[Harker](#)
[Hill](#)

- 3) Correspondence.

[Thank you](#)- Erika Slowicki & Family
[Thank you](#)- Rhonda Hilbert

B. District Administration

- 1) Administrator's Monthly Board Reports, **as submitted**

[Clifford](#)
[Stratton](#)
[Harker](#)
[Hill](#)
Technology
[Special Services](#)
[Curriculum & Instruction](#)
[Maintenance](#)

Public Comments/Visitors

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting will now be open to members of the public who wish to speak or make comment on agenda items or a school district issue that may be of concern to the residents of the district. Any person who wishes to speak must wait to speak until they have been recognized by the presiding Board Officer.

Any person who wishes to speak is requested to give their name, municipality of residence, and group affiliation, if any, at the beginning of their comments. Comments shall be limited to five minutes in total length. It is the intention of the board to listen to public comments, and to respond if possible. If questions cannot be immediately answered the Board asks that you pose the question to the Board Secretary via email.

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.

Public Hearing, Presentation, & Adoption of the 2025-2026 Annual Budget

Budget

The Superintendent recommends approval to adopt the 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
2025-26 Total Expenditures	\$33,111,285	\$440,738	\$3,331,119	\$36,883,142
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$13,823,140	\$440,738	\$504,858	\$14,522,392
Taxes to be Raised	\$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 30th 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 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

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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

Marie Barbara

Tamara McGovern

Alfred Beaver

Kenneth Riley

Gina Azzari

4. Action Items

Personnel/Finance/Negotiations Committee

Personnel & Finance Committee Meeting Report, (Chairperson) Marie Barbara

Negotiations Committee Meeting Report, (Chairperson) Natalie Baker

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the following Personnel Matters are presented for Board Approval:

A. Personnel- Recommendation: Approve the following personnel items, as listed:

Name	Position/ Cert	Salary	Budget Acct #	Action	Effective Date
1- Staff ID #4131	Teacher	-	-	Medical Leave	March 26, 2025-April 23, 2025
2- Staff ID #4416	Teacher	-	-	Medical Leave	April 21, 2025-June 30, 2025
3- Katelyn Boyson	LTS	\$135 per day for Days 1-20/ \$200 per day for Days 21+	11-190-100-320-000-070	Changing from Building Perm to Long Term Substitute	May 7, 2025-June 30, 2025
4- Colleen Donnelly	Secretary Sub	\$15.49/hour	11-000-240-103-000-01-050	Main Office Secretary Substitute	May 1, 2025-June 30, 2025
5- Ajani Wijerathine	LTS	-	-	Resignation	April 3, 2025
6- Angela Blomquist	School Nurse	-	-	Resignation	July 1, 2025
7- Karen Opar	Payroll Clerk	-	-	Resignation	May 3, 2025
8- Valerie Matteo	Payroll Clerk	\$47,000	11-000-251-100-000-01	New Hire	May 27, 2025
9- Kennedy Cielinski	LTS – Speech Therapist	\$135 per day for Days 1-20/ \$200 per day for Days 21+	11-190-100-320-000-080	Long-term Substitute	September 2025 – June 2026
10- Staff ID #4883	Teacher	-	-	Extension of medical leave	April 9, 2025-May 9, 2025

B. Stipends- Recommendation: Approve the following stipends for the 2024-2025 school year, as listed:

Name	School	Stipend Position	Amount
1- Lisa Masciangelo, Debbie Hannold, and Taylor Meagher	Clifford	Ready, Set, Grow Camp Substitutes- as needed	\$38/hour

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C. Workshops- Recommendation: Approve the following workshops for the 2024-2025 school year, as listed:

Name	Workshop	Date & Time	Cost	Estimated Travel Cost
1- Lorraine Campbell, Alaine Zizzamia, Brielle Scott	School Climate and Anti-Bullying Conference	May 28, 2025/8:30am-3:30pm	\$249/person- ESEA Funds	\$0
2- Rachel Ogbin	Making Co-Teaching Work: High Impact Strategies for Busy Teachers	May 2, 2025	\$150- ESEA Funds	\$0
3- Justin Leash, Katie DiMenna, Stephanie Sparks	OT Potential	Virtual- On Demand	\$99/person ESEA Funds	\$0
4- Erika Slowicki, Gwen Waggoner, Amy Hay, Alexis Sharapoff, Catherine Reichardt, Kelley Ginter	Speech Pathology	Virtual- On Demand	\$109/person ESEA Funds	\$0
5- Dr. Kristin Kellogg	NJASA Spring Leadership Conference- Atlantic City	May 14-16, 2025	\$0	\$250 TITLE Funds
6- Lynne Bussott	Quest: Elementary Teacher Science Booster Camp Earth Matters: Space, Air, Soil and Water	August 4-8, 2025	\$50	\$0

D. Recommendation: Approve the Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of **January 2025, February 2025 and March 2025**. The Board Secretary certifies that no line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A – 16.10 (c) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, and

Approve the Treasurer Report in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of **January 2025, February 2025, and March 2025**. The Treasurer Report and Board Secretary's Report are in agreement for the month of **January 2025, February 2025, and March 2025**.

Whereas, the Board Secretary in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c) 2 certifies that there are no changes in revenue amounts or revenue sources, and

Whereas, the Board of Education certifies- pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 4 that after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C 6A: 23A-16.10 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

E. Regular, Payroll, Cafeteria & Addendum Bills

Recommendation: For payment of [April 2025 regular and addendum bills](#) in the amount of **\$2,017,699.98** and payment of **May 2025** payroll in the amount of **\$1,534,599.80, as submitted.**

F. Recommendation: Approve the [Line-Item Transfer](#) for **March 2025 in the amount of **\$109,661.73, as submitted.****

G. Recommendation: Approve the **Nutri-Serve Food Management food service for the 2025-2026 school year (2nd year of a 5-year agreement) with a Management Fee of \$49,200. A projected annual gain of \$5,900 and no guarantee. The cost of the agreement is \$760,343.84 for the fiscal year.**

H. Recommendation: Approve to accept the [NJSIG Safety Grant](#) in the amount of \$3,492, **as submitted.**

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)

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Curriculum, Policy, Community Relations Committee
Committee Meeting Report, (Chairperson) Natalie Baker

A. Recommendation: Approve **HIB, **as submitted.****

B. Recommendation: Approve the contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District to provide [Nonpublic Textbook Purchasing](#) for the 2025-2026 school year, **as submitted.**

C. Recommendation: Approve the contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District to provide [Nonpublic Technology Purchasing](#) for the 2025-2026 school year, **as submitted.**

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- D. Recommendation: Approve the contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District to provide [Remedial Services for Nonpublic I.D.E.A](#) students for the 2025-2026 school year, **as submitted**.
- E. Recommendation: Approve Gaits of Hope, LLC to provide OT services during ESY 2025 at the rate of \$85/hour.
- F. Recommendation: Approve Hope in Motion to provide PT services during ESY 2025, at the rate of \$77/hour.
- G. Recommendation: Approve the following staff members for [ESY 2025](#), **as submitted**.
- H. Recommendation: Approve Katie Richer to provide Homebound Instruction for (#7486844779), at the contract rate of \$38/hour.
- I. Recommendation: Approve Christine Desrochers as an ESL Tutor, at the rate of \$38/hour (paid through Title III Funding).
- J. Recommendation: Approve Kimberly Tucker to present 3 full days to staff on Co-Teaching Strategies and Classroom Modifications to Address IEP Needs on March 21, 28, 30, 2025 at the cost of \$3000 (ESEA Funding).
- K. Recommendation: Approve the [Areas Needing Improvement Plan](#) for the 2024-2027 ESL 3-Year Plan, **as submitted**.
- L. Recommendation: Approve the following policy for 1st Reading, **as submitted**.
- [5111](#) [Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident Students](#)
 - [5512](#) Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying
 - [5533](#) Student Smoking
 - [7441](#) Electronic Surveillance In School and Buildings and on School Grounds
 - [8500](#) Food Services
 - [9320](#) Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies

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Operations

**Buildings and Grounds, Long Range Plans, Technology, Transportation
Committee Meeting Report, (Chairperson) Julie Dickson**

A. Facility Usage Requests

Recommendation: Approve Facility Usage Requests, as listed.

(Subject to submission of Insurance Certificate, and 501 documentation, and no conflict with school district activities)

Organization	School/Location	Date & Time	Activity
1- Kiddie Garden Preschool	Walter Hill Stage Side	June 13, 2025-4:45 pm-7:00 pm	Graduation
2- K/W Youth Football	Harker Fields	July 28, 2025-October 13, 2025/5:30pm-8:00pm	Practices
3- Headstrong	Harker Field	June 2025- Various Dates/6:00pm-9:00pm	Practices
4- K/W Youth Basketball	Stratton MPR	July 7-10, 14-17, 21-24, 28-31 12:30-3:00 pm	Summer Camp

B. Recommendation: Approve the following Front Door Bus Evacuation Drills, as submitted:

- [Clifford](#)
- [Stratton](#)
- [Harker](#)
- [Hill](#)

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Superintendent Evaluation Discussion

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Board action needed: Yes Time_____

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).

May 14, 2025

Board/Committee Meetings as scheduled