

Minutes
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

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

Quorum: 7:55 pm

C. Flag Salute

D. Adoption of Agenda

Recommendation: Riley/Beaver approve the adoption of the agenda, **as presented.**

Board action needed: Yes

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.

1- Eileen Healey- SWEA President

Eileen questioned why they didn't receive notification about the meeting. She stated she was supposed to be given a 48 hour notices.

SBA advised her that the notices were sent to each building via inter-office on Thursday and were posted in the schools.

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

A. 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
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

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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)

(Motion carried: 5-2)

Motioned: Beaver

Seconded: Riley

Natalie Baker-Y

Julie Dickson-N

Erin Carroll-N

Laurie Cecala-Read-Y

Marie Barbara-Y

Tamara McGovern

Alfred Beaver-Y

Kenneth Riley-Y

Gina Azzari

Public Comments/Visitors- None to report

Delegates:

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

6. Adjournment

Recommendation: Beaver/Barbara approve the adjournment of meeting.

Board action needed: Yes

Time: 8:41 pm

(All yes, motion carries 7-0)

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Korey Jeffries
Board Secretary/SBA

Next Meeting(s).

April 30, 2025

Board/Committee Meetings as scheduled