COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING September 22, 2025

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Stafford Township Board of Education was held on September 22, 2025 at 6:01pm at the Stafford Township Arts Center (STAC).

CALL TO ORDER

The Stafford Township 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, all school buildings and the district website.

ROLL CALL

Brian Fenlon	Member (via phone)
Gregory Gioe	Member
Robert Morello	Member
Matthew Regulski	Member
Christopher Smith	Member
Bonnie Strouse	Member
Joseph Washco	Member (Absent)
Kevin Cooney	Vice President
Tammy Wagner	President

ALSO PRESENT

George J. Chidiac	Superintendent
Lourdes LaGuardia	Business Administrator/Board of Education Secretary
Martin J. Buckley, Esq.	Board of Education Attorney

FLAG SALUTE

A. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

None

B. CLOSED SESSION – Board Matters, Personnel Matters and Attorney/Client Privilege

Whereas Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

Whereas, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Stafford Township Board of Education, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action of the hereinafter specified subject matters.

The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

BOARD MATTERS, PERSONNEL MATTERS & ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE

It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated subject matters shall be made public at such time as the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exists.

A motion was made by Dr. Regulski and seconded by Mr. Smith to move on the above Resolution. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (8-0); motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Morello and seconded by Dr. Regulski to exit closed session and resume regular meeting. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (8-0); motion passed.

TIME IN: 6:03pm
TIME AT CONCLUSION OF CLOSED SESSION: 6:46pm

C. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None

D. PERSONNEL/POLICY

Chairperson Tammy Wagner – Update (Policy Only) - No Update Given

1. To discuss the **second reading** of following **new** policies:

   - 1620 Administrative Employment Contracts (M)
   - 5339.01 Student Sun Protection (M)

2. To discuss the **second reading** of following **revised** policies and regulations:

   - 0143 Board Member Election and Appointment
   - 0173 Duties of Public School Accountant
   - 0174 Legal Services (M)
   - 0177 Professional Services (M)
   - 1570 Internal Controls (M)
   - 2422 Statutory Curricular requirements (M)
   - 2720 Extended Day Program
   - 5117 Interdistrict Public School Choice
   - 6111 Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program (M)
   - 6220 Budget Preparation (M)
   - R1570 Internal Controls (M)
   - R5117 Interdistrict Public School Choice
   - R6111 Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program M)
   - R6220 Budget Preparation

E. SPECIAL EDUCATION/CURRICULUM

Chairperson Matthew Regulski – Update

Dr. Regulski reported that Mrs. Banach was able to hold grade level curriculum meetings to start the school year with consistent and clear messages to allow for curriculum continuity across the district. They are working on implementing the NJDOE's requirement for Universal Screening (K-3) with the use of I Ready's Universal Screener. Dr. Regulski also reported that Mr. Reilly discussed the beginning of the school year and the topic for the Special Ed Parent meeting and also spoke about the Stafford Olympics.

F. FINANCE/BUILDINGS&GROUNDS

Chairperson Joseph Washco – Update

Mrs. LaGuardia updated the Board on a recent Bond Sale and investment options were approved; the DOE plans issued for the Oxycocus School addition/alterations and that there will be a presentation by the Architects to Township Planning Board on September 24th. Mrs. LaGuardia also apprised on the Payroll Expense; Food Service Update; STAC Usage/Revenue and the increased rates on Health Benefits and impact to our budget.

G. CLOSED SESSION (IF NEEDED)

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Cooney and seconded by Dr. Regulski to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm. All members present voted yes (8-0); motion passed.

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Lourdes LaGuardia
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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