COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING October 2, 2025

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Stafford Township Board of Education was held on October 2, 2025 at 6:05pm at the Oxycocus Elementary School.

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
Gregory Gioe	Member
Robert Morello	Member
Matthew Regulski	Member
Christopher Smith	Member (Absent)
Bonnie Strouse	Member
Joseph Washco	Member (Absent)
Kevin Cooney	Vice President (Arrived 6:27pm)
Tammy Wagner	President

ALSO PRESENT

George J. Chidiac	Superintendent
Lourdes LaGuardia	Business Administrator/Board of Education Secretary
Christopher J. Connors, Esq.	Board of Education Attorney
Jeffrey Caccese, Esq.	Board of Education Attorney (Arrived 6:20pm)

FLAG SALUTE

A. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

None

B. CLOSED SESSION – Student Matters, Specifically HIB Related and Personnel Matters

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:

Student Matters, Specifically HIB Related and Personnel Matters

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 Mrs. Strouse and seconded by Mr. Gioe to move on the above Resolution. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (6-0); motion passed.

A motion was made by Dr. Regulski and seconded by Mr. Fenlon to exit closed session and resume regular meeting. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (5-0); motion passed.

TIME IN: 6:23pm
TIME AT CONCLUSION OF CLOSED SESSION: 6:45pm

C. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None

D. PERSONNEL/POLICY

Chairperson Tammy Wagner – Update (Policy Only)

1. To discuss the **first reading** of following **revised** regulation:
   - R7510 Use of School Facilities

Mr. Chidiac gave an overview on the personnel/policy items on the agenda, new hire personnel, transfers/changes of assignment, various postings and the first reading of the revised regulation. Mr. Chidiac discussed hour changes for Lead Custodians from 6 hours to 7 ½ hours; additional nurse; floated the idea of full-time teacher aides; and adding ERI to kindergarten.

E. SPECIAL EDUCATION/CURRICULUM

Chairperson Matthew Regulski – Update

Mrs. Banach reported that she, along with Mr. Reilly and Mrs. Roselli presented at certified staff meetings for PLC, Ocean Acres, McKinley and Intermediate on the importance of tertiary interventions, and creating a tier 1 checklist which can lead to an RFA. The first NEA (New Educator Academy) was held on September 17th to acclimate new staff members to Stafford Schools. Basic Skills Interventionists and grade level team members were trained to use i-Ready's Universal Literacy Screeners to support the NJDOE requirements of the New Jersey Literacy

Framework. Teachers will turnkey training at the October 13th Professional In-Service Day.

Mrs. Roselli reported that BCBAs are starting to work with the MD students on the ABLLS assessments. These are skill-based assessment tools for students with autism. It is used to help drive instruction. A professional development workshop was planned for the CST and Special Ed attorney on IEP development. The first SEPAG meeting was amazing. There was a great turn out. The district OTs provided a presentation entitled, "Sensory Processing, understanding your child's (and your own) sensory preferences and needs." The Stafford Olympics will be taking place on Monday, October 6th. Today the MD self-contained classes went to Johnson's farm. Everyone had a great time on the hayride, picking apples and visiting the farm animals.

F. FINANCE/BUILDINGS&GROUNDS

Chairperson Joseph Washco – Update

Mrs. LaGuardia updated the Board on the Bond Sale; HVAC bid for McKinley/PLC/Ocean Acres; mobile trailers; Oxycocus addition/alterations, surveillance report, abatement plan; and presentation to the Township Planning Board. Mrs. LaGuardia also apprised on the 2026-2027 budget preparation, closely monitoring additional expenditures; audit update;, payroll report; food service; STAC usage/revenue; and community building use.

G. CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Morello and seconded by Dr. Regulski to adjourn the meeting at 6:46pm. All members present voted yes (7-0); motion passed.

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Lourdes LaGuardia
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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