

Minutes
October 15, 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
5:00 P.M. Board Training
6:00 PM Regular Meeting

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. Reading of Oaths to Office- Newly Elected Member

- Kevin Rodden

C. Roll Call

<input checked="" 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"/>	Alfred Beaver	Curriculum Committee, Personnel/Finance Committee
	Kenneth Riley	(Chair) Personnel/Finance Committees, Negotiations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James McCarrie	Finance Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kevin Rodden	Curriculum Committee

Quorum: 8-1/6:05 pm

D. Flag Salute

E. Adoption of Agenda

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

Board action needed: Yes

(All yes, motion to carry 8-0)

2. Presentations

This evening, we are proud to recognize our Swedesboro-Woolwich Stellar Comets. Each month, students from across our schools are selected for exemplifying character, leadership, and a commitment to our district's core values.

These students consistently go above and beyond in their classrooms and school communities, serving as role models for the peers.

We are honored to celebrate their accomplishments and share their success with the Board of Education and the Swedesboro-Woolwich Community.

At this time, I'd like to welcome Mr. Matt Kelly, Principal of the Walther Hill School, who will begin our Stellar Comets presentations.

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

1) **Walter Hill School**

Grade 6

- Luke Gottlieb
- Harper Parkin

2) **Charles G. Harker School**

Grade 3

- Gemma Mastropietro
- Giovanni Mateo

Grade 4

- Victoria Bobst
- James Meadows

Grade 5

- Jackson Fournier
- Angela Carrillo

3) **Gov. Charles Stratton School**

Grade 1

- Vienna Gechter
- Brielle King

Grade 2

- Jaxon Bourdon
- Jeremiah Villecco

4) **Margaret Clifford School**

Kindergarten

- Coltin Lewis
- Isabella Reilly

- 1) Recommendation: Baker/Beaver approve to enter into **Executive Session** for the purpose of discussing/reviewing items as noted above.
Board action needed: Yes Time: 6:35 pm
(All yes, motion to carry 8-0)

- 2) Recommendation: Baker/Beaver approve to return to **Regular Session**.
Board action needed: Yes Time: 7:12 pm
(All yes, motion to carry 8-0)

Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: Baker/Cecala-Read approve the regular and/or executive session minutes dated **September 24, 2025**, as submitted.

Board action needed: Yes
(All yes, motion to carry 8-0)

3. Communication

A. Superintendent

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- 1) Superintendent Updates
 - a) Shout Outs!
 - National Principal Month
 - National Maintenance Appreciation Day
 - PD Volunteers

 - b) Board President, Gina Azzari, wanted to say thank the Harker Staff for inviting her to read to the students.

- 2) District Enrollment
 - a) Report, **as submitted**

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

- 3) Correspondence.

[Thank you](#)- Alaine Zizzamia

B. District Administration

1) Administrator’s Monthly Board Reports, **as submitted**

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

Public Comments/Visitors- None to Report

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. 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.

4. Action Items

Personnel/Finance/Negotiations Committee

Personnel & Finance Committee Meeting Report, (Chairperson) Ken Riley

- *Discussed personnel on the agenda for approval*
- *Interim Principal at Clifford*
- *Stipends*
- *Joint Committee*
- *Workshops*
- *Policies on the agenda for 1st Reading*
- *Calendars*

Negotiations Committee Meeting Report, (Chairperson) Natalie Baker

- *Interim Principal Contract*

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

A. Personnel- Recommendation: Baker/Beaver approve the following personnel items, as listed:

Name	Position/ Cert	Salary	Budget Acct #	Action	Effective Date
1-Mr. Scott Uribe	Clifford Interim Principal	\$500/diem	11-000-240-103-000-01-070	New Hire- Interim Principal of the Clifford School	October 16, 2025-June 30, 2026- pending Completion of ALL state required paperwork
2- Jaime Mihok	Substitute Secretary	\$15.49/hour	11-000-262-107-000-01	New Hire- SWSD Substitute Secretary	October 16, 2025- pending completion of ALL state required paperwork
3- Nancy Martino	LP	-	-	Resignation	September 29, 2025
4- Shaniqua Hampton	LP	\$15.49/hour	60-910-310-100-000-00	Move from substitute LP to full time LP	October 16, 2025 (will be a sub daily until approved for full time)
5- Alli Horn	Teacher	MA/Step 3 \$59,016	11-213-100-101-000-01-050	Lane Change to MA	October 16, 2025
6- Staff ID #4786	Teacher	-	-	Medical Leave	January 5, 2026-June 2026-staff member utilizing sick time before & after birth
7- Ashly Brown	Student	-	-	40 Hours Internship under the direction of Karin Brown-Bolis	Winter 2025-2026
8- Stephanie Rios	Student	-	-	School Counseling Internship under the direction of Brielle Scott	Spring 20260
9- Tammy Romansky	LTS	\$135 per day for days 1-20/ \$200 per day for days	11-190-100-320-000-080	New Hire- Long Term Sub	On or around November 28, 2025- April 2026

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10- Latasha Pittman & Sidney Astwood	Bus Driver	\$33.25/hour	11-000-270-515-000-00	Increase in Salary	October 16, 2025

B. Stipends- Recommendation: Baker/Beaver approve the following stipends for the 2024-2025 school year, as listed:

Name	School	Stipend Position	Amount
1- Lori Savas	Clifford	Temporary coverage of responsibilities and duties of the Clifford Principal position till on or around October 16, 2025	\$1000
2- Hailey Watson & Christine Desrochers	Harker	After School Tutoring for MLL (Multi Lingual) students for one hour per week to begin November 2025-April 2026	\$38/hour paid through Title III Funds

C. Workshops- Recommendation: Baker/Beaver approve the following workshops for the 2024-2025 school year, as listed:

Name	Workshop	Date & Time	Cost	Estimated Travel Cost
1- Makenna Marruci & Maddie Walker	Reducing Disruptive Behavior (Virtual) (Grades P-2)	December 5, 2025/9am-3pm	\$295/person	\$0
2- Heather Worrell	Preschool Series: Legal Requirements and Best Practices for Students with Disabilities	October 28, 2025, January 7, 2026, April 20, 2026/9am-3pm	\$525	\$0
3- Candice Kennedy & Ashly DiTonno, Taylor Meagher, Emily Lee	High Leverage Inclusive Teaching Practices (Virtual)	October 23, 2025	\$0	\$0
4- Marissa Smith, Anna Baldwin, Chris MacGuigan, Amy Kline, Megan Snyder, Janeen Buirch, and Tara McCloskey-Farmer	Beyond Answers: Building Curious and Courageous Math Classrooms	November 14, 2025/8am-3:30pm	\$295/person	\$0

D. Recommendation: Baker/Beaver approve the [Board Secretary's Report](#) in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of **August 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 **August 2025**. The Treasurer Report and Board Secretary's Report are in agreement for the month of **August 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: Baker/Beaver approve for payment of **October 2025 regular and addendum bills** in the amount of **\$1,073,850.18** and payment of **September 2025 payroll** in the amount of **\$1,579,484.84, as submitted.**

F. Recommendation: Baker/Beaver approve the **Line-Item Transfer** for **September 2025, as submitted.**

G. Recommendation: Baker/Beaver approve the **Tuitions Reimbursements** for the 2025-2026 school year, **as submitted.**

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)

(All yes, motion to carry 8-0)

Natalie Baker-Y

Julie Dickson-Y

Erin Carroll-Y

Laurie Cecala-Read-Y

Alfred Beaver-Y

Kenneth Riley

James McCarrie-Y

Kevin Rodden-Y

Gina Azzari-Y

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

- ***Policies on agenda for 1st Reading***
- ***iReady***
- ***Title I***
- ***Professional Development***
- ***Class Trips***
- ***Interim Principal***

A. Recommendation: Beaver/Baker approve HIB Self- Assessments for the 2024-2025 school year, **as submitted**.

- **Clifford**
- **Stratton**
- **Harker**
- **Hill**

B. Recommendation: Beaver/Baker approve Terri Overbey as the District’s Choral Accompanist at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.

C. Recommendation: Beaver/Baker approve the Gloucester County Prosecutor’s Office to hold an assembly about Internet Safety in October for the 6th grade students at Walter Hill and the 4th-5th graders at the Harker School on December 3, 2025.

D. Recommendation: Beaver/Baker approve the following policies for 1st Reading, **as submitted**:

- [0173](#) Accountant
- [0174](#) Legal Services
- [0177](#) Professional Services
- [1570](#) Internal Controls
- [1620](#) Contracts
- [1636](#) New Job Postings

E. Recommendation: Beaver/Baker approve the submission of the IDEA Final Report Fiscal Year 2025.

F. Recommendation: Beaver/Baker approve the submission of the ESEA Final Report Fiscal Year 2025

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- G. Recommendation: Beaver/Baker approve iReady Company to complete a 90-minute virtual training on October 28, 2025 for iReady Pro at the cost of \$600 to be paid for by ESEA Funding.

- H. Recommendation: Beaver/Baker approve Title I Night Presentation for families on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 from 6-7 pm.

- I. Recommendation: Beaver/Baker approve the 6th Grade Moving Up Ceremony on Wednesday June 10, 2026 (Rain Date Thursday June 11, 2026) at 5:30.

- J. Recommendation: Beaver/Baker approve Noteworthy Consulting, LLC to complete various professional development opportunities for our staff on November 3-4, 2025 and February 13, 2026. They will be paid an amount of \$8,700 for 3 full days of professional development through ESEA Funding.

- K. Recommendation: Beaver/Baker approve to operate the Comet Café Program at the Walter Hill School for the 2025-2026 school year.

- L. Recommendation: Beaver/Baker approve the District and Board Goals for the 2025-2026 school year.

M. Recommendation: Beaver/Baker approve the following class trips:

School	Grade	Destination	Date
Clifford	Kindergarten	Please Touch Museum	Spring 2026
Clifford	PreK	Cohanzick Zoo	Spring 2026
Stratton	1 st	Delaware Children’s Museum	Spring 2026
Stratton	2 nd	Philadelphia Zoo	Spring 2026
Harker	3 rd	Adventure Aquarium	Spring 2026
Harker	4 th	Academy of Natural Science	Spring 2026
Harker	5 th	Citizens Bank Park	Spring 2026
Hill	6 th (Titus Class)	Swedesboro Diner- Walking Trip	October 8, 2025/October 9, 2025 rain date
Hill	6 th (Titus Class)	Swedesboro Library- Walking Trip	November 12, 2025/November 13, 2025 rain date
Hill	6 th (Titus Class)	Woolwich Gardens- District Bus	December 9, 2025

- N. Recommendation: Beaver/Baker approve the [Out of District Placement](#) for (#7300464046) at Pineland Learning Center for the 2025-2026 school year, **as submitted.**

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)
(All yes, motion to carry 8-0)

Natalie Baker-Y
Laurie Cecala-Read-Y
James McCarrie-Y

Julie Dickson-Y
Alfred Beaver-Y
Kevin Rodden-Y

Erin Carroll-Y
Kenneth Riley
Gina Azzari-Y

Operations

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

- **Facility Usage**
- **OHA Power**
- **Shared Services with Kingsway**
- **Disposal of Property**
- **Calendars**
- **Committee Realignment**
- **Board Training**
- **Action Plan- Clifford Attendance**

A. Facility Usage Requests

Recommendation: Rodden/Beaver 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- S/W Little Theater	Harker School Music Room	4-6 pm/11/10, 11/14, 11/21, 12/1, 12/5	Holiday Show

B. Recommendation: Rodden/Beaver approve the three-year maintenance contract of the **CHP Module** with OHA Power, ending in 2027, at a total contract cost of \$29,250, **as submitted**.

C. Recommendation: Rodden/Beaver approve the **Shared Services Agreement** Between Kingsway Regional School District the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District for the **2024-2025** and **2025-2026** school year, **as submitted**.

D. Recommendation: Rodden/Beaver approve the Harker **Disposal of Property**, **as submitted**.

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)
 (All yes, motion to carry 8-0)

Natalie Baker-Y	Julie Dickson-Y	Erin Carroll-Y
Laurie Cecala-Read-Y	Alfred Beaver-Y	Kenneth Riley
James McCarrie-Y	Kevin Rodden-Y	Gina Azzari-Y

Public Comments

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1- Eileen Healey- SWEA President

- Shout of to the principals
- Thank you, Mrs. Traini- met with leadership twice already
- Thank you to our dedicated staff!

Delegates:

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

6. Adjournment

Recommendation: Baker/Dickson approve the adjournment of meeting.

Board action needed: Yes

Time: 7:30 pm

(All yes, motion to carry 8-0)

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Corey Jeffries
Board Secretary/SBA

Next Meeting(s).

November 12, 2025

Board/Committee Meetings as scheduled