

**Agenda**  
**January 14, 2026**  
**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**

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**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) Policy, (Chair) Negotiations, Curriculum
<input type="checkbox"/> Julie Dickson	(Chair) Operations, Policy
<input type="checkbox"/> Erin Carroll	Personnel/Finance
<input type="checkbox"/> Laurie Cecala-Read	(Chair) Curriculum, Operations
<input type="checkbox"/> Kenneth Riley	(Chair) Personnel/Finance, Negotiations
<input type="checkbox"/> James McCarrie	Personnel/Finance, Negotiations
<input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Rodden	Operations, Policy
<input type="checkbox"/> Raymond Anderson	Curriculum

Quorum\_\_\_\_\_

C. Flag Salute

D. Adoption of Agenda

Recommendation: Adoption of the agenda, **as presented.**

Board action needed: Yes

## **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 outstanding 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 their 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 Walter Hill School, who will begin our Stellar Comets Presentation.*

### **A. Stellar Comet of the Month- December 2025**

#### **1) Walter Hill School**

##### Grade 6

- Iker Reyes
- Rocco Sportiello

#### **2) Charles G. Harker School**

##### Grade 3

- Matthew McConathey
- Josephine Fordyce

##### Grade 4

- Jack Enwright
- Olivia Strohecker

##### Grade 5

- Sharon DeLaCruz Rivas
- Gabriel Gechter

#### **3) Gov. Charles Stratton School**

##### Grade 1

- Hazel Horton
- George Althouse

##### Grade 2

- Noelle Tompkins
- Macie McGee

#### **4) Margaret Clifford School**

##### Kindergarten

- Dylan Slusarski
- Charlie Sanders

- B. Teacher of the Year Recognition
  - Clifford School- Lisa Masciangelo
  - Stratton School- Jessica Zappasodi
  - Harker School- Megan Tatam
  - Walter Hill School- Katie Richer
- C. Educational Support Person of the Year
  - Clifford School- Paula Luciani
  - Stratton School- Alexis Sharapoff
  - Harker School- Brielle Scott
  - Walter Hill School- Gayle Johnson
- D. Recognition of Retired Board Member
  - Tamara McGovern
  - Alfred Beaver
- E. [Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Analysis](#)- Korey Jeffries

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – If Needed**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes boards of education to meet in closed executive session under certain circumstances, and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District Board of Education (the "Board") to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into closed executive session; now therefore:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board that it is necessary to meet in closed executive session to discuss certain items, including the following:

- Matters of personal confidentiality rights, including but not limited to, staff and/or student discipline matters, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- Matters in which the release of information would impair the right to receive government funds, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- Matters which, if publicly disclosed, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- Matters concerning negotiations, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- Matters involving the purchase of real property and/or the investment of public funds, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- Matters involving the real tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- Matters involving anticipated or pending litigation, including matters of attorney-client privilege, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_
- Matters involving quasi-judicial deliberations, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

**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 **December 10, 2025** and **January 6, 2026, as submitted**.  
Board action needed: Yes

**3. Communication**

A. Superintendent

*"A Community dedicated to inspiring life-long learners"*

- 1) Superintendent Updates

**Project Elf Shout Out!**

A HUGE thank you to all the organizations and families that supported our 2025 Project Elf Drive. As a result of the tremendous generosity of these people, we were able to provide support (food, gifts, toys, clothes, books, bikes, furniture, gift cards, etc.) to approximately 400 children:

[Project Elf 2025 List of Participants Link](#)

- 2) District Enrollment

- a) Report, **as submitted**

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

- 3) OPRA Log

Document (s) Requested	Who Requested	Date Received	Date Completed
1- Invoice and Purchase Orders for the 2025-2026 Student Information System, and IEP Management System	Anonymous	11/14/2025	12/2/2025

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. 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**  
**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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/ Cert</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Budget Acct #</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
1-Haley Dawson	School Psychology Practicum as per cooperative agreement with Rowan University	-	-	Practicum- under the direction of Jocelyn Scott	January 2026-June 2026
2- Kylie Crompton	Teacher	Step 6/\$62,116	11-240-100-101-000-01-050	Lane Change MA+15	January 15, 2026
3- Lucy Ann Casella	Teacher	-	-	Retirement	July 2, 2026
4- Eugene Gould	Maintenance	-	-	Retirement	April 1, 2026
5- Tara O'Neill	School Receptionist	-	-	Resignation	February 19, 2026

**B. Stipends- Recommendation:** Approve the following stipends for the 2025-2026 school year, as listed:

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Stipend Position</b>	<b>Amount</b>

**C. Workshops- Recommendation:** Approve the following workshops for the 2025-2026 school year, as listed:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Estimated Travel Cost</b>
1- Kimberly Cheesman, Lorraine Campbell, Jacquelyn Traini, Jamie Flick and Jeni Boston	Model Schools	June 27-July 1, 2026/Orlando Florida	\$895/per person	Not to exceed \$2100/person

**D. Regular, Payroll, Cafeteria & Addendum Bills**

**Recommendation:** For payment of **January 2026 [regular and addendum bills](#)** in the amount of **\$1,931,561.83** and payment of **December 2025** payroll in the amount of **\$1,571,396.69, as submitted.**

- E. Recommendation: Approve the [Line-Item Transfer](#) for **December 2025**, as submitted.
  
- F. Recommendation: After review and discussion, approve to accept the [Annual Comprehensive Financial Report](#) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, as submitted.
  
- G. Recommendation: Approve the amended resolution to appropriate Capital Reserve Funds, as submitted:

**Resolution Appropriate Capital Reserve Funds**

**Whereas**, the Swedesboro-Woolwich Board of Education, County of Gloucester, desires to advance the following capital project: Upgrade by replacing the cooling tower at the Walter Hill School. construction and related professional fees in the amount not to exceed of \$292,468.00 for the 2025-2026 school year; and

**Whereas**, capital reserve funds may be appropriated by board resolution to support eligible or otherwise eligible capital projects, and

**Whereas**, the Swedesboro-Woolwich Board of Education acknowledges that State support for capital projects is not currently available, and

**Whereas**, the Department of Facilities must approve all capital projects and will only move forward with approval of a properly submitted capital project if a local board of education declares an eligible capital project as “otherwise” eligible, and

**Whereas**, by declaring a capital project as “otherwise” eligible, the Swedesboro-Woolwich Board of Education hereby declares that the above-mentioned project will be supported with local capital reserve funds.

**Whereas**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.1(b), the Swedesboro-Woolwich Board of Education is requesting an emergent withdrawal from its capital reserve fund to replace a Cooling Tower that is badly damaged and leaking.

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Swedesboro-Woolwich Board of Education hereby declares the above referenced project as “otherwise” eligible and directs the School Business Administrator to request Department of Facilities approval, and

**Be it Further Resolved**, that the Swedesboro-Woolwich Board of Education hereby appropriates a not to exceed amount of \$292,468 from its capital reserve fund to support the cost of this project.

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)

Natalie Baker

Julie Dickson

Erin Carroll

Laurie Cecala-Read

Kenneth Riley

James McCarrie

Kevin Rodden

Raymond Anderson

Gina Azzari

**Curriculum, Community Relations Committee**  
**Committee Meeting Report, (Chairperson) Laurie Cecala-Read**

- A. HIB Reports  
Recommendation: Approve **HIB, as submitted.**
- B. Recommendation: Approve Title I Stakeholder Collaboration Meetings for February 26, 2026 from 5-6pm at the Stratton School and March 18, 2026 9-10am (Virtual)
- C. Recommendation: Approve the following Harker After School programs
- Mad Science Program- Winter 2026- Outside Company
  - Safe Sitters Club- Winter 2026- Chris Lewis, to be paid at \$38/hour, as per contract
  - First Aid Club- Winter 2026- Chris Lewis, to be paid at \$38/hour, as per contract
  - Conservation Club- Winter/Spring 2026- Anne Dorey, to be paid at \$38/hour, as per contract
- D. Recommendation: Approve the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office and the NJ Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force to discuss with the Walter Hill School parents about internet safety, cyberbullying, threats, gaming, online privacy, grooming, self-harm and A.I. on February 12, 2026.
- E. Recommendation: Approve the G&T Program at Walter Hill School to run a Quarter Mile Fundraiser. All proceeds will be donated to the family of a student in need.
- F. Recommendation: Approve the **Sidebar Agreement** between the Swedesboro-Woolwich Board of Education and the Swedesboro-Woolwich Education Association, as submitted.

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)

Natalie Baker	Julie Dickson	Erin Carroll
Laurie Cecala-Read	Kenneth Riley	James McCarrie
Kevin Rodden	Raymond Anderson	Gina Azzari

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

A. Recommendation: Approve the following policies for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, **as submitted**.

(To follow)

- [2530](#)            Resource Material
- [2535](#)            Library Material
- [9130](#)            Public Complaints

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)

Natalie Baker	Julie Dickson	Erin Carroll
Laurie Cecala-Read	Kenneth Riley	James McCarrie
Kevin Rodden	Raymond Anderson	Gina Azzari

**Operations**

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

**NO ACTION ITEMS**



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**Delegates:**

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

**6. Adjournment**

Recommendation: Approve the adjournment of meeting.  
Board action needed: Yes Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted,



**Mr. Corey Jeffries**  
**Board Secretary/SBA**

**Next Meeting(s)**

**February 11, 2026**

**Board/Committee Meetings as scheduled**