

STILLWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting- 7:00 P.M.-Library

Agenda-February 2, 2026

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Galante

In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, the time, date and location of this meeting was provided to the New Jersey Herald & Star Ledger on January 26, 2026. Notices were posted in the Stillwater School, Town Hall, Stillwater Post Office, Swartswood Post Office and the Stillwater School Website.

B. FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Galante

C. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Metzgar

BOARD MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Dennis DeGroat		
Darrick Franek		
Margaret Frey		
Krista Galante		
Jennifer Kraft		
Karen Thibault		
Amy Valeich		
Christine Voris		
Cheryl Williver		

**D. OATHS FOR RETURNING BOARD MEMBER
(N.J.S.A:18A:17.11)**

Mrs. Metzgar

For the 3-Three-year full term for membership on the Board of Education:

-Karen Thibault

E. BOARD BUSINESS

Mrs. Galante

1. January is Board Appreciation Month!
2. 2025-2026 Stillwater Township Educational Services Professional of the Year-Dr. Papa
3. 2025-2026 Stillwater Township Teacher of the Year-Dr. Papa

That the following Board Business resolutions be approved:

4. Motion to approve the Reorganization meeting minutes, Committee of the Whole Board of Education meeting minutes & Executive Session Minutes from January 5, 2026. (attachment)
5. Motion to approve the December 31, 2025 Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports which balanced in the amount of \$4,007,003.47 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10(c)3, we certify that as of December 31, 2025 after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, 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(c)4, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (attachment)
6. Motion to approve ad hoc committees for budget, negotiations, building & grounds, and regional shared service, as attached. (attachment)
7. Motion to approve cancelling the February 10, 2026 Committee of the Whole Board of Education meeting and schedule a special meeting for February 18, 2026 for the purpose architect interviews.

Moved By: _____ **Seconded By:** _____

Vote:

F. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Papa

G. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mrs. Galante

H. **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

Mrs. Galante

I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Galante

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J. ACTION ITEMS:

PERSONNEL

Mr. DeGroat

That the following Personnel resolutions be approved as recommended by Superintendent:

1. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve attached professional days. (attachment)
2. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to retroactively approve contract with Lisa Grau as the part-time RTI Interventionist leave replacement teacher for 3 days per week, beginning January 8, 2026-on or about March 30, 2026 at a rate of \$305.06 per day, no benefits, to be paid on the same schedule as all other substitute teachers.
3. Motion to accept with regret the resignation of Melissa Piazza, effective September 1, 2026 for the purpose of retirement.
4. Motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the advancement on guide for the following employee for the 2026-2027 school year, pending completion of credits and verification of official transcripts:

Alexandra Caccavale BA to MA
5. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following substitute teachers/paraprofessionals/main office secretaries for the 2025-2026 school year:

-Rebecca Sanderson (pending criminal history & background check)
-Joseph McAuliffe (pending criminal history & background check)
6. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the contract for the following full-time Para-Professional staff member for employment for the 2025-2026 school year from February 2, 2026-June 30, 2026:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Base Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Annual Base Salary</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Total Salary- To be prorated</u>
Schneider, Kathrine	Preschool	\$16.05	\$ 18,987.15	\$750 Bachelor's Degree	\$19,737.15

7. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Kathrine Schneider as a bus aide on ST7 from February 2, 2026 to June 30, 2026 for an annual stipend of \$3,240, to be prorated to start date, to be paid as worked.

Moved By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Roll Call Vote:

POLICY

Mrs. Valeich

EDUCATION & CURRICULUM

Mrs. Frey

That the following Education & Curriculum resolutions be approved:

1. Motion to retroactively approve Audra Rutnik to present 'Improve your Child's Behavior' at the preschool parent night on January 12, 2026 at a total cost of \$800 to be split with Hampton, Fredon, Sandyston, and Stillwater. Stillwater's cost will be \$200, Hampton will be the LEA.
2. Be It Hereby Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board affirms the Superintendent's decision regarding 2025-2026 Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying Case #4-2526.

Moved By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Roll Call Vote:

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Mr. Franek

1. Building & Grounds Update- Mrs. Metzgar

That the following Building & Grounds resolution be approved:

- 2. Motion to retroactively approve the revised building and use calendar for January 2026. (attachment)
- 3. Motion to approve building and use calendar for February 2026. (attachment)

Moved By: _____ **Seconded By:** _____

Vote:

TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. Voris

That the following Transportation resolution be approved:

- 1. Motion to approve the following new bus stops for the 2025-2026 school year:

ST6- Hiking Parking Lot on Hampton Rd. (Bus Aide Pickup)
 Hampton Rescue Squad (Bus Aide Pickup)
 920 Pond Brook Road

- 2. Motion to approve the following field trips for the 2025-2026 school year:

Location	Grade
KRHS Jr. High Play Preview - Kittatinny HS	5 & 6

- 3. Motion to approve transportation with Stocker Bus for the following field trip for the 2025-2026 school year:

Date	Location	Grade	Cost
February 18, 2026	KRHS Jr. High Play Preview - Kittatinny HS	5 & 6	2 Buses: \$275.07/bus= \$550.14 total

Moved By: _____ **Seconded By:** _____

Vote:

BUDGET & FINANCE

Mrs. Thibault

- 1. Budget Update- Mrs. Metzgar

That the following Budget & Finance resolutions be approved:

2. Motion to approve the following checks from December 16, 2025-January 26, 2026 as attached: (attachment)

Account	Check Numbers	Amount
Funds 10, 11, 12, 20	30651, N1223, N0108, N0115	\$747,179.78
Capital Reserve	N/A	\$0
Student Activities	6714	\$728.91
Cafeteria	2758-2759	\$12,605.01
Grand Total		\$760,513.70

3. Motion to approve the attached list of purchase orders over \$1,000 for the 2025-2026 school year. (attachment)
4. Motion to approve monthly travel as attached. (attachment)
5. Motion to approve transfers from December 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 as attached. (attachment)
6. Motion to approve the transfer from capital reserve to general fund in the amount of \$51,500 for architects fees for the 41/56 boiler project.
7. Motion to approve the participation in the NexTrex Recycling Challenge for an additional year.
8. Motion to approve the grant amendment for the Climate Change Education Resilience Continuation grant for the 2025-2026 school year.
9. Motion to approve the following resolution, Waiver of Requirements in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program:

Whereas, N.J.A.C 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2026-2027 school year, and

Whereas, the Stillwater Township Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Stillwater Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Sussex an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Moved By: _____ **Seconded By:** _____

Roll Call Vote:

K. **LEGISLATION** Mrs. Kraft

L. **COMMUNITY RELATIONS** Mrs. Voris

M. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** Mrs. Galante

N. **NEW BUSINESS** Mrs. Galante

1. Budget Calendar (attachment)

2. Board member required training- Due December 31, 2026

3. Board member Ethics/Financial Disclosure Forms-Due April 30, 2026

4. Upcoming Sussex County School Boards Meeting:
-February 5, 2026- Virtual- Topic: "From Our Districts to Yours: Effective Strategies for Communications and Community Engagement"

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P. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** Mrs. Galante

Q. **ADJOURN**