

**Minutes**  
**February 11, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gina Azzari, School Board President	All Committees
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natalie Baker, School Board Vice President	(Chair) Policy, (Chair) Negotiations, Curriculum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Dickson	(Chair) Operations, Policy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erin Carroll	Personnel/Finance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laurie Cecala-Read	(Chair) Curriculum, Operations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kenneth Riley	(Chair) Personnel/Finance, Negotiations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James McCarrie	Personnel/Finance, Negotiations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Rodden	Operations, Policy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Raymond Anderson	Curriculum

Quorum: 9-0/6:01 pm

C. Flag Salute

D. Adoption of Agenda

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

**Board action needed:** Yes

(All yes, motion to carry 9-0)

## **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 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

- Faith Doyle
- Lena Lowe

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

##### Grade 3

- Harper Galda
- Stephen Smith

##### Grade 4

- Aiden Westcott
- Gracie Carpenter

##### Grade 5

- Grayson Seibert
- Tanzeela Aijaz

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

##### Grade 1

- Connor Sechrist
- Savannah Davis

##### Grade 2

- Parker Cahill
- Scarlett Leverich

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

##### Kindergarten

- Carmela Rodden
- Carter Gallo
- Christina Contreras

### **B. Educational Support Person of the Year**

- Harker School- Brielle Scott

**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: Baker/Dickson approve to enter into **Executive Session** for the purpose of discussing/reviewing items as noted above.

Board action needed: Yes

Time: 6:17 pm

(All yes, motion to carry 9-0)

- 2) Recommendation: Baker/Riley approve to return to **Regular Session**.  
Board action needed: Yes Time: 6:55 pm  
(All yes, motion to carry 9-0)

### **Approval of Minutes**

Recommendation: Baker/Dickson approve the regular and/or executive session minutes dated **January 14, 2026, as submitted**.

Board action needed: Yes  
(All yes, motion to carry 9-0)

## **3. Communication**

### A. Superintendent

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#### 1) Superintendent Updates

##### a) **Regulations**

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

#### 2) District Enrollment

##### a) Report, **as submitted**

[Clifford  
Stratton  
Harker  
Hill](#)

#### 3) Shout Outs!

- Shout out to Walter Hill Student Lainey Pollard for coming up with the idea for our quarter mile fundraiser for Isaac.
- Shout out to Kelly Woronicak for all her help and organizing the Hill G&T Program to execute and support our quarter mile fundraiser for Isaac
- Shout out to the Acting Superintendent Jackie Traini and the SWSD School Board for their support with the quarter mile fundraiser for Isaac

- Shout out to Jeni Boston, Kim Cheeseman, Lorraine Campbell, and Scott Uribe for their support with the quarter mile fundraiser and allowing collections in their building
- Shout out to the maintenance crew and Gene and Jen for the snow removal and support with keeping our Harker students safe!
- Shout-out to all the staff members that participated in the PTO fundraiser of the Harlem Wizards game! Whether working concessions, playing, reffing, or cheering our staff helped to create an awesome night for families!

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.

1- Mr. Eric Bennett- Kingsway Youth Basketball- Mr. Bennett requested the use of Facilities for their Summer Clinic for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students

**4. Action Items**

**Personnel/Finance/Negotiations Committee**

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

***Negotiations Committee Meeting Report, (Chairperson) Natalie Baker***

- **2027 Budget Presentation**
- **Personnel Items on Agenda**
- **Workshops**
- **Four Seasons Contract**
- **Policies**
- **SSDS- Student Safety Data System**

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

**A. Personnel- Recommendation:** Baker/Cecala-Read 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- William Brown Jr	Maintenance/Custodial Substitute	\$17.00	11-000-261-100-000-01	New Hire	February 12, 2026- pending completion of ALL state required paperwork
2- Brendan Oswald	Maintenance/Custodial Substitute	\$17.00	11-000-261-100-000-01	New Hire	February 12, 2026- pending completion of ALL state required paperwork
3- Tanis Coley	Receptionist	\$27,158.01	11-000-240-105-000-01-050	New Hire	February 2, 2026
4- Caroline Smith	Teacher	-	-	Retirement	June 30, 2026
5- Jessica Alicea & Dalton Damon	Student Teacher	-	-	Clinical Placement through Rowan University under the direction of Moran Linvill	Once a week (Tuesday) from February 2026 through April 2026
6- Ryleigh Devlin & Nixa Dubon	Student Teacher	-	-	Clinical Placement through Rowan University under the direction of Dana Jones	Once a week (Tuesday) from February 2026 through April 2026
7- Laycee Engel & Kaylee Ferguson	Student Teacher	-	-	Clinical Placement through Rowan University under the direction of Janeen Buirch	Once a week (Tuesday) from February 2026 through April 2026
8- Kaitlin Grady & Morgan Murphy	Student Teacher	-	-	Clinical Placement through Rowan	Once a week (Tuesday) from February 2026 through April 2026

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				University under the direction of Kristen Gutelius	
9- Rebecca Hawk & Kelsey Hart	Student Teacher	-	-	Clinical Placement through Rowan University under the direction of Joanne Ferrara	Once a week (Tuesday) from February 2026 through April 2026
10- Haley Hill & Camille Immendorf	Student Teacher	-	-	Clinical Placement through Rowan University under the direction of Debbie Hannold	Once a week (Tuesday) from February 2026 through April 2026
11- Hailey Mashaw & Lexie Miletta	Student Teacher	-	-	Clinical Placement through Rowan University under the direction of Lisa Masciangelo	Once a week (Tuesday) from February 2026 through April 2026
12- Thomas Smith	Student Teacher	-	-	Clinical Placement through Rowan University under the direction of Dee Conrad	Once a week (Tuesday) from February 2026 through April 2026
13- Samantha Ard	SWSD Substitute	\$135/day	11-110-100-101-000-01-070	New Hire-Building Substitute	February 12, 2026-pending completion of ALL state required paperwork
14- Allison Pitner	Teacher	MA/Step 3 \$59,016.00	11-213-100-101-000-01-080	Lane change to MA	February 12, 2026
15- Donna DeMareo	Paraprofessional	-	-	Requesting 1 day without pay	May 15, 2026
16- Noel Bobst	SWSD Substitute	\$135/day	11-110-100-101-000-01-070	New Hire-Building Substitute	February 12, 2026-pending completion of ALL state required paperwork
17- Anna Sisca	SWSD Substitute	\$135/day	11-110-100-1012-000-01-070	New Hire-Building Substitute	February 12, 2026-pending completion of ALL state required paperwork

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

Name	School	Stipend Position	Amount

**C. Workshops- Recommendation:** Baker/Cecala-Read approve the following workshops for the 2025-2026 school year, as listed:

Name	Workshop	Date & Time	Cost	Estimated

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				<b>Travel Cost</b>
1- Cristina D'Amelio	All In for Inclusive Education 7 Part Webinar Series	12pm-2:30pm/Various Dates	\$595	Virtual
2- Kathleen Hart & Albert DiGiacomo	All in for Inclusive Education- From Triggers to Triumph	March 2, 2026/12pm-2:30pm	\$85/person	Virtual
3- Danielle O'Donnell, Oliva Denson, Alyssa Green	All in for Inclusive Education- Strengthening Tier 1	March 11, 2026	\$85/person	Virtual
4- Ada Kreutzer	Embrace Our Multilingualism: Empower the Next Generation	March 18, 2026	\$180	\$0
5- Erin West	Winter Inclusion Series – UDL in Action: Designing Flexible and Inclusive Learning Experiences	February 27, 2026	\$85	Virtual

D. Recommendation: Baker/Cecala-Read approve the [Board Secretary's Report](#) in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of **December 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 **December 2025**. The Treasurer Report and Board Secretary's Report are in agreement for the month of **December 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/Cecala-Read approve for payment of **February 2026** regular and addendum bills in the amount of **\$ 775,781.39** and payment of **January 2026** payroll in the amount of **\$ 1,568,485.56, as submitted.**

F. Recommendation: Baker/Cecala-Read approve the **Line-Item Transfer** for **January 2026, as submitted.**

G. Recommendation: Baker/Cecala-Read approve **Tuition Reimbursements** for the 2025-2026 school year, **as submitted.**

H. Recommendation: Baker/Cecala-Read approve the first contract renewal of **Four Seasons Landscaping** for a total contract cost of \$116,040, **as submitted.**

I. Recommendation: Baker/Cecala-Read approve the contract renewal of **Critical Response Group**, annual implementation and maintenance of site data, for a total contract cost of \$2,140, **as submitted.**

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)

(All yes, motion to carry 9-0)

Natalie Baker-Y

Julie Dickson-Y

Erin Carroll-Y

Laurie Cecala-Read-Y

Kenneth Riley-Y

James McCarrie-Y

Kevin Rodden-Y

Raymond Anderson-Y

Gina Azzari-Y

**Curriculum**

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

- **Student Teachers**
- **SSDS- Student Safety Data System**
- **Behavioral Assessments**
- **Superintendent Search**

- A. Recommendation: Riley/Rodden approve Brett DiNovi and Associates to conduct Functional Behavior Assessments as needed and appropriate (\$2,100 per assessment)
- B. Recommendation: Riley/Rodden approve SWSD Student Teachers, from Rowan College of South Jersey, to observe co-teaching pairs on March 30 and 31, of which Dana Teague will be monitoring.
- C. Recommendation: Riley/Rodden approve to accept the **SSDS (Student Safety Data System) Information** for July 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025, **as submitted**.

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)

(Motion to carry- 9-0 B & C; 8-0-1 for A Anderson abstained)

Natalie Baker-Y	Julie Dickson-Y	Erin Carroll-Y
Laurie Cecala-Read-Y	Kenneth Riley-Y	James McCarrie-Y
Kevin Rodden-Y	Gina Azzari-Y	
Raymond Anderson- Y for B & C; abstain from A		

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

**• *Policies on the Agenda for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading***

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

- [0142.1](#)          Nepotism
- [1220](#)          Employment of CSA
- [1552](#)          Sexual Harassment
- [5339](#)          Student Sun Protection

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)  
(All yes, motion to carry 9-0)

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

**Operations**

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

• **Facility Usage**

A. Facility Usage Requests

Recommendation: Baker/Cecala-Read 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- Four Seasons at Weatherby HOA	Charles Stratton School – Multi Purpose Room - Stage Side	March 3 & 4 2026, 6:30-9:00 PM	Meeting
2- Head Strong Foundation	Charles Harker School – Athletic Field	Summer 5:00 – 7:00 PM	Lacrosse
3- Summer Fun Camp	Charles Harker School – Gym & Cafeteria	Summer 6:45 AM – 6:15 PM	Camps
4- SWSD – Julie Donahue	Charles Harker School – Classrooms, Gym, Cafeteria	8/03 – 8/06, 7:45 AM to 3:45 PM	Summer Camp
5- The Goddard School	Charles Stratton School – Multi Purpose Room	6/12/26, 2:00 – 6:30 PM	Graduation
6- Parks & Recs	Charles Harker School - Cafeteria	3/13/26, 5:30-9:00 PM	Mother-Son Mixer
7- SWSA	Harker Fields	Week of 3/9/2026	Practice

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)

(All yes, motion to carry 9-0)

Natalie Baker-Y

Julie Dickson-Y

Erin Carroll-Y

Laurie Cecala-Read-Y

Kenneth Riley-Y

James McCarrie-Y

Kevin Rodden-Y

Raymond Anderson-Y

Gina Azzari-Y

**Public Comments**

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1- Mrs. Eileen Healey-SWEA President

- At the Ad Hock Meeting stipends were reviewed

2- Mr. Milt Leap, Jr- Swedesboro

- Mr. Leap addressed the board and asked if some of the items in the Vault at the Walter Hill School can be donated to the Swedesboro Historical Society

**Board Ethics Training**- School Board Counsel- Jeff Catalano

**Delegates:**

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

**6. Adjournment**

Recommendation: Dickson/Baker approve the adjournment of meeting.

Board action needed: Yes

Time: 8:03 pm

(All yes, motion to carry 9-0)

**Respectfully submitted,**



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

**Next Meeting(s).**

**March 11, 2026**

**Board/Committee Meetings as scheduled**