COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING April 30, 2026

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Stafford Township Board of Education was held on April 30, 2026 at 6:10pm at the Stafford Township Arts Center (STAC).

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 on TAPinto. 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 (Absent)
Keith Mollema	Member
Matthew Regulski	Member
Christopher Smith	Member
Bonnie Strouse	Member
Joseph Washco	Member
Kevin Cooney	Vice President
Tammy Wagner	President

ALSO PRESENT

George J. Chidiac	Superintendent
Lourdes LaGuardia	Business Administrator/Board of Education Secretary
Martin J. Buckley, Esq.	Board of Education Attorney

FLAG SALUTE

A. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

None

B. CLOSED SESSION

None

C. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None

D. PERSONNEL/POLICY

Chairperson Tammy Wagner – Update (Policy Only)

- Mr. Chidiac discussed the items on the personnel section of the action; reviewed transfers/changes of assignment; and various postings district-wide.

- Mr. Chidiac shared the letter received from Ocean Township (Waretown) regarding consolidation of schools. No real savings and will respectfully decline the study.

- Mr. Chidiac reviewed the Board Goals, an evaluation of the superintendent should be completed by each board member and asked if they have any input. Summary good things already.

- Ground Breaking Ceremony was successful and was attending by many administrators, board members, architect, project managers. Exciting news.

- Mr. Chidiac informed the Board on notice of non-renewals - Board to receive list. George reviewed the process and employee rights.

- Mr. Chidiac advised the Board to complete his superintendent evaluation, as it is a QSAC requirement.

E. SPECIAL EDUCATION/CURRICULUM

Chairperson Matthew Regulski – Update

- Dr. Regulski reported that the district's AI Policy Committee is scheduled to convene in early May with the primary focus on interpreting existing frameworks and developing a communication strategy. Creativity and innovation will also be the forefront as students participate in district-wide science fairs and expos.

- Mr. Chidiac reported that Mrs. Banach is currently administering State Testing and reports that there was adaptive reading/math and that overall staff was prepared. Testing ends on May 1st except for makeups.

- Mrs. Roselli reported on the final CPBA meeting; Lenape Music Therapy with children in the gym; art activities with Mrs. Willadsen and sing-along therapy with Bri Dorso; Friendship Field Day is scheduled for June 15th; and Staff Appreciation.

- Mr. Chidiac reported that the district will be competing in the STEAM Tank Challenge again; Teacher Above and Beyond Award – Applebee's; applying for a grant for the Ocean Acres gym floor; hot water heater burst at McKinley.

F. FINANCE/BUILDINGS&GROUNDS

Chairperson Joseph Washco – Update

- Mr. Chidiac briefly discussed the 2026-2027 Budget to be presented at the Business Meeting.

- Mr. Washco reported on the following items: Broke Ground for the Oxycocus Addition/Alterations Project; new playground at the PLC opens next week; roof repairs at Intermediate are almost done; multi-HVAC projects are slated for summer completion; STAC dance competitions and Dance Mom's event; and student lunch increase.

G. CLOSED SESSION – 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:

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. Cooney to move on the above Resolution. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (8-0); motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Fenlon and seconded by Dr. Regulski to exit closed session and resume regular meeting. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (8-0); motion passed.

TIME IN: 6:32pm
TIME AT CONCLUSION OF CLOSED SESSION: 6:48pm

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Fenlon and seconded by Dr. Regulski to adjourn the meeting at 6:49pm. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (8-0); motion passed.

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Lourdes LaGuardia
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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