

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Agenda-June 22, 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 7, 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**

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

**D. BOARD BUSINESS**

**Mrs. Galante**

1. Strategic Plan Update- Dr. Papa

**That the following Board Business resolutions be approved:**

2. Motion to approve the Committee of the Whole of Board Education meeting minutes and executive session minutes from June 1, 2026. (attachment)
3. Motion to approve the April 30, 2026 Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports which balanced in the amount of \$3,971,988.46 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10(c)3, we certify that as of April 30, 2026 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)
4. Motion to approve the May 31, 2026 Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports which balanced in the amount of \$4,045,600.15 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10(c)3, we certify that as of May 31, 2026 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)

5. RESOLUTION RE: REQUESTING GOVERNOR MIKIE SHERRILL RESTORE FULL FUNDING TO THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL OF CONSERVATION

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2022, the State of New Jersey Legislature amended N.J.S.A. 18A:641-1, et seq. transferring the direction of the New Jersey School of Conservation ("NJSOC") property from Montclair State University to the Friends of the New Jersey School of Conservation, a tax-exempt nonprofit organization; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:641-1, NJSOC shall be used in perpetuity as a school for environmental field study under the direction of the Friends of the NJSOC pursuant to a 20-year lease between the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Friends of NJSOC; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:641-5 provides that the State of New Jersey shall provide all moneys appropriated by an annual appropriations act for the maintenance and support of the NJSOC to the Friends of NJSOC, which shall expend the funds for the expenses necessary for the operation of the NJSOC, including maintenance of the grounds and buildings, purchase of equipment, funding educational programs, and housing students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, any monies appropriated under N.J.S.A. 18A:641-5 shall pass through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to the Friends of NJSOC; and

WHERE AS, the State of New Jersey has eliminated funds for the operation and maintenance of the NJSOC thus forcing the NJSOC to close: and

WHERE AS, such a closing will hurt the local Sussex County economy, where the NJSOC has worked with 9 local businesses contributing \$1.7 million to the local economy over the past three years; and

WHERE AS, partnerships, associations and programs with numerous local community organizations including Sussex County ARC, Sussex County Library, Sussex County Self Sufficiency - NJ Youth Corps, Sussex County Chamber of Commerce will be curtailed; and

WHERE AS, eight Sussex County elementary schools who rely on their environmental education programming through field trips at the NJSOC will be halted; and

WHERE AS, a dozen Sussex County teachers who have attended teacher professional development training on conservation, stewardship and climate change will no longer have the benefit of this necessary training; and

WHERE AS, the Sussex County Community College has recently entered into a partnership to allow for field study, research and interns at the NJSOC for their students; and

WHERE AS, if not funded, the NJSOC would be forced to layoff of 30 dedicated professionals many who live in Sussex County,

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved, that the Sussex County Commissioners in full consideration of the negative impact to the economy of Sussex County, the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the students, educators and researchers of the state of New Jersey, call upon Governor Mikie Sherrill to immediately restore the New Jersey School of Conservation's budget request of Three million (\$3,000,000.00) Dollars.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Board shall forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Office of Governor Mikie Sherrill; Assemblywoman Dawn Fantasia, Assemblyman Michael Inganamort; and the New Jersey School of Conservation.

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Roll Call Vote:

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Papa

F. CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Galante

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G. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mrs. Galante

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Galante

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I. **ACTION ITEMS:**

**PERSONNEL**

**Mr. DeGroat**

**That the following Personnel resolutions 1-8 be approved as recommended by the Superintendent:**

1. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve attached professional days. (attachment)
2. Be it resolved that the Board of Education acknowledges that Kasey Lennon, previously approved for employment as the Part-Time Art Teacher at the June 1, 2026 Board Meeting, has declined the position and will not be employed by the district.
3. Motion to accept the resignation of Briana DeFilippis, ESY Teacher, effective June 2, 2026.
4. Motion to appoint Deirdre Mastandrea, Social Worker, the Community and Parent Involvement Specialist for the 2026-2027 school year.
5. Motion to approve the summer garden/greenhouse coordinator position beginning June 23, 2026-August 28, 2026 for 5 hours per week, 10 weeks, not to exceed 50 hours total for the summer.
6. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following stipend positions from June 23, 2026-August 28, 2026 to be paid at a rate of \$20/hour as per timesheets submitted, not to exceed 50 hours total combined:

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-Corrine Robinson (co-coordinator)  
-Alexandra Caccavale (co-coordinator)

7. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to establish a part time Dean of Students position and approve the attached job description. (attachment)
8. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Kim Gallagher, Director of Special Education of Fredon School, to be teacher in charge for the ESY program on July 27, 2026 at no cost to the district.

**Moved By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Roll Call Vote:**

**That the following Personnel resolutions 9-18 be approved as recommended by the Superintendent:**

9. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve contract for the following full-time Para-Professional staff member for employment for the 2026-2027 school year from September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Base Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Base Salary</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Total Salary</u>
Kerkhoven, Nicole	Preschool	\$ 16.53	\$19,556.76	N/A	\$19,556.76

10. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve contract for the following part-time Para-Professional staff member for employment for the 2026-2027 school year from September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Base Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Total Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Contract Hours</u>
Raff, Bobbi Jean	Special Education	\$ 15.49	\$ -	\$ 15.49	27.5 hours/week

11. Motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following substitute technology coordinators if needed for the 2026-2027 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Christopher Pisciotta	\$65.00/hour
Daniel Yardley	\$61.20/hour

12. Motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following 2026 summer custodians:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Bianca Mustica	\$16.00/hour	July 6, 2026- August 14, 2026 (6 weeks) 7.5 paid hours per day	Pending working papers
Lily Harvey	\$15.92/hour	July 6, 2026- August 14, 2026 (6 weeks) 7.5 paid hours per day	Pending working papers
Jennifer Siple	\$16.53/hour	July 1, 2026- August 28, 2026	N/A
Aiden Moore	\$15.92/hour	July 6, 2026- August 14, 2026 (6 weeks) 7.5 paid hours	Pending working papers

		per day	
Chelsea Rivera	\$15.92/hour	July 6, 2026- August 14, 2026 (6 weeks) 7.5 paid hours per day	Pending working papers

13. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following staff members to hold a Preschool Pops on the Playground Event at a rate of \$34/hour, not to exceed 1 hour on July 7, 2026 (rain date July 8<sup>th</sup>):

Christine Pagano  
 Kayla Davis  
 Katie Bradley  
 Chelsea Mobilio  
 Janessa Green  
 Micheala Capel  
 Jessica Garrigan

14. Motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following staff members for the custodial building use stipend of \$35.00/hour, as worked, for the 2026-2027 school year when organizations are using the building and it is scheduled to be closed:

Gary Post  
 Michael Maggio  
 Robert Kay  
 Kim Kampka

15. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following substitute teachers/paraprofessionals/main office secretaries for the 2026-2027 school year:

Denise Bessemer  
 Jake Kramer  
 Nicole DiRienzo  
 Eileen Lockburner  
 Gina Capano  
 Megan Hurley  
 Anne Moore  
 Christina Locascio  
 Molly Riva  
 Klaudia Duplaga  
 Marley Balkau  
 Lisa Grau  
 Sean Harris  
 Nicole Vassallo

Dante Cornella  
Caitlin Pittenger Zgola  
Kathleen O'Flaherty  
Caryn Feder-pending criminal history & background check  
Kimberly Schwarz  
Emily Perez  
Katie Witowski

16. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following substitute paraprofessionals/main office secretaries for the 2026-2027 school year:

Ashley Smith  
Clara Steffens  
Danielle Wunder  
Carissa Roycroft  
BobbieJean Raff

17. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following substitute nurses for the 2026-2027 school year:

Marianne Pavone  
Holly Sharlow  
Erica Verstraete-pending criminal history & background check

18. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following substitute custodians for the 2026-2027 school year:

Kimberly Kampka- \$16.53/hour  
Richard Hatch- \$16.40/hour  
Jennifer Siple- \$16.53/hour  
Glenn Eisenecker- \$16.75/hour

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 approve agreement with Morris County Educational Services Commission for Professional Support services as needed for the 2026-2027 school year.
2. Motion to approve J&B Therapy to provide Occupational Therapy Services 4 days per week from September 1, 2026-June 30, 2027 for a total cost of \$87,920.
3. Motion to approve the Stillwater Township School Chapter 27 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan for the 2026-2027 school year and submit to the County Office. (attachment)
4. Motion to approve the alternate method of compliance, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-6.3(h)4ii and 4iii, by providing a toilet room adjacent to or outside the Stillwater School Kindergarten classrooms (Room A15 & Room A21) in lieu of individual toilet rooms in each classroom for the 2026-2027 school year. Student use of the toilet room will be in line of sight by a faculty member to and from the bathroom.
5. Motion to approve the alternate method of compliance, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-6.3(h)4ii and 4iii, by providing a toilet room adjacent to or outside the Stillwater School Preschool classroom (Room C14) in lieu of individual toilet rooms in each classroom for the 2026-2027 school year. Student use of the toilet room will be in line of sight by a faculty member to and from the bathroom.
6. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the shared service contract for the 2026-2027 school year for the part-time Regional Curriculum Coordinator, Kristen Karl, at annual cost of \$49,800, split equally between Sandyston-Walpack, Fredon, Hampton, Stillwater, and Kittatinny Regional High School. The Fredon Township Board of Education will serve as the LEA.
7. Motion to approve the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to the YMCA Fairview Lake Camp on October 8 & 9, 2026. Student cost is \$128.00/student. Transportation to be paid for by the Board of Education.
8. Motion to award the following professional services contract to J&B Therapy for as needed student services, beginning July 1, 2026 and concluding June 30, 2027; and, in accordance with 18A:18A-2 governing Professional Services, these services are authorized by law, regulated by law requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study:

<b><u>Service</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>
Occupational Therapy	\$96.50/hour
Speech Therapy	\$96.50/hour
Physical Therapy	\$112.50/hour
Educational Support Services (LDTC)	\$102.50/hour
Psychologist Services	\$102.50/hour
Evaluations*	\$450.00/evaluation
Bilingual Evaluations	\$545.00/evaluation

Behavioral Support Services as provided by BCBA/Behavioral Supervisor	\$102.50/hour (3 hour/week minimum)
Behavioral Plans & Functional Behavior Assessments	\$102.50/hour
Behavioral Support Services as provided by a Behaviorist	\$102.50/hour
Reading Specialist	\$95.00/hour
Home Instruction	\$76.00/hour
Social Work Services	\$95.00/hour
*ABA Paraprofessional Services	\$45.00/hour
*Paraprofessional Services	\$37.00/hour
Teacher of the Deaf Services	\$155.00/hour
ESY Services	\$495.00/day
ESY Services- 1 hour or less	Billed hourly, 2 hour minimum
Administrative Fee	2%

\*Includes, but is not limited to, evaluations for Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Educational Assessments, and Psychological Evaluations.

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Roll Call Vote:

**BUILDING & GROUNDS**

**Mr. Franek**

1. Building & Grounds Update- Mrs. Metzgar

**That the following Building & Grounds resolutions be approved:**

2. Motion to approve building and use calendar for July 2026. (attachment)
3. Motion to approve CJ Vanderbeck and Son, Inc. for the 2026 boiler cleaning in the amount of \$8,200 for two boiler rooms.  
Other quote: Battista Plumbing & Heating-No Response  
Combustion Service Corp- No Response  
Manhattan Welding- No Response
4. Motion to approve contract with Western Pest Services for monthly pest services at a rate of \$75.00/month. Additional fees for intensive services if needed.
5. Motion to accept the following time and material quotes for the 2026-2027 school year:

Service	Company	Rates
Locksmith	Ironclad Security	Hourly Rate: \$145/hour Mark Up: MSRP

Heating/Cooling/Boiler Repairs	CJ Vanderbeck and Son, Inc.	Hourly Rate: \$160/hour Overtime Rate: \$240/hour Mark Up: 20%
Plumbing/Water UV System/Soda Ash	Iron Mountain Mechanical	Hourly Rate: \$175/hour Emergency Rate: \$262.50/hour Travel Time: \$75 Mark Up: 20%
Electrician	No response	No response

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote:

**TRANSPORTATION**

**Mrs. Voris**

**That the following Transportation resolution be approved:**

- Motion to approve renewal of transportation contracts with Stocker Bus Company for the 2026-2027 school year for the following summer school routes in the following amounts as listed:

Route	Prev. Yrs Cost	Aide	# of Days	CPI 3.58%	Inc/Dec Provision	Total renewal Cost
(8) ST 30	\$177.00	N/A	16	\$ 6.33	2.00	\$183.33
(8) ST 31	\$208.07	N/A	16	\$ 7.44	2.00	\$215.51
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL COST</b>				<b>\$6,381.44</b>		

\*Stillwater will only be charged for actual routes running.

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Roll Call Vote:

**BUDGET & FINANCE**

**Mrs. Thibault**

**That the following Budget & Finance resolutions be approved:**

- Motion to approve the following checks from May 12, 2026-June 22, 2026 as attached: (attachment)

<b>Account</b>	<b>Check Numbers</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Funds 10, 11, 12, 20	30854-30923, N0515, N0529, N0612, N0615, N0617	\$1,218,712.12
Capital Reserve	N/A	\$0
Student Activities	2768-2770	\$17,475.69
Cafeteria	6718-6721	\$640.50
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$1,236,828.31</b>

2. Motion to approve the attached list of purchase orders over \$1,000 for the 2025-2026 school year. (attachment)
3. Motion to approve monthly travel as attached. (attachment)
4. Motion to approve transfers from April 1, 2026 to May 31, 2026 as attached. (attachment)
5. Motion to approve School Device Coverage to provide an optional parent paid insurance program for student chromebooks at a cost of \$24/device/year for the 2026-2027 school year.
6. Motion to accept the 2026 FOCUS Continuation discretionary grant program in the amount of \$1,176.00.
7. Motion to accept \$160.00 donation from the Castner Family for preschool.
8. Motion to approve the transfer from capital reserve to general fund in the amount of \$2,000 legal fees for the 1988 wing project.
9. Motion to approve the transfer from the general fund to the maintenance reserve account in the amount of \$1,500 for used project funds.
10. Motion to approve the attached resolution to renew with the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group for a period of three years from July 1, 2026-June 30, 2029. (attachment)
11. Motion to accept the following 2026 summer tuition students:

<b>Sending District</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Tuition Cost</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>
Fredon	0411201	\$850	K-6 SpEd
Fredon	0411202	\$850	K-6 SpEd
Fredon	080819	\$850	K-6 SpEd
Fredon	042120	\$850	K-6 SpEd
Fredon	010919	\$850	K-6 SpEd
Fredon	031017	\$850	K-6 SpEd
Fredon	040617	\$850	K-6 SpEd
Fredon	012317	\$850	K-6 SpEd
Fredon	100115	\$850	K-6 SpEd
Fredon	082221	\$850	PSD
Fredon	121120	\$850	PSD

12. Motion to approve resolution for Report of Awarded Contracts:

Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Stillwater Township Board of Education intends to renew, award, or permit to expire the following contracts previously awarded by the board of education. These contracts are, have been, and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations; in particular, New Jersey Title 18A:18. et.seq, NJAC Chapter 23, and Federal Uniform Administrative Requirements 2CFR, Part200 as per attached list. (attachment)

13. Motion to approve resolution transfer of current year surplus to capital reserve:

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 18A:21-2, NJSA 18A:7G-31, and NJSA 18A:7F-41 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a board of education to transfer unanticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education wishes to transfer unanticipated excess current year revenue or unexpended appropriations from the general fund into a Capital Reserve account at year end, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has determined that (an amount not to exceed) \$700,000 may be available for such purpose of transfer;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

14. Motion to approve resolution transfer of current year surplus to maintenance reserve:

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 18A:21-2, NJSA 18A:7G-31, and NJSA 18A:7F-41 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a board of education to transfer unanticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education wishes to transfer unanticipated excess current year revenue or unexpended appropriations from the general fund into a Maintenance Reserve account at year end, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has determined that (an amount not to exceed) \$100,000 may be available for such purpose of transfer;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education that it hereby

authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Roll Call Vote:**

K. **LEGISLATION** Mrs. Kraft

L. **COMMUNITY RELATIONS** Mrs. Voris

M. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** Mrs. Galante

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

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N. **NEW BUSINESS** Mrs. Galante

1. Board Member Petitions due July 27, 2026 no later than 4:00 pm.

O. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** Mrs. Galante

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P. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Mrs. Galante**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Stillwater Township Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and 10:4-13 that said public body hold a closed session for the purpose of discussing the Student Privacy, Legal Matters, Superintendent Evaluation it is expected that the minutes taken of this closed session will be made public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

Q. **ADJOURN**