

June 1, 2026

The Stillwater Township Board of Education met on June 1, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Stillwater School Library for a Committee of the Whole Board of Education Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Krista Galante, President, at 7:00 p.m. 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.

Mrs. Galante led the flag salute. The following Board members were present: Mrs. Galante, Mrs. Frey, Mr. Franek, Mrs. Thibault, Mr. DeGroat, Mrs. Kraft, Mrs. Valeich, and Mrs. Voris (arrived 7:14 pm).

Absent: Mrs. Williver.

Also present were Dr. Danny Papa, Superintendent, René Metzgar, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Marissa Cramer, Principal/Supervisor of CST and Special Education/Basic Skills, and members of the public.

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

1. Dr. Papa- Retiree Recognition. Dr. Papa congratulated and thanked Mrs. Piazza on her retirement at the end of this school year and all her years of service and dedication to the school.

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

2. Motion to approve the Regular Board of Education Meeting minutes and Executive Session meeting minutes from May 11, 2026. (attachment)

**Moved By:** Mr. DeGroat    **Seconded By:** Mrs. Frey

**Voice Vote:** Mrs. Galante-Aye; Mrs. Williver-Absent; Mr. DeGroat-Aye; Mr. Franek- Aye; Mrs. Frey-Aye; Mrs. Kraft-Aye; Mrs. Thibault-Aye; Mrs. Valeich-Abstain; and Mrs. Voris-Absent.  
Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **PERSONNEL**

**That the following Personnel resolutions 1-7 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 approve the employment contract with Marissa Cramer as Principal/Supervisor of Child Study Team, Special Education, BSI from July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$121,493.65 plus longevity.
3. Motion to approve maternity leave for employee #993 beginning on or about September 11, 2026 with the intent to return August 2027 for the 2027-2028 school year. This leave includes up to 12 weeks covered by FMLA & NJFLA.
4. Motion to approve maternity leave for employee #1036 beginning on or about October 5, 2026 with the intent to return March 1, 2027. This leave includes up to 12 weeks covered by FMLA & NJFLA.
5. Motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve shared service contract agreement with the Stillwater Township Board of Education, Fredon Township Board of Education, Hampton Township Board of Education, Sandyston-Walpack Board of Education, and Kittatinny Regional Board of Education for school security officers as needed for the 2026-2027 school year. Stillwater, Kittatinny, & Fredon will be the LEAs.
6. Motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve shared service contract agreement between the Stillwater Township Board of Education, Fredon Township Board of Education, Hampton Township Board of Education, Sandyston-Walpack Board of Education, and Kittatinny Regional Board of Education, for nursing services for the purpose to administer medication when no nurse is available for the 2026-2027 school year. There will be no cost to any district for this service.
7. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to offer the following contract to the new non-tenured instructional staff members for employment for the 2026-2027 school year from August 31, 2026 to June 30, 2027, pending receipt of official transcripts, and criminal history & background check: (attachments)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Capel, Michaela	Preschool	BA, Step 1	\$63,177.00
Lennon, Kasey	Part-Time Art (.8FTE)	BA, Step 5	\$53,701.60
Mastandrea, Deirdre	Part-Time Social Worker (.4 FTE)	MA+30, Step 7	\$30,478.80

**Moved By:** Mr. DeGroat **Seconded By:** Mr. Franek

**Roll Call Vote:** Mrs. Galante-Aye; Mrs. Williver-Absent; Mr. DeGroat-Aye; Mr. Franek- Aye; Mrs. Frey-Aye; Mrs. Kraft-Aye; Mrs. Thibault-Aye; Mrs. Valeich-Aye; and Mrs. Voris-Absent. Motion carried.

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

8. RESOLUTION OF THE STILLWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION EXPRESSING A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN THE SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

**WHEREAS**, the Stillwater Township Board of Education recognizes the importance of sound fiscal management, operational leadership, transparency, and administrative professionalism within the school district; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board acknowledges the dedication, professionalism, and continued service of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary in carrying out the financial and operational responsibilities of the district; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary has demonstrated commitment to supporting the educational mission of the district through responsible budget development, financial oversight, compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and support of Board operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board values the leadership, integrity, institutional knowledge, and collaborative working relationship provided by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to the Board, administration, staff, and community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Stillwater Township Board of Education hereby expresses its full confidence in the performance, professionalism, and leadership of **René Metzgar**, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board extends its appreciation for the ~~continued commitment and service provided to the students, staff, and community of the~~ district; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be entered into the official minutes of the Stillwater Township Board of Education and provided to **René Metzgar**, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

**Moved By:** Mr. DeGroat    **Seconded By:** Mrs. Kraft

**Roll Call Vote:** Mrs. Galante-Aye; Mrs. Williver-Absent; Mr. DeGroat-Aye; Mr. Franek- Aye; Mrs. Frey-Aye; Mrs. Kraft-Aye; Mrs. Thibault-Aye; Mrs. Valeich-Aye; and Mrs. Voris-Absent. Motion carried.

**POLICY**

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

1. Motion to approve the second and final reading of the following policy:

-Policy #6171.4 Special Education (attachment)

**Moved By:** Mrs. Valeich **Seconded By:** Mrs. Thibault

**Voice Vote:** Mrs. Galante-Aye; Mrs. Williver-Absent; Mr. DeGroat-Aye; Mr. Franek- Aye; Mrs. Frey-Aye; Mrs. Kraft-Aye; Mrs. Thibault-Aye; Mrs. Valeich-Aye; and Mrs. Voris-Absent. Motion carried.

## **EDUCATION & CURRICULUM**

**That the following Education & Curriculum resolutions be approved:**

1. Motion to award the following professional services contracts 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>Service</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Behavioral Consultant	Brett DiNovi & Associates, L.L.C.	Behavioral Consultant: \$140.00/hour, Clinical Associate: \$60.00/hour not to exceed \$59,000.

2. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve contract with SEARCH Learning Group from July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027 at a rate of \$786.00 per day for a total of \$168,204 for student #27504027.
3. Motion to approve contract with Creative Speech Solutions, LLC to provide speech and occupational therapy services for student#27504027 at a rate of \$97.00/session for a total of \$291.00 per month from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

**Moved By:** Mrs. Frey **Seconded By:** Mr. DeGroat

**Voice Vote:** Mrs. Galante-Aye; Mrs. Williver-Absent; Mr. DeGroat-Aye; Mr. Franek- Aye; Mrs. Frey-Aye; Mrs. Kraft-Aye; Mrs. Thibault-Aye; Mrs. Valeich-Aye; and Mrs. Voris-Absent. Motion carried.

## **BUILDING & GROUNDS**

1. Building and Grounds Update- Mrs. Metzgar provided an update on the 1941/56 boiler replacement schedule.

Mrs. Voris arrived 7:14 pm

2. Building & Grounds Committee Update- Mr. Franek provided an update on the buildings and grounds committee meeting that was held last Wednesday. The committee reviewed the components of the 1988 wing project and discussed with the full board. The board conducted a straw pull to split the project to two questions for the referendum vote. All present agreed.

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

3. Motion to approve the renewal of student accident insurance with Bollinger Specialty Group for the 2026-2027 school year for a total cost of \$3,355.
4. Motion to approve the purchase of a new VERO spinner for the playground for a total cost of \$9,166.34 from Ben Shaffer Recreation. NJCPA COOP-BID-2435.

**Moved By:** Mr. Franek      **Seconded By:** Mr. DeGroat

**Voice Vote:** Mrs. Galante-Aye; Mrs. Williver-Absent; Mr. DeGroat-Aye; Mr. Franek- Aye; Mrs. Frey-Aye; Mrs. Kraft-Aye; Mrs. Thibault-Aye; Mrs. Valeich-Aye; and Mrs. Voris-Aye. Motion carried.

**TRANSPORTATION**

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

1. Motion to retroactively approve the following field trip for the 2025-2026 school year:

Location	Grade
Kittatinny Regional High School	Grade 6-Move Up Day

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

Date	Location	Grade	Cost
May 19, 2026	Kittatinny Regional High School	Grade 6-Move Up Day	1 Bus: \$213.93

3. Motion to approve the attached listing of summer school bus routes & stops for the 2026 summer school program. (attachment)

**Moved By:** Mrs. Voris      **Seconded By:** Mrs. Kraft

**Voice Vote:** Mrs. Galante-Aye; Mrs. Williver-Absent; Mr. DeGroat-Aye; Mr. Franek- Aye; Mrs. Frey-Aye; Mrs. Kraft-Aye; Mrs. Thibault-Aye; Mrs. Valeich-Aye; and Mrs. Voris-Aye. Motion carried.

**BUDGET & FINANCE**

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

1. Motion to retroactively authorize the submission of the ESEA Title I & Title IV amendments to the application for FY2025.

2. Motion to purchase 83 chromebooks from GovConnection, Inc in the amount of \$44,239. (SOURCEWELL #121923). Funded through the following sources:
  - REAP Grant. \$33,519.00
  - PEA Funds: \$3,198.00
  - General Fund: \$7,522.00
3. Motion to approve submission of the Gopher Sport grant in the amount \$4,000 for archery and indoor/outdoor casting and fishing sets.
4. Motion to approve contract with E2E Exchange as our E-Rate Consultants at \$1,550 per year for category 1 funding and \$1,550 plus 3.5% of funding per year for category 2 services as needed, for the 2026-2027 & 2027-2028 school year.
5. Motion to approve renewal contract with Delta Dental for July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027 at the following rates:
  - One Party- \$55.13
  - Two Party-\$105.86
  - Three Party-\$177.20

6. RESOLUTION FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN THE PASSAIC COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM ID# 38PCCP. AUTHORIZING THE STILLWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the County of Passaic, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2026 the governing body of the STILLWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION, County of SUSSEX, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

**TITLE**

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the STILLWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

**AUTHORITY**

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

**CONTRACTING UNIT**

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

**Moved By:**  Mrs. Thibault  **Seconded By:**  Mr. DeGroat

**Voice Vote:** Mrs. Galante-Aye; Mrs. Williver-Absent; Mr. DeGroat-Aye; Mr. Franek- Aye; Mrs. Frey-Aye; Mrs. Kraft-Aye; Mrs. Thibault-Aye; Mrs. Valeich-Aye; and Mrs. Voris-Aye. Motion carried.

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Mrs. Voris reported on the following items:

- Stillwater Day- June 6<sup>th</sup>
- PTA Family Fun night- June 5<sup>th</sup>

## **LEGISLATIVE**

None.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*This public session is designed for members of the public to speak on items for Board consideration. By law, the Board of Education is under no obligation to respond to public comment. If the Board of Education chooses to respond, it does not waive its right thereafter not to respond. Members of the public are asked to state their name and address for the record. \*\*\*Members of the public are requested to keep their comments to a maximum of 5 minutes. \*\**

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- Richard Kelsky- Cedar Ridge Road, Stillwater, NJ- Asked if our Treasurer of School Monies stipend was eligible for pension. Also, asked Dr. Papa to provide an update on the meeting for the 1988 Wing he spoke about last meeting. Finally, he asked Mr. Franek to summarize the project costs without the state funds for questions 1 & 2.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by Mrs. Thibault, second by Mr. Franek at 7:33pm, 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 Legal Matters and 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. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Cramer was excused from the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Dr. Papa was excused from the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Mrs. Metzgar was excused from the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Valeich at 7:47 p.m. to come out of executive session and return to public session. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**ADJOURN**

Motion made by Mr. DeGroat and second by Mrs. Valeich, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



René Metzgar  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary