

Agenda
August 12, 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

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

☐ Gina Azzari, School Board President	All Committees
☐ Natalie Baker, School Board Vice President	(Chair) Policy, (Chair) Negotiations, Curriculum
☐ Julie Dickson	(Chair) Operations, Policy
☐ Erin Carroll	Personnel/Finance
☐ Laurie Cecala-Read	(Chair) Curriculum, Operations
☐ Kenneth Riley	(Chair) Personnel/Finance, Negotiations (Chair) District Growth & Planning
☐ James McCarrie	Personnel/Finance, Negotiations, District Growth & Planning
☐ Kevin Rodden	Operations, Policy, District Growth & Planning
☐ Raymond Anderson	Curriculum

Quorum_____

C. Flag Salute

D. Adoption of Agenda

Recommendation: Adoption of the agenda, **as presented.**

Board action needed: Yes

2) Recommendation: Return to **Regular Session**.

Board action needed: Yes

Time _____

Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the regular and/or executive session minutes dated **July 29, 2026, as submitted.**

Board action needed: Yes

2. Communication

A. Superintendent

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1) Superintendent Updates

2) Correspondence.

3) OPRA Log

Document (s) Requested	Who Requested	Date Received	Date Completed

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.

3. Action Items

Personnel/Finance/Negotiations Committee

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

Negotiations Committee Meeting Report, (Chairperson) Natalie Baker

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

A. Personnel- Recommendation: Approve the following personnel items, as listed:

Name	Position/ Cert	Salary	Budget Acct #	Action	Effective Date
1- Diamond Brown	Paraprofessional	-	-	Resignation	8/12/2026
2- Kelly Bonapfel & Jamie Mihok	Substitute Secretary	\$15.92/hour	11-000-262-107- 000-01	Substitute Secretary Renewal	2026-2027 School Year
3- Mia Brocco	LPC Substitute	\$15.92/hour	11-000-262-107- 000-01	New Hire	2026-2027 School Year- pending completion of ALL state required paperwork
4- Courtney Slusarsky, Noelle Bobst, Mallory Baptiste, Nikiya Donatelli	LPC Substitute Stratton/District	\$15.92/hour	11-000-262-107- 000-01	LPC Substitute Renewal	2026-2027 School Year
5- Linda Lobascio, Eve Persicketti, Allison Wood, Colleen Donnelly, Pam Hoffman, Lauren Schork, Jessica Cassidy, Linda Swain	LPC Stratton/District	\$15.92/hour	11-000-262-107- 000-01	LPC Renewal	2026-2027 School Year
6- Madeline Lynskey	Teacher	BA/Step 2/\$58,605	11-120-100-101- 000-01-050	New Hire	September 1, 2026- pending completion of ALL state required paperwork

B. Stipends- Recommendation: Approve the following stipends for the 2026-2027 school year, as listed:

Name	School	Stipend Position	Amount

C. Workshops- Recommendation: Approve the following workshops for the 2026-2027 school year, as listed:

Name	Workshop	Date & Time	Cost	Estimated Travel Cost
1- Jennifer Boston & Jacquelyn Traini	Blue Ribbon Schools Conference- Orlando Florida	November 30, 2026-December 3, 2026	\$673.13/person	TBD
2- Jacquelyn Traini, Jamie Flick,	From Vision to Action: A Strategic Planning	October 1, 2026	\$150/person	\$0

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Joel Brown, Kimberly Cheesman	Experience for District Leadership Teams/FEA Conference Center, Monroe Township			
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D. Regular, Payroll, Cafeteria & Addendum Bills

Recommendation: For payment of **August 2026** regular and addendum bills in the amount of **\$1,035,544.29** and payment of **July 2026** payroll in the amount of **\$290,411.25, as submitted.**

E. Recommendation: Approve the **Line-Item Transfer** for **July 2026, as submitted.**

F. Recommendation: Approve the following tuition rates for the 2026-2027 school year, as listed:

- K \$16,097
- 1st-5th \$15,926
- 6th \$ \$16,423
- Multiple Disability \$30,518
- PreK Disability (PT) \$13,530

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)

Natalie Baker
Laurie Cecala-Read
Kevin Rodden

Julie Dickson
Kenneth Riley
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Gina Azzari

Curriculum

Committee Meeting Report, (Chairperson) Laurie Cecala-Read

- A. Recommendation: Approve the Eagle Scout Service Project, Free Little Library at the Clifford School.
- B. Recommendation: Approve the [Board Goals](#) for the 2026-2027 school year, **as submitted**.
- C. Recommendation: Approve the following [Curriculum](#) for the 2026-2027 school year, **as submitted**.
- D. Recommendation: Approve the [2026-2027 District Professional Development Plan](#), **as submitted**.
- E. Recommendation: Approve the Marzano Framework as the Teacher Evaluation Tool and the Administrator Evaluation Tool for the 2026-2027 school year.
- F. Recommendation: Approve Haley Watson to instruct adult language classes for Swedesboro-Woolwich parents at the Clifford School on Monday evenings 6:00pm-8:00 pm. The classes will with the 2026-2027 District Calendar, at the contract rate of \$38/hour. Instructor payments and materials purchased will be processed with ESEA Title III funds.
- G. Recommendation: Approve the submission of the ESEA Application for Fiscal Year 2027, and accept the grant reward of these funds upon subsequent approval for the Fiscal Year 2027 ESEA Application.
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| • | Title I | \$79,571 |
| • | Title II | \$27,408 |
| • | Title III | \$60,998 |
| • | Title IV | \$11,898 |
- H. Recommendation: Approve the submission of the ESEA Application for Fiscal Year 2027, and accept the grant reward of these funds upon subsequent approval for the Fiscal Year 2027 ESEA Application.
- I. Recommendation: Approve Empowerment Matters, LLC to have Drs. John and Angie Gray present a full-day during the September 2, 2026 district In-Service at the cost of \$4,500. Purchase of services will be processed with ESEA Title II- A

funds. Training titled *Beyond the Lens: Building Relationships with Students Through Connection and Understanding*.

- J. Recommendation: Approve the [ACCESS Score Reports](#) for ELLs Spring 2026 presentation, **as submitted**.

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)

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Erin Carroll

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Kenneth Riley

James McCarrie

Kevin Rodden

Raymond Anderson

Gina Azzari

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

- A. Recommendation: Approve the following policies for 1st reading, as submitted:
- [5516](#) Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices
 - [8662](#) Transportation By Private or District-Owned Vehicles-To and From School
 - [2363](#) Student Use of Privately Owned Technology
- B. Recommendation: Approve the following policies for 2nd reading, **as submitted**.
- [0162](#) Notice of Board Meetings
 - [0162.01](#) Legal Notices
 - [1230](#) Superintendent Duties
 - [1643](#) Family Leave
 - [2200](#) Curriculum
 - [2260](#) Equity in School and Classroom Practices
 - [5561](#) Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities
 - [6112](#) Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures
 - [6115.02](#) Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Mandatory Disclosures
 - [6311](#) Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants
 - [8561](#) Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Program

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)

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District Growth and Planning Committee
Committee Meeting Report, (Chairperson) Ken Riley

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Operations

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

A. Facility Usage Requests

Recommendation: 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- Boy Scout and Girl Scout of America	All Schools	2026-2027- Various Dates and times- to be confirmed with Josh Stow	Troop and Pack Meetings

B. Recommendation: Approve the following Transportation Jointures with Kingsway Regional School District, **as submitted.**

- [2026 ESY](#)
- [2026-2027 School Year](#)

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)

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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: _____

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☐ 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.

Recommendation: To enter into **Executive Session** for the purpose of discussing/reviewing items as noted above.

Board action needed: Yes Time _____

Recommendation: Return to **Regular Session**.

Board action needed: Yes Time _____

Delegates:

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

6. Adjournment

Recommendation: Approve the adjournment of meeting.

Board action needed: Yes Time: _____

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Korey Jeffries
Board Secretary/SBA

Next Meeting(s).

September 23, 2026

Board/Committee Meetings as scheduled