

July 20, 2026

The Stillwater Township Board of Education met on July 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Stillwater School Library for a Regular Board of Education Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl Williver, Vice 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. Williver led the flag salute. The following Board members were present: Mrs. Williver, Mr. DeGroat, Mrs. Frey, Mrs. Valeich, and Mrs. Voris.

Absent: Mr. Franek, Mrs. Kraft, Mrs. Galante, and Mrs. Thibault.

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

That the following Board Business resolutions be approved:

1. Motion to approve the Regular Board Education meeting minutes and executive session minutes from June 22, 2026. (attachment)
2. Motion to approve the Special Board Education meeting minutes from June 29, 2026. (attachment)
3. Motion to approve the Preliminary (prior to audit) June 30, 2026 Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports which balanced in the amount of \$3,660,334.76 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10(c)3, we certify that as of June 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)

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

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Papa reported on the following items:

-NJ School of Conservation- Thank you letter for the support. Funding was received from the State to continue operations.

- Regional Study Meeting will be held on September 10, 2026 at Kittatinny Regional H.S at 6:00 pm.
- Sussex County Community College-Met with the President to begin to develop partnerships from their programs as well as student teacher opportunities.
- District Goals Update- ready for implementation for the 2026-2027 school year.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mrs. Williver thanked everyone for coming out for the architect presentation regarding the 1988 building.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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None.

ACTION ITEMS:

PERSONNEL

That the following Personnel resolutions be approved as recommended by the 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 Maureen Riva as the Part-time Dean of Students for the 2026-2027 school year.
3. Motion, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to offer the following contract to the new non-tenured instructional staff member 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: (attachment)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Lander, Ann Marie	Part-Time Art Teacher (.7FTE)	BA, Step 4	\$46,159.40

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

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

POLICY

None.

EDUCATION & CURRICULUM

1. SSDS Report-Reporting Period 2 (January 1, 2026-June 30, 2026)- Dr. Papa reported on the following: There were 6 incidents total- 2 categorized as violence, 1 confirmed HIB and 3 alleged incidents. Various programs were held during this time period such as check in and check out, mindfulness class, SEL lessons embedded into instruction, paraprofessional support, behavior intervention plans, lunch groups, conflict resolution, support from community partners - for example, center for prevention & counseling which began in January. The CORE team will continue to support a positive school climate.

That the following Education & Curriculum resolutions be approved:

2. Motion to approve the 2025-2026 School Self-Assessment for Determining HIB Grades as attached. (attachment)
3. Motion to retroactively approve revised contract for GM Consulting, to provide curriculum and professional development consulting services to cover a maternity leave for up to a total of 160 hours at the rate of \$100 per hour from February through June 2026. Costs will be split between Fredon, Hampton, Stillwater, and Sandyston. Fredon to be the LEA.
4. Be It Hereby Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board affirms the Superintendent's decision regarding 2025-2026 Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying Case #6-2526.
5. Be It Hereby Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board affirms the Superintendent's decision regarding 2025-2026 Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying Case #7-2526.
6. Be It Hereby Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board affirms the Superintendent's decision regarding 2025-2026 Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying Case #8-2526.
7. Motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the shared service contract agreement for the 2026-2027 school year with Kittatinny Regional High School, for a Spanish Teacher, Stella Goyo-Shields, for an annual cost of \$55,862.70. KRHS will be LEA.

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

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS

1. Building & Grounds Update- Mrs. Metzgar provided an update on the following Building & Grounds items:
 - 1941/1956 Boiler Room Replacement project status
 - Boiler inspections
 - Summer cleaning status

That the following Building & Grounds resolutions be approved:

2. Motion to approve building and use calendar for August 2026. (attachment)
3. Motion to approve the usage of our facility & Hold Harmless Agreement with Camp Nejeda for the Stillwater Township School to be used as a Student Evacuation Site for Camp Nejeda if needed.

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

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

TRANSPORTATION

That the following Transportation resolution be approved:

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

<u>Route</u>	<u>Prev. yrs Cost</u>	<u>Aide</u>	<u># OF Days</u>	<u>CPI 3.58%</u>	<u>Inc/Dec Provision</u>	<u>Total Renewal Cost</u>
1	\$ 181,190.12	N/A	180	\$6,486.58	2.00	\$ 187,676.70
2	\$ 49,824.11	N/A	180	\$1,783.70	2.00	\$ 51,607.81
3	\$ 45,256.77	N/A	180	\$1,620.19	2.00	\$ 46,876.96
TOTAL ANNUAL COST						\$286,161.47

Just a note: Route 1 includes ST5,ST6,ST8,ST9
Route 2 includes ST25
Route 3 includes ST7

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

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

BUDGET & FINANCE

That the following Budget & Finance resolutions be approved:

1. Motion to approve the following checks from June 23, 2026-June 30, 2026 as attached: (attachment)

Account	Check Numbers	Amount
Funds 10, 11, 12, 20	30924-30972, N0623, N0630	\$194,603.55
Capital Reserve	N/A	\$0
Student Activities	N/A	\$0
Cafeteria	2771-2772	\$11,688.56
Grand Total		\$206,292.11

2. Motion to approve the following checks from July 1, 2026-July 20, 2026 as attached: (attachment)

Account	Check Numbers	Amount
Funds 10, 11, 12, 20	30973-31024, N0701, N0702, N0715	\$330,440.35
Capital Reserve	N/A	\$0
Student Activities	6722	\$1,210.00
Cafeteria	2773-2774	\$3,383.07
Grand Total		\$335,033.42

3. Motion to approve the attached list of purchase orders over \$1,000 for the 2025-2026 & 2026-2027 school years. (attachment)
4. Motion to approve monthly travel as attached. (attachment)
5. Motion to approve transfers from June 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026 as attached. (attachment)
6. Motion to approve the procedures for using legal council in accordance with 6A:23A-5.2, as attached. (attachment)
7. Motion to approve the school breakfast & lunch prices for the 2026-2027 school year, as attached. (attachment)

8. Motion to authorize the submission of the ESEA Grant applications for FY2027, and accepts the grant award of these funds upon subsequent approval of the FY2027 application as listed:

Title I, Part A- \$18,445

Title II, Part A- \$4,003

Title IV- \$10,000

9. Motion to authorize the submission of the IDEA Grant applications for FY2027, and accepts the grant award of these funds upon subsequent approval of the FY2027 application as listed:

IDEA Basic-\$84,763

IDEA PS- \$5,957

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

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

LEGISLATION

No Report.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Mrs. Voris reported on the following items:

-Recreation Commission- Senior Citizen Ice Cream Social- August 15th

-The Dot Mobile Library- Community Center- July 20th, August 25th, and September 22nd.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Board member required training- Due December 31, 2026
2. Board Member Petitions due July 27, 2026 no later than 4:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

1. NJSBA Conference Registration October 19-22, 2026: Please let Mrs. Metzgar if you would like to attend.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. DeGroat and second by Mrs. Frey, to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



René Metzgar

Business Administrator/Board Secretary