

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Manahawkin, NJ 08050

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**AGENDA**

PLACE: Stafford Township Arts Center

DATE: September 17, 2026

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

**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**

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| Brian Fenlon      | Member         |
| Gregory Gioe      | Member         |
| Keith Mollema     | Member         |
| Matthew Regulski  | Member         |
| Christopher Smith | Member         |
| Bonnie Strouse    | Member         |
| Joseph Washco     | Member         |
| Kevin Cooney      | Vice President |
| Tammy Wagner      | President      |

**ALSO PRESENT**

|                         |                                                     |
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| 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**

**B. CLOSED SESSION**

**C. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

School boards are required to set aside a portion of every meeting for public comments. School boards use the public comment period as an opportunity to listen to community concerns - not to debate issues or enter into a question-and-answer session. School boards are not required to respond to questions but may choose to respond to public comments by seeking additional information or delegating authority to the superintendent or a designee to investigate an issue brought forth during public comment.

While public education can be an emotional issue, the school board strives to maintain a certain level of decorum at its meeting. As such, all persons speaking during the public comment period should maintain a tone of respect and civility. Courteous behavior is extremely important by all members and attendees.

To allow all speakers to address their comments to the board, it may be necessary for the board and/or administration to hold any responses until after the conclusion of the public comment period; rather than respond to individual speakers. The board cannot recognize proxies, nor will the board tolerate persons that call out, shout down or disrupt others in attendance during public comment; any person who cannot abide by this will be asked to leave.

The Stafford Township Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest, especially when it is intended to assist the Board of Education.

Please feel free to speak to the Board during the public session. Pursuant to Board Policy 0167, comments and discussion will be limited to one three (3) minute period per individual unless requested by the chairperson to continue on a point of clarification.

Public comment at special meetings of the Board shall be related to the call of the meeting. In accordance with the Board of Education Policy, each participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address and group affiliation, if applicable.

Your anticipated courtesy to the members of the public and the Board is appreciated.

For additional information, please review the "Guide to Board of Education Meetings in New Jersey" available on the New Jersey Boards Association website at [www.njsba.org](http://www.njsba.org).

**D. PERSONNEL/POLICY**

Chairperson Tammy Wagner – Update (Policy Only)

1. To discuss the **first reading** of the following **revised** policy:
  - 9150 School Visitors
2. To discuss the **second reading** of the following **revised** policy and regulation:
  - 5516 Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices (M)
  - R5516 Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices (M)

**E. SPECIAL EDUCATION/CURRICULUM**

Chairperson Matthew Regulski – Update

**F. FINANCE/BUILDINGS&GROUNDS**

Chairperson Joseph Washco – Update

**G. CLOSED SESSION (IF NEEDED)**

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:

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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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Roll Call Vote:

|                   | Yes | No  | Ab  |                | Yes | No  | Ab  |
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| Brian Fenlon      | ___ | ___ | ___ | Bonnie Strouse | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| Gregory Gioe      | ___ | ___ | ___ | Joseph Washco  | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| Keith Mollema     | ___ | ___ | ___ | Kevin Cooney   | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| Matthew Regulski  | ___ | ___ | ___ | Tammy Wagner   | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| Christopher Smith | ___ | ___ | ___ |                |     |     |     |