

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Manahawkin, NJ 08050

PUBLIC AGENDA

BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: Stafford Township Arts Center (STAC)

DATE: September 17, 2026

TIME: 7:00 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 on the district website. A mechanical device is being used to video record this meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

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

- ~New Staff Member Welcome/Recognition – Administrators
- ~McKinley Recognition of PTO – Tiffany Eberle
- ~Spring 2026 Statewide Assessment Results: ACCESS for ELLs – Megan Banach
- ~NJDOE HIB Self-Assessment Scores Presentation (September 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 – Hope Zaun
- ~SSDS Presentation (January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026) – Richard Meyer and Hope Zaun

B. SUPERINTENDENT’S EDUCATIONAL REPORT - Attachment

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

*NOTE: If a board member was absent (listed below), they are to abstain from the vote on that item/meeting.

To approve the minutes of the following meeting(s):

1. August 12, 2026 Board Retreat– 4 Absences (B. Fenlon, C. Smith, J. Washco, K. Cooney)
2. August 12, 2026 Business Meeting – 4 Absences (B. Fenlon, C. Smith, J. Washco, K. Cooney)
3. August 12, 2026 Closed Session - 4 Absences (B. Fenlon, C. Smith, J. Washco, K. Cooney)

Roll Call Vote:

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

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E. CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM THE BOARD

F. BOARD BUSINESS

1. There were no incidents of harassment, intimidation, and bullying.
2. To affirm the determination of the Superintendent regarding harassment, intimidation, and bullying incident investigation – Ocean Acres #3, McKinley #7
3. To approve “A Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials”, between the Stafford Township School District and the Stafford Township Police Department dated September 1, 2026 for the 2026-2027 school year.
4. To approve the attached District Nursing Plan for the 2026-2027 school year with standing orders by Dr. Schmoll.
5. To approve the attached District Wellness Plan for the 2026-2027 school year.

6. To approve the following **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RETENTION OF SPECIAL LITIGATION COUNSEL TO INVESTIGATE AND PURSUE CLAIMS AGAINST SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Stafford Township Board of Education (the “Board”) is a body corporate organized and existing under Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, vested with authority to govern the affairs of the Stafford Township School District (the “District”), including the power under N.J.S.A. 18A:11-2 to sue and be sued in its corporate name and to employ legal counsel to protect the interests of the Board, the District, and its students; and

WHEREAS, social media platforms owned and operated by Meta Platforms, Inc., Instagram LLC, ByteDance Ltd. and TikTok Inc., Snap Inc., and Google LLC/YouTube LLC (collectively, the “Platforms”) have been designed, marketed, and operated in a manner alleged to be addictive and harmful to minors, and are the subject of coordinated litigation nationwide, including *In re: Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 3047 (N.D. Cal.), in which school districts and boards of education across the country — including in New Jersey — have asserted claims against the Platforms; and

WHEREAS, the Stafford Township School District devotes staff time and resources to addressing issues associated with student social media use, including counseling and student support services, administrative and disciplinary matters, cyberbullying and harassment concerns, and other student safety and wellness issues;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the District and its students to investigate, and if warranted to pursue, legal claims against the Platforms to recover the costs the District has borne as a result of the Platforms’ conduct; and

WHEREAS, the Law Office of Robert King, PLLC (“King Law”) and Motley Rice LLC (“Motley Rice,” and together with King Law, “Counsel”) have substantial experience representing school districts and public entities nationwide in litigation against the Platforms, including court-appointed leadership roles in the MDL, and have proposed to undertake this representation on a contingency-fee basis, at no upfront cost or financial risk to the District; and

WHEREAS, legal services, including contingency-fee litigation representation, constitute “professional services” as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2, and may be procured without public advertising for bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) of the Public School Contracts Law, provided that the Board states its supporting reasons for such action in this Resolution — as set forth in the foregoing recitals — and causes notice of the award to be published as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Stafford Township School District, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Retention of Counsel. The Board hereby retains and engages King Law, Motley Rice and Machado Law Group as special litigation counsel to investigate, evaluate, and, if warranted, prosecute all viable claims against the Platforms arising from harm to the District caused by the design, marketing, and operation of the Platforms, including but not limited to claims for public nuisance, negligence, and products liability. Because Machado Law Group also serves as general counsel to the Board, the Board will not be separately billed for any services performed by Machado Law Group in connection with this matter. Rather, Machado Law Group will serve as co-counsel with King Law pursuant to a separate co-counsel agreement, and any fees payable to Machado Law Group will be paid from King Law’s contingency fee. Accordingly, the Board will incur no additional legal fees or expenses for Machado Law Group’s services in connection with this litigation.

2. Authorization to Execute Contract. The Board President is authorized to execute, on the Board’s behalf, a Contract of Investigation and Representation with King Law, Motley Rice and Machado Law Group, substantially in the form presented to the Board, providing for representation on a contingency-fee basis with attorneys’ fees not to exceed one-third (33.33%) of any gross recovery, with Counsel to advance all litigation costs and expenses, reimbursable only from any recovery obtained.

3. Scope of Authority. Counsel is authorized to associate co-counsel, retain experts and investigators, participate in coordinated or multidistrict litigation proceedings, and take all other steps reasonably necessary to investigate and prosecute the claims described herein, consistent with the terms of the executed Contract.

4. No Obligation Absent Recovery. Nothing in this Resolution obligates the expenditure of any District funds, and the District shall owe no fee or expense to Counsel except as expressly provided in the executed Contract, and then only in the event of a recovery.

5. Publication of Notice. The Board Secretary is directed to cause a brief notice of the award of this contract — stating the nature, duration, service, and amount of the contract — to be printed once in an official newspaper of the District, as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1).

6. Further Action. The Board President and District counsel are authorized to execute any further documents and take any further action reasonably necessary or convenient to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption

Roll Call Vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS

G. FINANCE/INSURANCE/TRANSPORTATION

The Committee of the Whole has reviewed the following action items, has consulted with the superintendent, school business administrator/board secretary and other appropriate district officials, and hereby certifies that the actions being approved are consistent with the 2026-2027 board/district goals. In addition, we further certify that we have reviewed the attached bill list and are satisfied that curriculum related expenditures are directly related to the results of assessment data and that professional development expenditures are directly related to professional development plans.

Board Secretary's Certification:

I, Lourdes LaGuardia, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that no line item has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-A-16.10 (c) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Date

1. To approve for payment of September 2026 bills list totaling \$6,072,110.79 as attached. (G-1)

Fund 10 - \$1,283,240.31
Fund 20 - \$189,643.28
Fund 30 - \$4,594,942.37
Fund 40 - \$0
Fund 60 - \$0
Fund 61 - \$0
Fund 62 - \$4,284.83

*Note - \$4,137,378.79 of the amounts listed were made as EFT payments. (G-1a)

*To approve for payment of August 2026 additional bills list totaling \$1,287,322.03 as attached. (G-1b)

Fund 10 - \$501,870.99
Fund 20 - \$59,145.68
Fund 30 - \$724,334.50
Fund 40 - \$0
Fund 60 - \$108.20 refund 60/61/62 \$798.20
Fund 61 - \$1,204.51
Fund 62 - \$658.15

*Note - \$1,049,853 of the amounts listed were made as EFT payments. (G-1c)

*To approve for payment of July 2026 additional bills list totaling \$1,215.05 as attached. (G-1d)

Fund 10 - \$0
Fund 20 - \$0
Fund 30 - \$0
Fund 40 - \$0
Fund 60 - \$0
Fund 61 - \$1,215.05
Fund 62 - \$0

*Note - \$1,215.05 of the amounts listed were made as EFT payments. (G-1e)

2. To approve for payment of payroll
 - a. dated August 13, 2026 totaling \$472,250.13
 - b. dated August 27, 2026 totaling \$394,676.78
3. To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2026.
4. To accept the Secretary's Report for the month of July 2026.
5. To approve the attached line item transfers for July 2026.
6. To authorize the Business Administrator to make payment of post-Board meeting bills for the month of September 2026 and to execute mid-cycle contracts such as utilities and out-of-district contracts. Specifics of these transactions, if any, will be provided for ratification at the next regular scheduled board meeting.
7. To approve the attached list of donations.
8. To approve the attached list of donations for lunch balances donated for students in need.
9. To approve Choice Student Shared Services Transportation Contracts with Barnegat Township Board of Education for students ID #25626 and #24922 for the 2026-2027 school year. These contracts are for \$500/each for transporting these students to and from school.
10. To approve the out of district tuition contract with Y.A.L.E. School East, Inc for student #23050 in the amount of \$75,213 for the 2026-2027 school year. Stafford Township is responsible for the education of this student.

11. To approve the out of district tuition contract with Y.A.L.E. School East, Inc for student #23229 in the amount of \$75,213 for the 2026-2027 school year. Stafford Township is responsible for the education of this student.
12. To approve the out of district tuition contract with Y.A.L.E. School East, Inc for student #25649 in the amount of \$75,213 for tuition and \$56,700 for extraordinary services for the 2026-2027 school year. Stafford Township is responsible for the education of this student.
13. To approve the contract with Care Options for Kids for students #24712 and #25098 for the 2026-2027 school year. These students require one to one nursing services for part of their day and will share nursing services. Rate is \$65/hr for RN and \$65/hr for LPN services provided under this agreement. The estimated total cost if \$35,100.
14. To approve to apply, submit and accept the amount of \$9,824 for the FY27 Funding for Optimal Comprehensive Universal Screeners (FOCUS) Year 2 Continuation Grant from the NJDOE 27-TL08-G03, commencing October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027. The grant will provide necessary funding to implement the NJDOE's Literacy Framework's Universal Screener Cost for grades K-3.
15. To approve to RESCIND Change Order GC-03, originally approved at the August 12, 2026 Board Meeting, from Benjamin R. Harvey Company in the total amount of \$22,237 to be deducted from the \$780,113 Allowance Balance, leaving an Allowance Balance of \$757,876. This Change Order is with regard to the new Oxycocus Addition/Alterations Project. (Referendum Project 24K066)
 - a. PCO#4 Casework and Interior Lighting \$6,622
 - b. PCO#5 Doors and Hardware Revised \$17,320
 - c. PCO#6 Credit for Masonry Control Joint Reduction -\$1,705
16. To approve the attached Change Order GC-04R-2 from Benjamin R. Harvey Company in the amount of \$102,185 for COR#108r UV Control Wiring for the new Oxycocus addition. The new Contract Sum including this Change Order will be \$33,372,110.39. (Referendum Project 24K066)
17. To approve the attached Change Order Request Allowance GC-02R from Benjamin R. Harvey Company in the total amount of \$59,580 for Gas Line Modifications to be deducted from the \$850,000 Budgeted Allowance, leaving an Allowance Balance of \$790,420. This Allowance pertains to unforeseeable construction progression with regard to the new Oxycocus Addition/Alterations Project. (Referendum Project 24K066)

18. To approve the attached Change Order Request Allowance GC-03R-2 from Benjamin R. Harvey Company in the total amount of \$119,739 to be deducted from the \$790,420 Budgeted Allowance, leaving an Allowance Balance of \$670,681. This Allowance pertains to unforeseeable construction progression with regard to the new Oxycocus Addition/Alterations Project. (Referendum Project 24K066)

- a. PCO#4 Dated 7/1/26 – Casework and Interior Lighting \$6,622
- b. PCO#5 Dated 7/1/26 – Doors and Hardware Revised \$17,320
- c. PCO#6 Dated 7/1/26 – Credit for Masonry Control Joint Reduction (\$1,705)
- d. COR#7rl – MUA Civil Updates \$40,321
- e. COR#103 – Septic Tank Removal \$33,751
- f. COR#107 – Electric Line Alterations Rear Parking Lot \$2,053
- g. COR#109 – UV Opening Masonry Preparation \$7,102
- h. COR#012rl – Steel Beam in Library \$14,275

Roll Call Vote:

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

H. BUILDINGS/GROUNDS/CAFETERIA

The Buildings/Grounds/Cafeteria Committee has reviewed the following action items, has consulted with the school business administrator/board secretary and other appropriate district officials, and hereby certifies that the actions being approved are consistent with the 2026-2027 board/district goals.

1. To approve the disposal of an Office Desk Sidearm, Asset Tag #03646. This piece of furniture was damaged beyond repair during a move.
2. To approve the disposal of an Ellison Pro Sure Cut Machine, Asset Tag #03410 and a Fellowes Binding Machine, Asset Tag #000147. Both items are located at McKinley School and were damaged in a flood.

3. To approve the following District cafeteria personnel employed through Maschio's Food Services for the 2026-2027 school year.

1. Jessica (Martinowich) Miranda
2. Karen Troy
3. Shirley Susco
4. Anthony Ferraina
5. Jill Robinson
6. Hong (Rose) LaBenson
7. Barbara Pulcine
8. Carolyn Oliveira
9. Karen Nycz
10. Danielle Torrell-Farruggio
11. Lisa Eshleman
12. Marion Prata (Sub)
13. Grace Weidenhof (Sub)

4. To approve and recognize the following group as a School-Related Group under Level/Class I for Use of School Facilities, as per Policy #7510 for the 2026-2027 school year:

- a. Stafford Township Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG)

Roll Call Vote:

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

I. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION/TECHNOLOGY

The Committee of the Whole has reviewed the following action items, has consulted with the superintendent and other appropriate district officials, and hereby certifies that the actions being approved are consistent with the 2026-2027 board/district goals. In addition, we further certify that we have reviewed the attached professional development request list and are satisfied that each professional development event is directly related to the employee's duties, each event is fiscally prudent (consistent with N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12), that teaching staff requests are aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, and that administrator requests are aligned to the Professional Standards for School Leaders.

1. To approve the professional development requests shown on the attached listing.

2. To approve to adopt the attached revised NJ Student Learning Standards for Science (NJSLS-S) for Grades K-6, beginning September 17, 2026.
3. To approve the attached revised Stafford Township School District staff hours for the 2026-2027 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

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

J. PERSONNEL

The following Personnel items were discussed:

Chairperson of the Personnel Committee – Tammy Wagner

Report: The superintendent recommends the board approve/ratify the appointment of the following named individuals who constitute a careful selection and screening of applicants, in accordance with the board/district hiring policies/procedures, and are hereby recommended for an employment contract contingent upon the successful completion of their accredited degree program, New Jersey Department of Education certification requirements, Federal NCLB Highly qualified Teacher requirements, a criminal history clearance and the successful completion of a medical examination as required by the board of education. These initial assignments/appointments may be changed as district needs develop unless otherwise stipulated. The Personnel/Policy Committee has reviewed the following action items, has consulted with the superintendent and other appropriate district officials, and hereby certifies that the actions being approved are consistent with the 2026-2027 board/district goals.

1. To approve the attached list of substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year.
2. To approve the change of assignment for the attached list of personnel for the 2026-2027 school year.
3. To approve the transfers for the attached list of personnel for the 2026-2027 school year.

4. To approve the following resignations:
 - a. Sheena Harper, Teacher Aide, effective August 19, 2026
 - b. Halee Houser, Teacher Aide, effective August 20, 2026
 - c. Lauren Russell, Teacher Aide, effective July 20, 2026
 - d. April Clayton, Teacher Aide, effective May 14, 2026
 - e. Danielle Padovani, Teacher Aide, effective August 20, 2026
 - f. Tara Hoffman, Teacher Aide, effective August 12, 2026
 - g. Kelli Westcott, Teacher Aide, effective August 31, 2026
 - h. Kimberly Fiore, Teacher Aide, effective August 30, 2026
5. To approve the following leaves:
 - a. Employee ID #6024, unpaid family leave FMLA, beginning November 16, 2026 and returning February 16, 2027
 - b. Employee ID #5912, unpaid leave of absence, beginning September 11, 2026 and returning September 21, 2026
 - c. Employee ID #6264, unpaid family leave FMLA, beginning October 26, 2026 and returning November 9, 2026
 - d. Employee ID #6515, unpaid INTERMITTENT Family Leave FMLA, beginning September 2, 2026 and returning July 1, 2027
6. To approve the additional staff for Extended School Year 2026:
 - a. Tracey Bruther – CST OT
7. To approve the following as representatives for Instructional Council for the 2026-2027 school year:
 - a. Stephanie Bush
 - b. Tiffany Eberle
 - c. Hope Zaun
8. To approve the affiliation between Kean University and Stafford Township School District for the 2026-2027 school year.
9. To approve Kathleen Schrock as yearbook advisor for the 2026-2027 school year.
10. To approve the attached additional staff as Mentors for Novice Teachers for the 2026-2027 school year.
11. To approve the list of additional employees below for the Extended Day Program for the 2026-2027 school year:
 - a. Sharon Boyce
12. To approve the attached additional personnel for Extra-Curricular and Enrichment Programs for the 2026-2027 school year.

13. To approve the attached list of student fieldwork placements for the 2026-2027 school year.
14. To approve the attached revised salary for Employee ID #5034.
15. To approve Dawn Reo, Principal, as a mentor for Matthew Aires as he completes his administration and leadership program internship, beginning September 2026 and ending June 2027.
16. To approve Cody Toro as Part Time Hourly Teacher Aide, Autistic Class, McKinley Avenue Elementary School, beginning September 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, Step 3, +BA, of the Stafford Township Board of Education/STEA Agreement. This is a replacement position.
17. To approve Ashley Ryan as Part Time Hourly Teacher Aide, Autistic Class-Personal, McKinley Avenue Elementary School, beginning September 16, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, Step 3, +AA, pro-rated, of the Stafford Township Board of Education/STEA Agreement. This is a replacement position.
18. To approve Kimberly Ryllum as Part Time Hourly Teacher Aide, Autistic Class, Intermediate School, beginning September 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, Step 4, +60 CC, of the Stafford Township Board of Education/STEA Agreement. This is a replacement position.
19. To approve Rachel MacMath as Part Time Hourly Teacher Aide, Autistic Class, Ocean Acres Elementary School, beginning September 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, Step 2, +BA, of the Stafford Township Board of Education/STEA Agreement. This is a replacement position.
20. To approve Lisa Manning as Part Time Hourly Teacher Aide, ERI Class Personal, Ocean Acres Elementary School, beginning September 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, Step 6, +BA, of the Stafford Township Board of Education/STEA Agreement. This is a replacement position.
21. To approve Patrick Fitzsimmons as Part Time Hourly Teacher Aide, Preschool Class, Ocean Acres Elementary School, beginning September 16, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, Step 1, +90 CC, pro-rated, of the Stafford Township Board of Education/STEA Agreement. This is a replacement position.
22. To approve Tyler Osborne-Lomax as Part Time Hourly Teacher Aide, ERI Class, Ronald L. Meinders Primary Learning Center, beginning September 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, Step 13, +BA, of the Stafford Township Board of Education/STEA Agreement. This is a replacement position.

23. To approve Brianna Petrone as Part Time Hourly Teacher Aide, Preschool Class, Ronald L. Meinders Primary Learning Center, beginning September 16, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, Step 2, +30 CC, pro-rated, of the Stafford Township Board of Education/STEA Agreement. This is a replacement position.
24. To approve Joseph Saxton as Interim Administrator, District Wide, beginning September 16, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, per diem rate as attached, on an as needed basis.
25. To approve Karen McKeon as Interim Administrator, District Wide, beginning September 16, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, per diem rate as attached, on an as needed basis.

Employee appointments are provisional pending satisfactory completion of the Criminal History Background Check, Pre-employment P.L. 2018,C.5 Disclosure and Physical Exam Requirements required by the State of New Jersey.

Roll Call Vote:

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

K. POLICY/LEGISLATIVE

The Committee of the Whole has reviewed the following policies and regulations, has consulted with the board attorney and other appropriate district officials, and hereby certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1, that the attached policies and regulations are in compliance with all applicable statutes and administrative code provisions and are consistent with the 2026-2027 board/district goals.

- To approve the **first reading** of the following **revised** policy:
 - 9150 School Visitors
- To approve 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)

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Ab		Yes	No	Ab
Brian Fenlon	___	___	___	Bonnie Strouse	___	___	___
Gregory Gioe	___	___	___	Joseph Washco	___	___	___
Keith Mollema	___	___	___	Kevin Cooney	___	___	___
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L. ADVANCED PLANNING

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N. BOARD INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

O. 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:

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
Brian Fenlon	___	___	___	Bonnie Strouse	___	___	___
Gregory Gioe	___	___	___	Joseph Washco	___	___	___
Keith Mollema	___	___	___	Kevin Cooney	___	___	___
Matthew Regulski	___	___	___	Tammy Wagner	___	___	___
Christopher Smith	___	___	___				