

Minutes
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: 7-2/6:03 pm

C. Flag Salute

D. Adoption of Agenda

Recommendation: Rodden/Riley approve the adoption of the agenda, **as presented.**

Board action needed: Yes

(All yes, motion to carry 7-0)

(All yes, motion to carry 7-0)

Baker arrived to meeting at 6:10 pm to make the Quorum 8-1
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- 2) Recommendation: Baker/Rodden approve to return to **Regular Session**.
Board action needed: Yes Time: 6:35 pm
(All yes, motion to carry 8-0)

Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: Baker/Cecala-Read approve the regular and/or executive session minutes dated **July 29, 2026, as submitted**.

Board action needed: Yes
(Motion to carry 6-0-2- Rodden & Riley abstain)

2. Communication

A. Superintendent

- Shout out to Josh and his maintenance crew for all their hard work over the summer to get the schools ready
- Thank you to the Building Principals, Jamie Flick and Dana Teague for all the summer PD's
- Thank you to the Secretaries and Principals for all their hard work over the summer getting ready for the new school year

Public Comments/Visitors- None to Report

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

- ***Stipends***
- ***Professional Development***
- ***Annual Tuition Rates***
- ***Policies***
- ***Film Production at Hill***

Negotiations Committee Meeting Report, (Chairperson) Natalie Baker

- ***Stipends Positions***

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

A. Personnel- Recommendation: Baker/Rodden 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: Baker/Rodden approve the following stipends for the 2026-2027 school year, as listed:

Name	School	Stipend Position	Amount

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C. **Workshops- Recommendation:** Baker/Rodden 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, Joel Brown, Kimberly Cheesman	From Vision to Action: A Strategic Planning Experience for District Leadership Teams/FEA Conference Center, Monroe Township	October 1, 2026	\$150/person	\$0

D. **Regular, Payroll, Cafeteria & Addendum Bills**

Recommendation: Baker/Rodden approve 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:** Baker/Rodden approve the [Line-Item Transfer](#) for **July 2026, as submitted.**

F. **Recommendation:** Baker/Rodden 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)
(All yes, motion to carry 8-0)

Natalie Baker-Y
Laurie Cecala-Read-Y
Kevin Rodden-Y

Julie Dickson-Y
Kenneth Riley-Y
Raymond Anderson-Y

Erin Carroll
James McCarrie-Y
Gina Azzari-Y

Curriculum

Committee Meeting Report, (Chairperson) Laurie Cecala-Read

- **Align Curriculum with Kingsway**
- **Transition to 7th**
- **Board Goals**
- **Student Achievement and Well Being**
- **Multi Lingual Learners**
- **Professional Development**

- A. Recommendation: Baker/Riley approve the Eagle Scout Service Project, Free Little Library at the Clifford School.
- B. Recommendation: Baker/Riley approve the [Board Goals](#) for the 2026-2027 school year, **as submitted**.
- C. Recommendation: Baker/Riley approve the following [Curriculum](#) for the 2026-2027 school year, **as submitted**.
- D. Recommendation: Baker/Riley approve the [2026-2027 District Professional Development Plan](#), **as submitted**.
- E. Recommendation: Baker/Riley approve the Marzano Framework as the Teacher Evaluation Tool and the Administrator Evaluation Tool for the 2026-2027 school year.
- F. Recommendation: Baker/Riley 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: Baker/Riley 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: Baker/Riley 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: Baker/Riley 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: Baker/Riley approve the [ACCESS Score Reports](#) for ELLs Spring 2026 presentation, **as submitted**.

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)
(All yes, motion to carry 8-0)

Natalie Baker-Y
Laurie Cecala-Read-Y
Kevin Rodden-Y

Julie Dickson-Y
Kenneth Riley-Y
Raymond Anderson-Y

Erin Carroll
James McCarrie-Y
Gina Azzari-Y

Policy Committee and Community Relations
Committee Meeting Report, (Chairperson) Natalie Baker
• **Expedite Policy to Approve for 1 Reading Only**

Baker left meeting at 7:02 pm to make Quorum 7-2
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- A. Recommendation: Rodden/Riley approve to Move the Board to suspend the requirement for two readings according to By Law 0131 Regulation 5516, 8662 & 2363 with one reading to have the Policy and Regulation in place for September 2026; the action suspending this requirement shall only be in effect for the adoption of Policy and Regulation 5516, 8662 and 2363:

- [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

Recommendation: Rodden/Riley Approve to 1 Reading Only
(All yes, motion to carry 7-0)

Natalie Baker	Julie Dickson-Y	Erin Carroll
Laurie Cecala-Read-Y	Kenneth Riley-Y	James McCarrie-Y
Kevin Rodden-Y	Raymond Anderson-Y	Gina Azzari-Y

- B. Recommendation: Rodden/Riley 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)

(Motion carried: 7-0 for all except; 5-1-1 for 8662)

Natalie Baker

Julie Dickson-Y

Erin Carroll

Laurie Cecala-Read-Y

Kenneth Riley-Y

Kevin Rodden-Y

Gina Azzari-Y

Raymond Anderson-Abstain from 8662; yes for the rest

James McCarrie- No for 8662; yes for the rest

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

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)

Natalie Baker

Julie Dickson

Erin Carroll

Laurie Cecala-Read

Kenneth Riley

James McCarrie

Kevin Rodden

Raymond Anderson

Gina Azzari

Operations

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

A. Facility Usage Requests

Recommendation: Anderson/Rodden 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: Anderson/Rodden 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)
(All yes, motion to carry 7-0)

Natalie Baker
Laurie Cecala-Read-Y
Kevin Rodden-Y

Julie Dickson-Y
Kenneth Riley-Y
Raymond Anderson-Y

Erin Carroll
James McCarrie-Y
Gina Azzari-Y

Public Comments- None to Report

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Delegates:

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

6. Adjournment

Recommendation: Anderson/Rodden approve the adjournment of meeting.
Board action needed: Yes Time: 7:37 pm
(All yes, motion to carry 7-0)

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Korey Jeffries
Board Secretary/SBA

Next Meeting(s).

September 23, 2026

Board/Committee Meetings as scheduled