

Agenda
October 14, 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. Presentations

This evening, we are proud to recognize our Swedesboro-Woolwich Stellar Comets. Each month, students from across our schools are selected for exemplifying outstanding character, leadership, and a commitment to our district's core values. These students consistently go above and beyond in their classrooms and school communities, serving as role models for their peers. We are honored to celebrate their accomplishments and share their success with the Board of Education and the Swedesboro-Woolwich Community. At this time, I'd like to welcome Mr. Matt Kelly, Principal of the Walter Hill School, who will begin our Stellar Comets Presentation.

A. Stellar Comet of the Month- September 2026

1) Walter Hill School

Grade 6

- Grace Thornes
- Ariana Langi

2) Charles G. Harker School

Grade 3

- Logan Bruynell
- Ryleigh Beety

Grade 4

- Brian Friant
- Alexander Berdos

Grade 5

- Jaxon Melone
- Elise Williams

3) Gov. Charles Stratton School

Grade 1

- Viktoria Stefanovic
- Liam Robles

Grade 2

- Matthew Watson
- Louis Drennan

4) Margaret Clifford School

Kindergarten

- Rishi Reddy
- Lily Byrwa
- Natalie O'Neill
- Luke Chellew

B. Strategic Planning- Dr. Charles Ivory

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

Board action needed: Yes

Time _____

Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the regular and/or executive session minutes dated
September 23, 2026, as submitted.

Board action needed: Yes

3. Communication

A. Superintendent

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- 1) Superintendent Updates
- 2) District Enrollment
 - a) Report, **as submitted**

[Clifford](#)
[Stratton](#)
[Harker](#)
[Hill](#)

- 3) Correspondence.
- 4) OPRA Log

Document (s) Requested	Who Requested	Date Received	Date Completed
Check Register from March 1, 2026 to July 31, 2026	Fillip Freeman	09/21/2026	09/22/2026

B. District Administration

- 1) Administrator's Monthly Board Reports, **as submitted**

[Clifford](#)
[Stratton](#)
[Harker](#)
[Hill](#)
Technology
[Special Services](#)

Curriculum & Instruction
Maintenance

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.

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4. 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- Theresa Sisca	Sub LP	\$15.92/hour	11-000-262-107-000-01	LP sub	October 15, 2026
2- Hope Brecher, Emmalee Coates	Student Teacher	-	-	Clinical Field Placement under the direction of Eric Biddle and Chris Lewis	Fall 2026/ Tuesday
3- Sarabeth Dudley, Ashley Ferraez	Student Teacher	-	-	Clinical Field Placement under the direction of Courtney Watkins	Fall 2026/ Tuesday
4- Alisa Fritter, Bella Hughes	Student Teacher	-	-	Clinical Field Placement under the direction of Cassie Sholders	Fall 2026/ Tuesday
5- Veronica Groves	Student Teacher	-	-	Clinical Field Placement under the direction Tyla Cielinski	Fall 2026/ Tuesday
6- Kaylynn Hawk, Gina Howell	Student Teacher	-	-	Clinical Field Placement under the direction of Rachel Ogbin	Fall 2026/ Tuesday
7- Julia Jackson	Student Teacher	-	-	Clinical Field Placement under the direction Heather Dougherty	Fall 2026/ Tuesday
8- Elia Morlock, Alexandra Muller	Student Teacher	-	-	Clinical Field Placement under the direction of Eileen Healey	Fall 2026/ Tuesday
9- Abigail Perillo, Kendall Piperata	Student Teacher	-	-	Clinical Field Placement under the direction of Heather Camlin & Lauren Denham	Fall 2026/ Tuesday
10- Staff ID# 4930	BCBA	-	-	FMLA Leave	October 1, 2026- November 2, 2026- Staff member utilizing 7 sick days
11- Christine Rossi	Paraprofessional	Step 6/\$25,964	11-214-100-106-000-01-070	New Hire	November 1, 2026
12- Susan Perry	Paraprofessional	Step 7/\$26,664	11-212-100-106-000-01-080	New Hire	November 1, 2026
13- Tyler Day	Director of Special Services	\$126,000	11-000-240-103-000-01-	New Hire	January 4, 2026- pending completion of ALL state

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14- Dana Teague	Instructional Supervisor	\$53,000	11-000-221-102-00-01-0X0	Advanced Education Achievement - Doctorate	October 15, 2026

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

Name	School	Stipend Position	Amount
Alayna Pasztalaniec	District	In-Service Presentation November 2, 2026 from 12:30-3:30	\$38/hour

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

Name	Workshop	Date & Time	Cost	Estimated Travel Cost
1- Erika Slowicki, Gwen Waggoner, Catherine Reichardt, Alexis Sharparoff, Amy Hay, Alyssa Bononcini	SpeechPathology.com (Annual on Demand PD)	On Demand	\$109/person	\$0
2- Yuna Park & Diana Kaithern	New Jersey Literacy Leadership Summit	October 29, 2026/8am-2:30pm	\$49/person	\$0

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3- Erin West	Building Strong Foundations: Tier 1 & 2 Structures withing MTSS	October 21, 2026	\$85/session (6 Sessions)	\$0
	Rethinking Executive Function Through Whole-Class Design	October 27, 2026		
	High-Leverage Practices: A Pathway to Inclusive Success	November 10, 2026		
	Inclusive by Design: Restorative Practices & Trauma-Informed Classrooms	November 20, 2026		
	Self-Regulation, Co-Regulation, and Classroom Management: Supporting Student Success in an Inclusive Classroom	December 4, 2026		
	Mastering the IEP: Strategies for Effective Writing	December 8, 2026		

D. Regular, Payroll, Cafeteria & Addendum Bills

Recommendation: For payment of [October 2026 regular and addendum bills](#) in the amount of **\$921,153.97** and payment of **September 2026** payroll in the amount of **\$1,593,450.07**, **as submitted**.

E. Recommendation: Approve the [Line-Item Transfer](#) for **September 2026, **as submitted**.**

F. Recommendation: Approve [Tuition Reimbursements](#) for the 2026-2027 school year, **as submitted.**

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

Curriculum

[Committee Meeting Report](#), (Chairperson) Laurie Cecala-Read

- A. Recommendation: Approve HIB Self-Assessments for the 2025-2026 school year, **as submitted**. (To follow)
- **Clifford**
 - **Stratton**
 - **Harker**
 - **Hill**
- B. Recommendation: Approve Harker Students to participate in the Woolwich Township Clean Communities Program on Saturday October 17, 2026.
- C. Recommendation: Approve Hill STEAM Night on Tuesday February 9, 2027.
- D. Recommendation: Approve Noteworthy Consulting, LLC to present for a total of 5 hours on November 3, 2026 on the topics of Play with Purpose in Preschool and Teaching the Neurodivergent Brain at the cost of \$3,000 to be paid through Title II A Funds.
- E. Recommendation: Approve the NJ Coalition for Inclusive Education to present for a total of 6 hours on November 2, 2026 on the topic of Tier 1 and Tier 2 Structures within MTSS at the cost of \$2,500.
- F. Recommendation: Approve Dr. April Storm from Null Education Services (NES) to present for the full day of November 2, 2026 on Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics at the cost of \$9,000 for implementation and travel.
- G. Recommendation: Approve the submission of the IDEA Final Report for the Fiscal Year 2026.
- H. Recommendation: Approve the submission of the ESEA Final Report for the Fiscal Year 2026.
- I. Recommendation: Approve Terri Overbey as the District's Choral Accompanist for the 2026-2027 school year, not to exceed \$2,000.
- J. Recommendation: Approve the **[2025-2026 Attendance Corrective Action Plan](#)**, **as submitted**.

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

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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- Swedesboro Board of Health & Boro of Swedesboro	Hill Parking Lot	November 28, 2026 from 11am-4pm	Annual Parage staging area

B. Recommendation: Approve the [Annual Maintenance Budget Amount Worksheet](#) (M-1) for the 2026-2027 school year, **as submitted.**

C. Recommendation: Approve the submission of the [2026-2027 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan](#), **as submitted.**

D. Recommendation: Approve the **Health & Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist** for the 2026-2027 School year

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)

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2026-2027 Board Goals Action Plan

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Board action needed: Yes

Time _____

Recommendation: Return to **Regular Session**.

Board action needed: Yes

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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).

November 18, 2026

Board/Committee Meetings as scheduled