COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING October 8, 2026

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Stafford Township Board of Education was held on October 8, 2026 at 6:14pm at the Oxycocus Elementary School.

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

Brian Fenlon	Member (Absent)
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

None

B. CLOSED SESSION – Personnel Matters, Student Matters and Board Matters

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:

Personnel Matters, Student Matters and Board Matters

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.

A motion was made by Mr. Mollema and seconded by Dr. Regulski to move on the above Resolution. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (8-0); motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Cooney and seconded by Mr. Gioe to exit closed session and resume the regular meeting. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (8-0); motion passed.

TIME IN: 6:15pm
TIME AT CONCLUSION OF CLOSED SESSION: 6:33pm

C. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None

D. PERSONNEL/POLICY – NO REPORT

Chairperson Tammy Wagner – Update (Policy Only)

1. To discuss the **second reading** of following **revised** policy:
   - 9150 School Visitors

E. SPECIAL EDUCATION/CURRICULUM

Chairperson Matthew Regulski – Update

Mrs. Zaun reported that self-contained special education students participated in the Stafford Olympics during the week, pairing with other self-contained classes and the Intermediate Student Ambassadors to rotate through various activities. She noted that the Non-Public Report certifying funds utilized by Lighthouse Christian Academy and St. Mary's was submitted to the NJ Homeroom. Additionally, she stated that the Federal Education Department is conducting a semi-audit and that the district is preparing the required documentation for submission by December 4.

Mr. Chidiac reported that test scores are excellent and surpassed state averages for NJSLA Adaptive.

Mr. Chidiac provided an update regarding the proposed Special Education School, raising potential concerns regarding program segregation. He noted that there are currently 12 high-needs, out-of-district students and outlined ongoing efforts to return these students to the district, utilizing space at Oxycocus or the trailer classrooms.

No HIB report this month.

Mrs. Banach reported that Data Assessment and Analysis teams at each school will convene following the completion of beginning-of-year assessments to review results and develop plans addressing specific standards through Tier 1 core instruction, supporting the district's initiative to strengthen its Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) model. She advised that Spring 2026 New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) individualized score reports will be delivered by the New Jersey Department of Education and distributed to parents and guardians by November 9th. These adaptive tests resulted in very good test results for the district. Finally, she reported a positive start to the school year, with staff articulation actively occurring through Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), certified staff meetings, and the New Educator Academy.

F. FINANCE/BUILDINGS&GROUNDS

Chairperson Joseph Washco – Update

Mr. Chidiac provided an updated on the Oxycocus construction.

G. CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Strouse and seconded by Mr. Gioe to adjourn the meeting at 6:44pm. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (8-0); motion passed.

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Lourdes LaGuardia
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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