

SPECIAL MEETING (Superintendent Contract Options)

March 5, 2012

The Special Meeting (Superintendent Contract Options) of the Stafford Township Board of Education was held on March 5, 2012 at 7:30pm at the Administration Building.

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 in the Atlantic City Press, Asbury Park Press, and the Beacon. Notice has been posted in the office of the Stafford Township Clerk and all school buildings.

ROLL CALL

Sharon Bialecki	Member
Wendy Cotter	Member
Christine English	Member
Kevin Leonard	Member
Gregory Quille	Member
Joseph Sauer	Member
Susan Spaschak	Member
Tammy Nicolini	Vice President
Samuel Fierra	President

ALSO PRESENT

Judith DeStefano-Anen, Ed.D	Superintendent (Excused/not invited)
Enrico D. Siano	B.S./S.B.A. (Excused/not invited)
Tracey Schneider, Esq.	Board of Education Attorney

FLAG SALUTE

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

President asked Board Attorney to make comment in light of public present. Board Attorney shared that this meeting is to discuss a personnel matter and the Board cannot comment on personnel matters. However, since the law requires a public comment portion at every meeting and since members of the public are present, the Board will give an opportunity to speak. However, the Board cannot and will not comment.

- Teacher (not a Stafford resident)
 - Inquired as to whether the Board was going to come out of closed session and take action or make comment. Board responded in the negative.
 - Also shared that she is not speaking on behalf of everyone in the room, only herself personally, but willing to do what is necessary to solve any problems and get back on an even path for the benefit of the students of the district.

- It was noted that approximately 18 staff members were present but no other public comments were made.

CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL

We are looking for a motion to enter into closed session for the purposes of discussing a personnel matter, specifically the Superintendent's contract, which is also a matter that falls within the attorney client privilege.

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, the public will be excluded from this discussion. However, results of the discussion will be made public at a time when the Board feels the matter has been resolved.

A motion was made by Tammy Nicolini and seconded by Susan Spaschak to move on the above Resolution. Roll call vote: nine (9) members present voted yes; motion passed.

A motion was made by Wendy Cotter and seconded by Kevin Leonard to exit closed session and resume the regular meeting. Roll call vote: nine (9) members present voted yes; motion passed.

TIME IN: 7:45pm

TIME AT CONCLUSION OF CLOSED SESSION: 10:07pm

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Joseph Sauer and seconded by Susan Spaschak to adjourn the meeting at 10:07pm. Roll call vote: nine (9) members voted yes; motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE - STAFFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

The Stafford Township Board of Education welcomes the opportunity to hear what members of the public have to say about matters of public interest. However, we do have specific procedures in place for you to bring your concerns to the proper personnel. We refer to this as the chain of command. For example, if you have a concern involving something within the classroom, we would ask that you first speak to the teacher, and if necessary, the principal. If you have not utilized the chain of command, we would ask that you please do so prior to addressing your concerns in this meeting so that the district personnel are given the opportunity to resolve these matters to your satisfaction. If, after utilizing the chain of command, you feel your concerns have not been addressed, we welcome you to return to the next Board meeting to voice your concern. If you have any questions about the chain of command (or the appropriate person to whom you should address your concern), please feel free to ask any member of the Board at the break or when this meeting concludes. We would also like to make you aware that there are certain matters that the Board can only discuss in closed session. Thus, if your comments touch upon an issue that is only to be discussed in closed session or one where certain notices must be provided prior to the Board conducting any discussions, the Board will not be able to respond to your comments at this time. We will inform you if this is the case when you have finished speaking. Specifically, this situation may arise if you are discussing a particular employee (or employees) of the district or a particular student (or students).

Tracey Schneider, Esq – Board of Education Attorney