

The Public Budget Hearing of the Stafford Township Board of Education was held on April 30, 2020 at 8:25pm and was live streamed over the web as a consequence of the state of emergency and health officials' recommendations regarding public gatherings.

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. Notice has been posted in the office of the Stafford Township Clerk and all school buildings. A mechanical device is being used to video record this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Patricia Formica	Member
Deborah Lyons	Member
Brett Novick	Member
Kathleen Pierson	Member
Gerald Simonelli	Member
Tammy Wagner	Member
Mark Zoladz	Member
Joseph Mangino	Vice President
Walter Jauch	President

ALSO PRESENT

George J. Chidiac	Superintendent
Lourdes LaGuardia	Business Administrator/Board of Education Secretary
Ari Schneider, Esq.	Board Attorney

FLAG SALUTE

A. PRESENTATION

- The 2020–2021 Budget as presented by George Chidiac, Superintendent and Lourdes LaGuardia, School Business Administrator.

B. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None

C. BOARD BUSINESS

1. To adopt the following resolution "Adoption of the Final Budget 2020-2021":

**ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET
2020-2021**

**Adjustment
Banked Cap**

RESOLVED that the Stafford Township Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3(b). The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$424,201 for the purpose of program continuity and anticipated transportation costs.

**Adjustment
Medicaid SEMI Alternate Revenue Projection**

RESOLVED that the Stafford Township Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the alternate revenue projection for Medicaid Semi in the amount of \$77,992 for the 2020-2021 school year.

**Adjustment
Capital Reserve Withdrawal**

RESOLVED that the Stafford Township Board of Education includes in the proposed budget a withdrawal from the General Fund Reserve Account for Other Capital Projects for the purpose of maintenance garage renovations in the amount of \$1.5M. The unused funds shall revert back to Capital Reserve.

**Adjustment
Maintenance Reserve Withdrawal**

RESOLVED that the Stafford Township Board of Education includes in the proposed budget a withdrawal from the General Fund Maintenance Reserve Account for the purpose of building maintenance appropriations in the amount of \$129,978.

**Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement
2020-2021**

WHEREAS, the Stafford Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1. et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$500 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq, but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$50,000 for all staff and board members.

**Adoption of Final Budget
2020-2021**

BE IT RESOLVED that the final budget be approved for the 2020-2021 school year using the 2020-2021 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following final budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Total Proposed Budget	41,292,764	1,924,984	1,148,530	44,366,278
Tax Levy	<u>29,735,218</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>758,028</u>	<u>30,493,246</u>

2. To approve the attached tuition rates for the 2020-2021 school year.

A motion was made by Tammy Wagner and seconded by Brett Novick to approve Board Business item(s) #1-2. Roll call vote: nine (9) members present voted yes; motion passed.

D. CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Tammy Wagner and seconded by Brett Novick to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (9-0); 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).

Lourdes LaGuardia
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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