

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

August 15, 2019

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Stafford Township Board of Education was held on August 15, 2019 at 6:55pm 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 in the Atlantic City Press, Asbury Park Press, and the Beacon. Notice has been posted in the office of the Stafford Township Clerk, all school buildings and the district website.

ROLL CALL

Patricia Formica	Member
Deborah Lyons	Member (Absent)
Kevin Lyons, Jr.	Member (Absent)
Joseph Mangino	Member (Absent)
Brett Novick	Member
Gerald Simonelli	Member (Absent)
Tammy Wagner	Member
Richard Czajkowski	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. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

None

B. CLOSED SESSION

None

C. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None

D. PERSONNEL/POLICY

Chairperson Walter Jauch – Update (Policy Only)

1. To discuss the **first reading** of the following **new** policy:
 - 7461 District Sustainability
2. To discuss the **first and only reading** of the following **revised** policies and regulation:
 - 2710 Tuition Preschool Program
 - 5240 Tardiness/Early Dismissal
 - R5240 Tardiness/Early Dismissal

An update was provided on the policies.

E. SPECIAL EDUCATION/CURRICULUM

Chairperson Joseph Mangino – Update

- Field Trips
- American Education Week
- LGBTQ Curriculum

There will be core curriculum validation for field trips; open for continuous discussion. American Education Week will be discontinued due to safety and security concerns. The LGBTQ curriculum will be implemented in 2020-2021.

F. FINANCE/BUILDINGS&GROUNDS/REFERENDUM

Chairperson Richard Czajkowski – Update

- Flood Issues – Ocean Acres/Ronald L. Meinders Primary Learning Center
- STAC Shows

There was discussion on the flood issues at Ocean Acres and PLC. Mrs. LaGuardia has been directed to contact Annina Hogan from Remington & Vernick for options at all levels. The STAC schedule of shows for the fall/winter was shared. The business administrator encourages the board to attend the STAC functions and spread word as raising funds to offset budget cuts is important.

G. CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Patricia Formica and seconded by Brett Novick to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm. Voice vote: All members present voted yes (5-0); 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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