



Stanhope Board of Education
24 Valley Road, Stanhope, New Jersey
Media Center
Regular Meeting
January 15, 2020

Time:

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call			
Mr. Najib Iftikhar		Mr. Steven Hagemann, Superintendent	
Mrs. Cynthia Percarpio		Mrs. Alicia Finklea-DiCataldo, Principal	
Mrs. Mattia Scharfstein		Dr. Steven E. McHugh, Sr.	
Mr. Jonathan Clauson		Business Administrator/Board Secretary	
Mrs. Jennifer Herold			
Mr. Frank Shay		Faculty (number)	
Mr. Gil Moscatello		Community (number)	

Sunshine Law Statement – N.J.S.A. 10:4-8d; N.J.S.A. 10:4-10a

This is to advise the general public and to instruct that it be recorded in the minutes that in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, entitled the “Open Public Meetings Act,” Stanhope Board of Education, located at 24 Valley Road, Stanhope, New Jersey, has caused this notice to be posted at the office of the Stanhope Board of Education, mailed to the New Jersey Herald, the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Stanhope, the Stanhope Post Office, and posted at the Valley Road School and Linden Avenue School, setting forth the time, date, and location of the meeting.

Mission Statement

The Stanhope School District will provide a diverse and challenging educational environment that encourages individual initiatives, fosters success through teamwork, promotes accountability, demonstrates a passion for educational excellence and ensures student achievement related to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. The Stanhope School District is committed to the development of our students and staff, so that individual aspirations can be achieved through their lifelong learning.

Executive Session Announcement

An Executive Session will be held for the purpose of personnel. Formal action may be taken.

Oath of Office

Administration of the Oath of Office to re-elected and newly elected Board of Education members.

Mr. Jonathan Clauson

*Elected board members will read aloud the Oath of Office ([attachment #1](#))

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Steven Hagemann

1. HIB / ABS / Suspensions
2. New Jersey School Boards Recognition Month
3. Governor's Educator of the Year Recognition
 - a. Teacher of the Year – Mrs. Carole Grube
 - b. Educational Services Professional of the Year – Mr. Richard Shahpazian

Business Administrator's Report – Dr. Steven McHugh, Sr.

Personnel and Curriculum Committee Meeting Update – Mrs. Cynthia Percarpio (Chair)

Business Services Committee Meeting Update – Mr. Najib Iftikhar (Chair)

Negotiations Committee Meeting Update - Mr. Gil Moscatello

Sussex County Educational Services Commission Update – Mr. Gil Moscatello

Board President's Report – Mr. Gil Moscatello

Public Session #1 – Agenda Items

Policy #0167; Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to five (5) minutes duration, during times when an audience of ten (10) or more residents exists.

Travel & Workshop Reports

1. Jessica Frank ([attachment #2](#))
2. Cynthia Percarpio ([attachment #3](#))
3. Lisa Sears ([attachment #4](#))
4. Susan Davis ([attachment #5](#))
5. Deborah McNear ([attachment #6](#))
6. Patricia Marra ([attachment #7](#))

Code of Ethics

A motion was presented by _____, and seconded by _____, to approve the following:

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve the following:

1. Motion to operate in accordance with Bylaws 0142 "Board Member Qualifications, Prohibited Acts, and Code of Ethics.:"
*Each Board Member will review and sign a copy of the formal code of ethics statement. ([attachment #8](#)):

Roll Call:

Mr. Jonathan Clauson
Mr. Najib Iftikhar
Mrs. Jennifer Herold
Mrs. Cynthia Percarpio
Mrs. Mattia Scharfstein
Mr. Frank Shay
Mr. Gil Moscatello

Administrative Action Items (Agenda Items 1 and 2)

A motion was presented by _____, and seconded by _____, to approve the following:

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve the following Administrative action items:

1. Approve the Suspension and Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Report. (attachment #9)

2. *WHEREAS*, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2020 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and
WHEREAS, The Stanhope Board of Education is one of 580 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and
WHEREAS, The Stanhope Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and
WHEREAS, New Jersey’s local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and
WHEREAS, New Jersey’s 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and
WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and
WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public’s expectations for the schools; and
WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation’s best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments; Now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the Stanhope Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2020 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the Stanhope Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the advancement of our children’s education.

Roll Call:

Mr. Jonathan Clauson
Mr. Najib Iftikhar
Mrs. Jennifer Herold
Mrs. Cynthia Percarpio
Mrs. Mattia Scharfstein
Mr. Frank Shay
Mr. Gil Moscatello

Education Action Items (Agenda Items 1 - 4)

A motion was presented by _____, and seconded by _____, to approve the following:

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve the following Education action items:

1. Approve the trips for the 2019-2020 school year as per attached. ([attachment #10](#))
2. Approve the Stanhope basketball teams to participate in the 2019-2020 Hardyston Basketball Tournament on February 3, 2020 (advancement in the tournament may require attendance on future dates). The entrance fee is \$115.00, participation pending invitational seeding.
3. Approve the Group/Tour Program Agreement between Educational Travel Adventures and the Stanhope Board of Education for the 8th Grade Washington DC Trip from June 10, 2020 through June 12, 2020.
4. Approve the Group/Tour Program Agreement between Educational Travel Adventures and the Stanhope Board of Education for the 7th Grade Philadelphia Trip from June 3, 2020 through June 5, 2020.

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Personnel Action Items (Agenda Items 1 - 8)

A motion was presented by _____, and seconded by _____, to approve the following:

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve the following Personnel action items:

1. Approve request for voluntary FMLA leave for employee #49206 from January 8, 2020 through January 28, 2020.
2. Approve, with appreciation for 3 years of service, the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of Sal Gambino, effective July 1, 2020. ([attachment #11](#))
3. Accept the resignation of part time Classroom Paraprofessional Ashley Triston effective December 20, 2019. ([attachment #12](#))
4. Approve the retroactive appointment of (.72) Part Time Classroom Paraprofessional Summer Boehm for the 2019-2020 school year, for up to 28.75 hours per week as determined by schedule, at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, effective on or about January 27, 2020, pending criminal history clearance, and P.L. 2018, c5, S414 compliance.
5. Approve appointment of Jessica Frank as Student Wellness Club Advisor for the 2019-2020 school year, at a stipend amount of \$500.00.
6. Approve appointment of Margret Reilly as Kindness Club Advisor for the 2019-2020 school year, at a stipend amount of \$500.00.
7. Approve appointment of Holly Nikituk as Fitness Club Advisor for the 2019-2020 school year, at a stipend amount of \$500.00.
8. Approve the following individuals as substitute teachers, substitute aides for the 2019-2020 school year pending criminal history clearance, and P.L. 2018, c5, S414 compliance and issuance of certificate (if applicable):

Meghan Schmiedhauser	Substitute Aide	N/A
Deidre Abdallah	Substitute Aide	N/A
Richard Shahpazian	Substitute Teacher	Substitute Certificate

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Business Services Action Items (Agenda Items 1 - 3)

A motion was presented by _____, and seconded by _____, to approve the following:

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve the following Business Services action items:

1. Approve the December 17, 2019 through December 31, 2019, bill list in the amount of \$202,207.22. (attachment #13)
2. Approve the Professional Development Requests as per attached. ([attachment #14](#))
3. Approve the Facilities Use Requests as per attached. ([attachment #15](#))

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New Business

Old Business

Public Session #2 – Non Agenda Items

Policy #0167; Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to five (5) minutes duration, during times when an audience of ten (10) or more residents exists.

Executive Session

A motion was presented by _____, and seconded by _____, to accept the following declaration of Executive Session as presented at _____ p.m.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanhope Board of Education adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Stanhope Board of Education is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stanhope Board of Education, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey, that a closed session of this Board of Education (where the public shall be excluded) will be held at this time for the purpose of personnel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Board with regard to the above entitled matter shall be disclosed to the public at a later date and to the extent that the same is not prejudicial to the interests of the parties involved and would not result in a possible invasion of their right to privacy.

Voice Vote:

Yes: _____

No: _____

Abstain: _____

Re-Enter Public Session

A motion was presented by _____, and seconded by _____, that the Stanhope Board of Education return to Public Session at _____ p.m.:

Voice Vote:

Yes: _____

No: _____

Abstain: _____

Adjournment

A motion was presented by _____, and seconded by _____, that the Stanhope Board of Education adjourn the meeting at _____ p.m.:

Voice Vote:

Yes: _____

No: _____

Abstain: _____