



Stanhope Board of Education
24 Valley Road, Stanhope, New Jersey
Regular Meeting
Gymnasium & Virtual
February 10, 2021

Pledge of Allegiance

The Regular Meeting of the Stanhope Board of Education was called to order on February 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM. The meeting was conducted using an “In Person” and “Virtual” platform due to the continued state of emergency declaration by the Governor of New Jersey in accordance with his subsequent issuance of Executive Order 107. The Board of Education Members present included: Mrs. Kenia Choquette, Mr. Jonathan Clauson, Mrs. Jennifer Herold, Mrs. Cynthia Percarpio, Mrs. Mattia Scharfstein, Mr. Frank Shay, and Mr. Gil Moscatello. Also attending the meeting was Mr. Steven Hagemann, Superintendent, Mrs. Alicia Finklea-DiCataldo, Principal, and Dr. Steven E. McHugh, Sr., Business Administrator/Board Secretary. There were 36 individuals present (online) for the meeting.

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 the 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.

Presentations

1. School Safety Data System (SSDS) certified submission Report Period 1
2. Mission to Moon Program
3. #WeAreVRS Awards Recognition:

Joe Neal	Jim Scheer
Roger Hedden	Tom Cavanagh
Geoff Laurie	Elliott Decker

Correspondence

1. NJ Clean Energy Program Approval

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Steven Hagemann

1. HIB/ABS/Suspensions
2. TREP\$
3. Custodial Staff - Snow Removal
4. Restart & Recovery Meeting
5. Covid-19 Update

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

1. 2021 Personal/Relative and Financial Disclosure Statements
2. Town Lighting Project
3. LRFU Updates
4. Budget:
 - FY21
 - FY22
 - S2
5. Stanhope Public School Lighting Project
6. Stanhope Shared Services
7. NJSBA ACES Program

Personnel, Curriculum, School Climate & Culture Committee Meeting

PERSONNEL:

1. Approve Alan Chorun as Part Time Paraprofessional, 27.5 hours (.687 FTE) effective February 16, 2021.
2. Accept resignation of Allison Inga, Para Time Paraprofessional resignation effective January 8, 2021.
3. Anticipated teacher retirement
4. Retroactively increase hours for Part Time Classroom Paraprofessional Iluminada Rodriguez from 22.5 (.562 FTE) per week to 27.5 (.687 FTE) per week effective February 1, 2021.
5. Anticipated club stipend appointments for proposed new clubs

CURRICULUM:

1. TREP\$ Program
2. Approve 2021-2022 school year calendar (attachment)
3. Mission to Mars Program Grant
4. New Club Proposals:
 - Mission to the Moon Club
 - Nature and Walking Club

Business Services, Facilities & Technology Committee Meeting

1. LRFP Update
2. NJ Clean Energy Program - Light Project
3. Budget FY21 Update
4. Budget FY22 Update
5. Facility Requests & Use of Building
6. Approval of Small STIPENDS
7. NJSBA ACES Program

Policy & Communications Committee Meeting

Review and discuss of the following:

1. A resolution requesting Governor Murphy to include public school district personnel in the official expert vaccine allotment panel's definition of frontline workers.
2. Restart & Recovery Committee - meeting to review revisions and next steps to the learning platform.

Budget Committee Report – Mr. Gil Moscatello

1. The Committee has had two meeting.
2. The Committee is reviewing Expense and Revenue Items

Sussex County Educational Services Commission Update

1. The District Continues to run well.
2. The SCESC did not receive funding from the Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant and will be meeting with a representative of Gov. Murphy.

Board President's Report – Mr. Gil Moscatello

1. Senator Sweeney is co-sponsoring a Regionalization Bill that includes many of the suggestions made by the Byram, Lenape, Netcong, & Stanhope Regionalization Committee that was active a few years ago.
2. The Stanhope Board agrees that the Board should communicate with the Boards of Byram, Lenape, and Netcong on the topic of Regionalization.

Public Session #1 – Agenda Items

1. None

Travel & Workshop Reports

1. Mattia Scharfstein – NJSBA 2020 Workshop (2020/2021)
2. Gil Moscatello – NJSBA Ready Set Bargain (Oct. 2020)
3. Gil Moscatello – NJSBA Chapter 44 (Oct. 2020)
4. Alicia Finklea-DiCataldo – Danielson Framework - Refresher Course
5. Alicia Finklea-DiCataldo – Creating a Trauma Informed Community

Minutes for Approval

A motion was presented by Mr. Shay, and seconded by Mrs. Herold, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve:

1. January 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Voice Vote:

Yes: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Passes

Administrative Action Items

A motion was presented by Mrs. Herold, and seconded by Mr. Clauson, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following Administrative action items:

1. Approve the Suspensions and Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report as per attached.
2. Approve 2020-2021 School Safety Data System (SSDS) data reporting for the first half of the school year.
3. **RESOLVED**, that the Stanhope Board of Education elects to opt out of the Cohort 2 2021 New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC), as allowed by A-4975, which was signed into law on December 23, 2020 by Governor Murphy, since the Stanhope School District has been identified as a High Performing District in the previous monitoring period.
4. Approve the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING GOVERNOR MURPHY TO INCLUDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL IN THE OFFICIAL EXPERT VACCINE ALLOTMENT PANEL'S DEFINITION OF FRONTLINE WORKERS

WHEREAS, the Stanhope Board of Education recognizes that the United States, the State of New Jersey and local health authorities, as well as the World Health Organization, have declared a public health emergency regarding the Coronavirus or COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the federals and state authorities have put in place guidance detailing the precautionary measures schools must implement to stop its spread of this disease; and

WHEREAS, public schools have a profound impact on millions of students, families and staff and are charged with the care, education, nourishment of their students and are an integral part of the health and safety of our communities; and

WHEREAS, our district has responded to the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, providing students and staff members with the technology and resources necessary to ensure the efficient delivery of instruction, virtually and in-person; and

WHEREAS, the board has a substantial public interest in protecting the health and safety of its students, staff, and community and ensuring that the district can provide staff and students with a safe and effective educational environment that supports student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the board recognizes that this health emergency made it necessary to close schools and reinvent the educational programs in a virtual setting and that this may have an adverse impact on student achievement and the emotional and social wellbeing of students; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Vaccination Plan published by the State of New Jersey Department of Health (December 15, 2020, pgs. 36-37) prioritizes the availability of vaccines to “essential workers” in Phase 1B of the vaccine protocol; and

WHEREAS, school district staff at all levels are essential to the day-to-day operations of the district, responsible for the thorough and efficient education of all students and their social and emotional wellbeing, are critical for virtual and in-class instruction and are “essential workers,”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Stanhope Board of Education finds a substantial public purpose exists to request that Governor Murphy give appropriate priority in the statewide administration of the COVID-19 vaccine to all public school district personnel. COVID-19 Vaccination Plan published by the State of New Jersey Department of Health.

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the member of the District 24 delegate, Mr. Steven V. Oroho, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin, Senate President, Mr. Stephen M. Sweeney, Governor Phil Murphy, and the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Kenia Choquette	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Clauson	Yes
Mrs. Jennifer Herold	Yes
Mrs. Cynthia Percarpio	Yes
Mrs. Mattia Scharfstein	Yes
Mr. Frank Shay	Yes
Mr. Gil Moscatello	Yes

Motion Passes

Education Action Items

A motion was presented by Mr. Clauson, and seconded by Mrs. Scharfstein, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following Education action item:

1. Approve the calendar for the 2021-2022 school year as per attached.

Roll Call:

<i>Mrs. Kenia Choquette</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Jonathan Clauson</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Jennifer Herold</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Cynthia Percarpio</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Mattia Scharfstein</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Frank Shay</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Gil Moscatello</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Motion Passes

Personnel Action Items

A motion was presented by Mr. Shay, and seconded by Mrs. Scharfstein, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve the following Personnel action items:

1. Approve the retroactive increase of hours for Part Time Paraprofessional Iluminada Rodriguez for the 2020-2021 school year, to up to 27.5 hours (.687 FTE) per week as determined by schedule effective February 1, 2021.
2. Approve appointment of Alan Chorun as Part Time (.687 FTE) Paraprofessional for the 2020-2021 school year, up to 27.5 hours per week as determined by schedule, at a rate of \$12.50 per hour, effective February 16, 2021.
3. Retroactively approve the resignation of Part Time Paraprofessional Allison Inga, effective January 9, 2021.
4. Accept with regret and appreciation for seven (7) years of service the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Ellen Mutz, effective June 30, 2021.
5. Appointment of Courtney Pipher as Student Club Advisor - Mission to Moon Club, for the 2020-2021 school year, at stipend of \$500.00 to be funded through Title IV funds.
6. Appointment of Karen Connelly as Student Club Advisor - Walking and Nature Club, for the 2020-2021 school year, at stipend of \$500.00.

Roll Call:

<i>Mrs. Kenia Choquette</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Jonathan Clauson</i>	<i>Abstain on All Items</i>
<i>Mrs. Jennifer Herold</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Cynthia Percarpio</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Mattia Scharfstein</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Frank Shay</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Gil Moscatello</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Motion Passes

Business Services Action Items

A motion was presented by Mrs. Scharfstein, and seconded by Mrs. Herold, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following Business Services action items:

1. Approve the line item appropriation transfers for the month of December 2020 as recommended by the Superintendent and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.
2. Approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2020.
3. Approve the Board Secretary's Report for the month of December 2020. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12(c) that as of December 31, 2020, no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a). Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.14(c), the Stanhope Board of Education, after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports certify that as of December 31, 2020 and upon consultation with the appropriate officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or funds has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
4. Approve the January 8, 2021 through January 31, 2021, bill list in the amount of \$474,305.02.
5. Approve the February 1, 2021 through February 5, 2021, bill list in the amount of \$53,820.80.
6. Approve Professional Development requests as per attached.
7. Accept the grant awarded from Vivify Stem to participate in the Mission to the Moon program. Award includes free registration for Mission to Moon training and free registration for five teams (up to 6 students per team) to participate in the Virtual Goosechase Game.

8.

Waiver of Requirements

Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3(b) provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district' participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2021-2022 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Stanhope Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students for the 2021-2022 school year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stanhope Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Sussex an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3(b)(1) for the 2021-2022 school year.

Roll Call:

<i>Mrs. Kenia Choquette</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Jonathan Clauson</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Jennifer Herold</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Cynthia Percarpio</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Mattia Scharfstein</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Frank Shay</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Gil Moscatello</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Motion Passes

New Business

1. Mr. Shay asked about the snow removal responsibility for the school paths.

Old Business

1. Mr. Shay inquired about the use and condition of Stanhope Public Schools lower field.

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.

1. None

Adjournment

A motion was presented by Mr. Shay and seconded by Mrs. Percarpio, that the Stanhope Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM:

Voice Vote:

<i>Yes:</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>No:</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Abstain:</i>	<i>0</i>

Motion Passes

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven E. McHugh, Sr.

Dr. Steven E. McHugh, Sr.
Board Secretary/Business Administrator
Approved: March 10, 2021