



Stanhope Board of Education
24 Valley Road, Stanhope, New Jersey
Cafeteria
Special Meeting / Committee of the Whole
April 13, 2022

Time:

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call			
Mrs. Kenia Choquette		Mr. Steven Hagemann, Superintendent	
Mr. Jonathan Clauson		Mrs. Alicia Finklea-DiCataldo, Principal	
Mrs. Jennifer Herold		Mrs. Debi LeBrun	
Mrs. Cynthia Percarpio		Business Administrator/Board Secretary	
Mrs. Mattia Scharfstein			
Mr. Thomas Valle		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 on the Stanhope Public Schools’ website, 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 newly appointed Board of Education member:

Mr. Thomas Valle

*Appointed board member will read aloud the Oath of Office (attachment #1)

Business Administrator’s Report – Mrs. Debi LeBrun

- 1. Referendum: Phoenix Advisors, Gianforcaro, Bond Council

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: _____

Personnel, Curriculum, School Climate & Culture Committee Meeting

Discussion of the following Personnel items:

To be Discussed in Executive Session

- Staff renewals - certificated and 12-month staff
- Staff placement

To be Discussed in Public Session

- Rate of pay for long-term substitutes
- Revised date of Paraprofessional Dawn Montesano resignation April 5, 2022
- Appointment of Speech Language Pathologist Jennifer Fratangelo, shared position with Lenape Valley Regional High School
- Resignation of Speech Language Pathologist Juana Magan, interviews in process
- Graduation gowns
- National Third Graders Day
- Revised 2021-22 School Calendar - Graduation Date
- Strategic Planning

Business Services, Facilities & Technology Committee Meeting

Discussion of the following Business Services items:

- Technology Audit Report
- Referendum, process and progress

Policy & Communications Committee Meeting

Discussion of the following Policy Items:

Second reading will take place at the next board meeting of the following:

- Policies

P2415.05	Student Surveys, Analysis, Evaluations, Examinations, Testing, or Treatment
P2431.4	Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries
P2622	Student Assessment
P3233	Political Activities
P5541	Anti-Hazing
P8465	Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts
P9560	Administrative Surveys

- Regulations

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| R2431.4 | Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries |
| R2622 | Student Assessment |
| R8465 | Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts |

Budget Committee Meeting

Discussion of the following Budget Items:

- Budget has been approved by the County Office

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.

Upon being recognized by the Board President, participants are requested to state their name, municipality of residence, and group affiliation, if applicable.

Business Services Action Items (Agenda Items 1)

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

The Stanhope Board of Education approves the following:

- Submission of the application to the New Jersey Department of Education for the Referendum that will include Updates and Renovations to the Valley Road School.
- Educational Specifications for the renovated Media Center and Science Room
- Any updates that may be required to the Long Range Facility Plan.”

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH
OF STANHOPE IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY
AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH
PROPOSED SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the Borough of Stanhope in the County of Sussex, New Jersey (the “Board” when referring to the governing body and the “School District” when referring to the territorial boundaries governed thereby), seeks to submit to the voters school facilities projects consisting of various alterations, improvements, upgrades and renovations to the Valley Road School (collectively, the “Projects”);

WHEREAS, the School District will seek Debt Service Aid with respect to the Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the planning and authorization of: (i) the Projects; and (ii) a School District special election at which time a bond referendum authorizing the Projects shall be presented to the voters of the School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-5.1 through 6A:26-5.3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby authorizes and/or ratifies the preparation of Schematic Plans and Educational Specifications, if required, by Gianforcaro Architects, Engineers & Planners (“Gianforcaro”) in connection with the Projects and the Board further authorizes and directs Gianforcaro to submit the same to the New Jersey Department of Education and to the Sussex County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval. The Board further authorizes and directs the submission of the Schematic Plans to the planning board for its review, to the extent required by law.

Section 2. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-2.3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby authorizes and/or ratifies any amendments to the Long Range Facilities Plan, as necessary, to reflect the Projects and approves the submission of any such amendment to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Section 3. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3.2 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby authorizes and/or ratifies the submission of the Projects Applications and its decision seeking debt service aid for the Projects.

Section 4. With respect to the Projects, the Board hereby authorizes and directs the Board President, the Superintendent and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as applicable, to execute the schematic plans and educational specifications, the amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan, the Projects cost estimate sheets and all related Projects documents allowing submission of same to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Section 5. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the Board President, the Superintendent, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Gianforcaro, and Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., as Bond Counsel, as applicable, to take all

action required to preserve the opportunity to present the Projects to the voters via a bond referendum at School District special election to be held on October 4, 2022 or such other date as may be available to the Board.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:

- Mrs. Kenia Choquette
- Mr. Jonathan Clauson
- Mrs. Jennifer Herold
- Mrs. Cynthia Percarpio
- Mr. Thomas Valle
- Mrs. Mattia Scharfstein
- Mr. Gil Moscatello

New Business

Old Business

Public Session #2 – Non Agenda Items

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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: _____