

**Regular Meeting
Stafford Board of Education
Stafford Elementary School
February 1, 2016, 6:30 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Mr. Scott Gallison
Mrs. Andrea Locke
Mrs. Tracy Rummel, Chairperson
Ms. Sonya Shegogue, Secretary
Mrs. Kathy Walsh

Absent: Mr. Peter Kovaleski
Mr. Damon Reynolds, Alternate Student Representative
Mr. Jeff Roberts

Also Present: Dr. Patricia A. Collin, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Sam Adlerstein, Business Manager
Mr. Michael Bednarz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Mrs. Peggy Falcetta, Principal, Staffordville School
Mr. Damian Frassinelli, Director of Athletics and Recreation
Mr. Evan Gray, Music Teacher, Stafford Middle / Stafford Elementary Schools
Ms. Shelley Michaud, Principal, West Stafford School
Mr. Marco Pelliccia, Principal, Stafford High School
Ms. Jolene Piscetello, Principal, Stafford Elementary School
Miss Allison Schoolnick, Student Representative
Mrs. Amy Stevenson, Director of Curriculum

Item I. Call to Order- Establishment of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. A quorum was established.

Item II. Pledge of Allegiance

Miss Schoolnick led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item III. Secretary's Report- Approval of Minutes

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A consensus of the Board approved the Secretary's Report for the regular meeting held on 01/25/16, as presented.

Item IV. Treasurer's Report

Bills, 01/21/16- \$85,550.64
Grants, 01/21/16- \$3,507.77

A consensus of the Board approved the bills and grants as presented.

Item V. Correspondence

A. Board Meeting Reminder

Mrs. Rummel reviewed the Board of Education meeting reminder that was posted on the agenda.

Mrs. Rummel distributed information to the Board regarding the “Starts with Hello” program, which will be held at the middle school next week. Ms. Hoffman was looking for a Board member to participate. Mrs. Rummel said that she is not available.

Item VI. Board Reports

A. Report from Student Representative

Miss Schoolnick distributed a report, which covered three of the schools’ news and events, as well as a high school drama and music department update. Mr. Reynolds was absent.

B. Budget Committee

The Budget Committee members are Mrs. Rummel, Ms. Shegogue and Mr. Kovaleski (Mrs. Locke, alternate). There was no update from this committee.

C. Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee members are Ms. Shegogue, Mrs. Locke and Mrs. Walsh. There was no update from this committee.

D. Policy Committee

The Policy Committee members are Mrs. Rummel, Mr. Kovaleski and Mrs. Walsh. There was no update from this committee. Dr. Collin noted that she would like to schedule a meeting sometime after Friday, 2/5. Mrs. Rummel asked that an email be sent out to the committee members.

E. Negotiation Committee

The Negotiation Committee members are Mrs. Locke, Ms. Shegogue and Mr. Roberts. There was no update from this committee. Dr. Collin informed the Board that the SEA Co-Curricular Committee is scheduled to hold its first meeting on Thursday, 2/4/16.

Item VII. Superintendent’s Reports

A. Redesigned Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

Dr. Collin reported that on October 7, 2015, the State Board of Education approved the adoption of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) as its statewide assessment for students in grade eleven. She said that the SAT is intended to replace the Smarter Balanced Assessment this spring. She said that the SAT, which focuses on college and career readiness skills, will be administered on March 2, 2016.

Via the portal, the Board members were provided with the following documents: a letter dated 10/30/15, from Commissioner Wentzell regarding SAT for students in grade 11; *Connecticut Administration of the SAT: Frequently Asked Questions for Districts and Schools*; *Connecticut SAT: Frequently Asked Questions for Families and Students*; and a PowerPoint Presentation: *The Redesigned Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)*.

Mr. Bednarz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mr. Marco Pelliccia, Principal of Stafford High School, reviewed the PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from Board members. Mr. Bednarz and Mr. Pelliccia clarified that the SAT, which will be administered on March 2, is the same test that students would be taking if they signed up to take it off-site, with the exception of the essay portion, which will not be administered on March 2, per State directive. Mr. Bednarz stated that every student in Connecticut will have to take the SAT on the same day, during the school day. He also noted that the SAT will be free for all students.

B. Continued Presentation of the Proposed 2016-2017 Budget for the Stafford Public School District

Dr. Collin reviewed the changes that were made since the last meeting to the 2016-2017 proposed budget for the Stafford Public School District, which totals \$26,872,224 and represents an increase of \$383,911, or 1.4%.

Dr. Collin stated that the proposed budget now reflects a 1.4% increase over the 15-16 budget, as compared to a 1.77% increase that was presented last week. She reported that the revised budget reflects recent staffing adjustments, review of and changes to grants, reductions in social security and overtime, and an increase for athletic support staff.

Mr. Gallison had a question regarding the roofing project at Stafford High School. Since Mr. Cowperthwaite, Supervisor of Building Services, was not present at the Board meeting, Mr. Adlerstein said that he would forward Mr. Cowperthwaite's contact information to Mr. Gallison.

Mrs. Rummel stated that questions from Board members or the community could be emailed to Dr. Collin at any time before the next meeting on Monday, February 8, 2016.

Mrs. Rummel stated that her personal opinion is that this is a very responsible budget. Ms. Shegogue said that she also supports this budget, but would like more time to review the material provided.

The complete budget document, including backup material, is posted on the district web site-
www.stafford.k12.ct.us

Item VIII. Public Forum

There were no questions or comments.

Item IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

Item X. New Business

There was no New Business.

Item XI. Personnel Matters

A. Acceptance of Resignation- Certified Staff Member

Mrs. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Locke, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of the following staff member, as indicated:

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON
Jillanne Payant	Teacher, Grade 6	Stafford Middle School	1/29/16	Personal.

Mr. Gallison, Mrs. Locke, Ms. Shegogue, and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried.

Item XII. Student Matters

There were no Student Matters.

Item XIII. Adjournment

Mrs. Locke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shegogue, to adjourn. Mr. Gallison, Mrs. Locke, Ms. Shegogue, and Mrs. Walsh voted for the motion, which carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Christine C. Marinelli, Recording Secretary**

Tracy L. Rummel, Chairperson

Sonya Shegogue, Secretary