



Stratford Board of Education

STRATFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION – OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Special Meeting – May 28, 2020

Meeting Location: Virtual Mtg. – Google

**Recorded By: Teresa Lycoudes/
Recording Clerk**

1 ATTENDANCE

Name	Title	Location	Present
Allison DelBene	Board Chair		Y
Amy Wiltsie	Board Vice Chair		Y
Vinny Faggella	Board Secretary		Y
Andrea Corcoran	Board Member		Y
Janice Cupee	Board Member		Y
Bob DeLorenzo	Board Member		Y
Karen Rodia	Board Member		Y
Dr. Janet Robinson	Superintendent	Central Office	Y
Ed Molloy	Director, IT	Central Office	Y
Susan Nicholson	Director, Finance	Central Office	Y
Linda Gejda	Asst. Superintendent	Central Office	Y
Teresa Lycoudes	Recorder / Board Secretary	Central Office	Y
Lou Spetrino	Videographer		Y

2 MEETING LOCATION

- **Please visit the website at www.stratfordk12.org to see the meeting video.**
The meeting took place via a Virtual Meeting hosted on Google Meet.

3 MEETING START

Meeting Scheduled to Start: To immediately follow the special meeting of the Finance Committee which ended at 10:01PM.

Actual Start Time: 10:04 PM

4 AGENDA –

- **Opening Remarks by Chair – The Board Chair (*Allison DelBene*) opened the *June 1, 2020 Board of Education special meeting* (held virtually via Google Meet) at 6:43 PM. A Quorum was confirmed.**

Ms. DelBene reported gave a brief recap of the special Finance meeting that took place prior to the special Board meeting. She said the committee voted on the following cuts and moved to forward them to the full Board of Education (with a favorable recommendation).

From Special Finance Meeting - 5.28.2020		APPROVED CUTS , etc.		
VF / AD	Passed 9-0	(318,000.00)	Insurance Carrier Change Savings from 8.5% to 5.5% increase	
AD / JC	Passed 8-0 (1 non-vote VF)	(40,000.00)	Lum-Apps (Account 0860)	
BP / BDavid	Passed 8-0 (1 non-vote VF)	(54,450.00)	Elimination of Mail Clerk	
AD / AW	Passed 8-0 (1 non-vote VF)	(99,520.00)	Eliminate Newly Proposed Security Director	
BP / BD	Passed 8-0 (1 non-vote VF)	(350,000.00)	Additional Reduction of Salary Adjustment of .005 (Retirement Savings) - Already included in Account 0009, CO21 - Which was part of Phase 1	
BP / AW	Passed 8-0 (1 non-vote VF)	(200,000.00)	Additional Reduction of Salary - for Adjustments that occur during the year such as resignations, medical leave. Creates a period of unpaid time	
BDavid / BP	Passed 9-0	(60,000.00)	DBS Energy - Power Shutdown	
AW / AD	Passed 9-0	(128,900.00)	Sped Ed Tuition - Account #1153 Budgeted 5% increase for most tuition lines. Reduce estimated tuition increases to 3%	
AW /AD	Passed 9-0	(54,450.00)	Sped Ed Tuition - Account #1152 Budgeted 5% increase for most tuition lines. Reduce estimated tuition increases to 3%	
AW / BDL	Passed 6-3 3 No Votes – VF, BP, KR	(250,000.00)	Contingency includes Proposed Guidance Admin and \$250 for Contingency. Reduce contingency portion from \$250k to \$150k	
AW / AD	Passed 9-0	(30,000.00)	Reduction in Curriculum Development	
AD / VF	Passed 9-0	(10,000.00)	Reduction in Special Education Supplies	

AW / AD	Passed 9-0	(9,000.00)	Reduction of Elementary Lead Science Teachers (Account 0430)
BD /AW	Passed 8-0 with 1 non-vote (KR)	(68,000.00)	Eliminate Reading Coordinator Position 0.50 FTE
AW / BD	Passed 9-0	(43,000.00)	Eliminate Custodian Position - ACA
BD / VF	Passed 9-0	(43,000.00)	Eliminate Custodian Position - SHS
BDavid / BP	Passed 9-0	(50,000.00)	Reduction in Custodial Overtime
AW / BD	Passed with caveat – \$20,000 decrease – allocate \$14,000 to photography / videos Passed 9-0	14,000.00	Account 0758 - Conference/Workshop Administration - Account was not budgeted properly. Adding \$30k to cover photography expenses, travel, food)
Mandated Payment to Town of Stratford		7,992.00	Account 0452 - Mystery Science - Contract was paid to vendor in full in order to obtain an advantageous price. Town paid the contract on behalf of the Board however, the Board must record the expense each year until paid in full. Will be paid in full in FY 2025
Mandated payment to Town of Stratford		135,258.00	DBS Leases - Contracts were paid in full to vendor. Town paid the contract on behalf of the Board. A portion of the expense is recorded each year until paid in full. Will be paid in full in FY 2022
Mandated payment to Town		70,000.00	Account 0954 - Water Sewer Usage - WPCA Tax Bills for Board Buildings
BP /BDavid	Passed 8-1 (1 No Vote – KR)	(2,000.00)	Reduction Repair & Maintenance - Music Account 0332
BP / BDavid	Passed 8-1 (1 No Vote – KR)	(2,650.00)	Reduction Repair & Maintenance - Music Account 0333
BP / BDavid	Passed 8-1 (1 No Vote – KR)	(3,000.00)	Reduction Repair & Maintenance - Music Account 0334
BP / BDavid	Passed 8-1 (1 No Vote – KR)	(7,150.00)	Reduction in Vocal & Instrumental Music Materials - Various Accounts

AW / BDavid	Passed 9-0	(28,220.00)	Eliminate Professional Development for Art, Music, PE, Reading - Elementary - Account 0672	
AW / BDavid	Passed 9-0	(2,800.00)	Eliminate Professional Development for I-READ - Account 0672	
BDL / BDavid	Passed 9-0	(14,082.00)	Eliminate Professional Development Art, Music, PE, Reading - Middle School - Account 0673	
AW / VF	Passed 9-0	(3,980.00)	Overall reduction in Professional Development - High School - Account 0674	
AW / BDL	Passed 9-0	(44,380.00)	Reduction in Account 0661	
KR / VF	Passed 9-0	(34,150.00)	Reduction in Secondary In-Service (Danielson, Reading Apprenticeship) - Account 0662	Try to add back FY 2022 - Want to Use Danielson instead of C-Rubic?
BP / VF	Passed 9-0	(13,500.00)	Eliminate System 44 Program - Secondary - Account 0041	
KR / BDL	Passed 9-0	(3,000.00)	Eliminate Teacher College Reading - Secondary - Account 0041	
KR / BDL	Passed 9-0	(3,000.00)	Eliminate Teacher College Writing - Secondary - Account 0041	
BDL / AW	Passed 9-0	(40,000.00)	Eliminate STAR Computer Program - Account 0858	
BDavid / BP	Passed 8-1 (1 no vote by JC)	(3,000.00)	Secondary Textbook - Classroom Libraries - Account 0040	
BDavid / BP	Passed 8-1 (1 no vote by JC)	(5,000.00)	Secondary Textbook - ELA & Reading Program Libraries - Account 0040	
BDavid / BDL	Passed 8-1 (1 no vote by JC)	(5,000.00)	Reduction in DEFINE STEM program in Math Elementary Supplies - Account 0290	
AW / BD	Passed 9-0	(16,000.00)	Reduction in Elementary Social Studies Classroom Libraries - Account 0493	
KR / JC	Passed 9-0	(3,000.00)	Reduction in Job Shadow Transportation - Account 1065	
VF / AW	Passed 9-0	(10,000.00)	Overall Reduction of Elementary Curriculum Writing - Account 0648	
VF / AW	Passed 9-0	(10,000.00)	Overall Reduction of Secondary Curriculum Writing - Account 0649	
VF/BDavid	Passed 9-0	(21,145.00)	Eliminate Elementary Class Field Trip Transportation - Account	To be back FY

			1064	2022
BP / AW	Passed 8-0 with 1 abstention (B.David)	(100,000.00)	Telephone Savings -- If purchase phones -- this would be a cost avoidance in FY 2021	
BP / KR	Passed 6-3 (with 3 no votes by BD/BDL/BP)	(48,000.00)	Summer Transportation Budget at \$200,000 reduce to 76%	
KR / VF	Passed 8-1 (with 1 no vote by B.David)	(15,000.00)	Gasoline Cost for Summer	
Motion added to Reduction List at 5.28.2020	Motion made by AW/BDL and Passed 8-1 (with 1 no vote by JC)	(32,000.00)	Move this World - Elementary	
		(2,051,127.00)	Total Cuts (from special Finance meeting 5.28.2020)	
	Amount of Necessary Reductions	3,279,554.34		
Remaining Amount to be Cut to get to 2.575462%		1,228,427.34		

A motion was made by Mr. Faggella; seconded by Mrs. Corcoran to accept the proposed reductions (as listed above) put forth by the Finance Committee. A roll call vote was taken.

Allison DelBene Yes Janice Cupee Yes
Amy Wiltsie Yes Bob DeLorenzo Yes
Vinny Faggella Yes Karen Rodia Yes
Andrea Corcoran Yes

Motion Carried 7-0

Hearing no further discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Rodia; seconded by Mrs. Corcoran, and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:06 PM.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Stratford Board of Education is scheduled for **Monday, June 22, 2020**. The meeting location is anticipated to be virtual via Google Meet.

Meeting recorded and minutes transcribed by:



**Teresa Lycoudes, Board Secretary &
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent**