



## **Stratford Board of Education**

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### **STRATFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION – OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES re Special Board Mtg.**

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**Meeting Date:** June 12, 2017

**Meeting Location:** Administration Center – Board  
Room

**Approved:** **DRAFT**

**Recorded By:** Teresa Lycoudes

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## 1 ATTENDANCE

Name	Title	Location	Present
James Feehan	Board Chair		Y
Leonard Petruccelli	Board Vice Chair		Y
Theresa Sheehy	Board Secretary		Y
Chris Barnaby	Board Member		N
Maria Buturla	Board Member		N
Susan Lance	Board Member		Y
Eric Lazaro	Board Member		Y
Dr. Janet Robinson	Superintendent	Central Office	Y
Clarence Zachery	Chief Operating Officer	Central Office	Y
Linda Gejda	Asst. Superintendent	Central Office	Y
Teresa Lycoudes	Recorder / Board Secretary	Central Office	Y
Lea Ann Bradford	SAA Representative	FMS Principal	
Mike Fiorello, Kristin Record, Robin Julian	SEA Representatives	BHS & VSS - Instructors	Y
Lou Spetrino	Videographer		N

## 2 MEETING LOCATION

Building: Administration Center / Board Room – 1000 East Broadway

## 3 MEETING START

Meeting Scheduled to Start: 6:00 PM

Actual Start Time: 6:04 PM

## 4 AGENDA

- **Opening Remarks by Chair**

1. Board Vice Chair (Leonard Petruccelli) called the June 12, 2017 Board of Education special meeting to order at 6:04 PM. A quorum was confirmed. Mr. Petruccelli then called a recess at 6:05 PM.

Board Chair (James Feehan) resumed the meeting at 6:11 PM

- **Items for Action /Discussion:**

- **Proposed:** Approval for Hiring of Personnel (Existing positions) – 2017/2018 School Year
  - A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. LANCE; SECONDED BY MRS. SHEEHY TO OPEN DISCUSSION REGARDING THE APPROVAL FOR HIRING OF PERSONNEL (EXISTING POSITIONS)FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR :
    - Questions and Answers
      - Mr. Petruccelli asked if there were additional costs association with these positions. Mr. Zachery stated the positions were all existing positions that need to be replaced due to resignations or retirements.
      - Mrs. Lance made an amendment to her original motion:
    - MRS. LANCE AMENDED HER ORIGINAL MOTION TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF PERSONNEL (EXISTING POSITIONS) FOR 2017-2018 EXCLUDING **GUIDANCE SECRETARY AT SHS AND ADMINISTRATION CENTER POSITIONS**. SHE REQUESTED THAT BOARD APPROVE ONLY POSITIONS THAT HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON STUDENTS.
      - Questions and Answers
        - Mrs. Sheehy asked about positions related to the athletic program (sports). Mr. Zachery informed the Board members that athletic positions (i.e. coaches, etc.) are released at the end of a school year and rehired annually.
        - Mr. Zachery went on to ask the Board members to realize all of these positions included in the handout (attached) are essential positions, and to realize how not hiring at this time will hold an impact to the district. Chairman Feehan said it is understood by the Board.
    - UPON HEARING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

Eric Lazaro – Yes  
Leonard Petruccelli – Yes  
Terri Sheehy – Yes  
Susan Lance – Yes  
James Feehan - Yes

THE MOTION **CARRIED (5 to 0)**

- **IPPI Program:**

- **Enrollment at program** – Enrollment at the IPPI Program was discussed. The program currently houses 66 students with capacity for 77. Of the 66 students serviced there, 22 are Stratford students. There is an approximate cost of \$35,000 per student.

- **Program Staff** – Stratford Board of Education / Stratford Public Schools do not provide staff for the IPPI Program other than a custodian for the building.
- **Contract / Agreement** – The IPPI Program gets use of the building. For services, the district realizes cost avoidance at approximately \$1,185,000 (the amount is likely to be higher since the needs of the students vary). The district also avoids transportation costs associated with these students, as these students would also have to be transported outside the district if services were provided elsewhere.
- **Program Expense** – The district pays the salary for a custodian and utilities to operate the building

In addition to the IPPI Program, discussion took place about the last page of the budget document posted to the district website, which shows a number for staff housed at Honeyspot. Superintendent Robinson and Mr. Zachery explained this sheet was in reference to the AIP and STRIVE Programs which were housed there at the beginning of the 2016-17 school year. They explained that the sheet was accurate when the budget process began. Mr. Feehan stated this causes discord and confusion for the community as they believe the staff total pertains to the IPPI Program. He asked for the page to be taken down from the website and corrected to reflect current status.

▪ **ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM upon a motion made by Mr. Petruccelli seconded by Mrs. Sheehy, and carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Stratford Board of Education is the regular monthly meeting scheduled for **Monday, June 26, 2017**. The meeting location will be the Board Room at the Administration Center (1000 East Broadway) and the meeting will begin at 7:15 PM.

***Meeting recorded and minutes transcribed by:***




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

EXISTING positions from resignations/retirements for the school year 2017-18 to date:

V. Soto (1)

Kindergarten Teacher

Social Worker (TBD)

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Fall Sports Athletic Coaches

ALPHA (.6)

Math

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SHS (5)

Math; F & CS (Child Development); SPED Resource; CIA; **Guidance Secretary**

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BHS (6.2)

Chemistry; Social Studies; F & CS (Culinary); School Nurse; Medical Careers .2; SPED STEPS (open from 16-17);

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FMS (1)

Health

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WMS (2)

Tech Ed.; SPED STEPS;

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Franklin (1)

Grade 6

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Lordship (1)

School secretary

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2<sup>nd</sup> Hill Lane (1)

Grade 3

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SAJH (1)

SPED Resource

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Eli Whitney (2)

Library Media; SPED Resource

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Administration Building (3.6)

Inclusion Facilitator PPS;

Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent

Admin. Assistant to the COO

.6 HR Support Specialist

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Administrators

District Adult Ed. Coordinator

SHS Science Department Head

Franklin/Wilcoxson Administrative Assistant