1. **Opening**

   A. **Call to Order**

   **Open Public Meeting Act.** Adequate notice of this meeting of the board of education of the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District has been provided in accordance with the certification of notice by the secretary of the board, which shall become part of the minutes of this meeting.

   B. **Roll Call**

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   **Quorum:** 7-2/6:03 p.m.

**Other’s Present**

Dr. Kristin O’Neil, Superintendent of Schools
C. Flag Salute

D. Adoption of Agenda

Recommendation: Dopke/VanDiehl approve the adoption of the agenda, as presented.

Board action needed: Yes
(All yes, motion to carry 7-0)

Public Comments/Visitors - None

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting will now be open to members of the public who wish to speak or make comment on agenda items or a school district issue that may be of concern to the residents of the district. Any person who wishes to speak must wait to speak until they have been recognized by the presiding Board Officer. If a large group of people are present to speak, the presiding Board Officer may, at his/her discretion, limit the number of people allowed to speak.

Any person who wishes to speak is requested to give their name, address, and group affiliation, if any, at the beginning of their comments. The Board requests that each group that wishes to be heard choose one representative to speak on its behalf. Comments shall be limited to five minutes in total length. It is the intention of the board to listen to public comments, and to respond if possible. If questions cannot be immediately answered the Board asks that you pose the question to the Board Secretary via e-mail. If your questions or comments pertain to litigation, student or personnel matters, the Board asks that you see the Superintendent after the meeting since the Board does not, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, discuss or respond to these items in public.

This meeting will move into regular agenda items at the conclusion of the public comments or at -:-:- pm whichever occurs first.

1. Action Items

a. Recommendation: Matthias/Dopke approve the following resolution for Swedesboro-Woolwich School District to join Fair Funding Litigation:

**SWEDESBORO-WOOLWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION TO JOIN SCHOOL FUNDING LITIGATION**

WHEREAS, the School Funding Reform Act of 2008 (SFRA) reflects the current New Jersey law that provides State Aid to public school districts; and
WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature has appropriated limited monies to fund such State Aid for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District is receiving less than 70% of the State Aid it would otherwise receive pursuant to the SFRA; and

WHEREAS, the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District’s taxpayers are paying more than 100% of their fair share of local taxes as determined by the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, other school districts are receiving 100% and more of their State Aid allocation pursuant to the SFRA, while their taxpayers pay less than 100% of their fair share of local taxes as determined by the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, such disparate treatment is neither “equal” nor “equitable” and is without a rational basis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District hereby joins in litigation with the Newton Public School District and the Town of Newton (Sussex County, NJ) to address the unequal and disparate results caused by the SFRA’s distribution of available State Aid and its impact upon its local taxpayers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District are hereby directed and authorized to provide whatever assistance is reasonably required in order to pursue such litigation in order to further the interests of the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District and its taxpayers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District will authorize an amount up to $2,500 to support said litigation, such amount to be determined after consultation with other potential litigants. In the event there is a need for additional funds, the proposed expense would be considered by the Board of Education. Any such expenditure of funds will be processed according to the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District’s applicable procedures.

Board action needed: Yes (Roll Call Required)
(All yes, motion to carry: 7-0)

Mrs. Jaclyn Dopke-Y  Mrs. Rosella Musumeci-Y  Mrs. Natalie Matthias-Y
Mr. Kevin Heffernan  Mrs. Michelle VanDiehl-Y  Mr. Kenneth Morris
Mrs. Lauren Ibbotson-Y  Mr. Robert Ferrell-Y  Mr. Craig Frederick-Y

Delegates:
   a. NJSBA – Mr. Craig Frederick
   b. GCSBA – Mrs. Jaclyn Dopke
6. Adjournment

Recommendation: VanDiehl/Musumeci approve the adjournment of meeting.
Board action needed: Yes
(All yes, motion to carry: 7-0)

Time: 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Mr. Christopher DeStratis
Board Secretary/SBA

Next Meeting(s):
January 17, 2018
Board/Committee Meetings as scheduled