

SPARTA BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPARTA, NEW JERSEY
SEPTEMBER 24, 2020
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, 7:00 PM
ADDENDUM
DYKSTRA PARK

YouTube Live Stream Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxXpaN6-LA0-qHedTBgxqZg>
Email public comments by 5:00 pm to public.comment@sparta.org

The Sparta Board of Education will commence its regular meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Mohawk Avenue School. The Board will open the meeting and then immediately convene into Executive Session. The public portion of the meeting will commence at approximately 7:30 and is being moved outside to Dyksta Park for health and safety reasons.

Should the weather not be conducive to an outdoor meeting, the BOE may move the meeting indoors at its discretion to the Mohawk Avenue School Auditorium. If this is done, the community will be notified via email and it will also be posted on the Sparta.org home page. Additionally, if the meeting is moved inside, we will only be able to accommodate twenty-five people in the meeting room, including the Board and Administration, per Governor Murphy's Executive Order 173.

This meeting will be live streamed on YouTube regardless of it being outdoors or indoors. The YouTube link will be posted on the Sparta.org homepage prior to the meeting. Community members watching via live stream may submit comments to public.comment@sparta.org by 5:00 p.m. on 9/24/20. Due to the anticipated volume of comments, please limit yourself to one comment.

We will do our best to get through all comments, however, please note that the Public comment portion of the meeting will be limited to 45 minutes.

PERSONNEL & POLICY - Kurt Morris, Chair

PP 73-21 Superintendent to Hire Staff Between BOE Meetings

RESOLUTION NO. PP 73-21 SUPERINTENDENT TO HIRE STAFF BETWEEN BOE MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to hire staff between Board of Education meetings, subject to Board ratification at the next duly convened meeting; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board's ratification of such hiring decisions shall not be unreasonably withheld.

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OPERATIONS – Kimberly Bragg, Chair

OPS 09-21 Confirming a Collaborative Partnership to Minimize Spread of COVID 19 and Promote the Health and Well Being of our Residents

RESOLUTION NO. OPS 09-21 CONFIRMING A COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP TO MINIMIZE SPREAD OF COVID 19 AND PROMOTE THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF OUR RESIDENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, for the benefit of the Sparta Township Public Schools, and the Sparta Township Community as a whole:

WHEREAS, the Sparta Township Public Schools and the Township of Sparta recognizes the importance of collaboration and communication with the public as it relates to the control of COVID 19 infection; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the Sparta Township Public Schools and the Township of Sparta met on September 22, 2020 with the Sussex County Health Department and Sussex County Freeholder Representatives to discuss how our representative entities can collaborate on the control of COVID 19 infections and implement best practices for managing the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, this collaboration and public communication is critical for effective management of this pandemic in order to promote and safeguard the health and well-being of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sparta Township Public Schools, that the above referenced entities have committed to working together, across all organizations to minimize the Spread of COVID 19 and to promote the health and safety, both physical and mental, of our residents. We will do this by committing to these core principles:

1. Commitment to collaboration amongst our organizations through the sharing of available resources and communication outlets.
2. Continual, sustainable dialog around the mitigation and management of COVID 19 cases.
3. We will work together to build and follow standard protocols around the handling of information gathered through contact tracing.
4. Our collective actions will recognize and minimize the social stigmatization of COVID 19 contact tracing through all messaging and controls.
5. Support ONE clear public health message to our community to minimize confusion and streamline messaging.
6. All parties agree that it is critical that these matters be handled with the highest degree of fidelity and confidentiality.
7. To develop practices and policies that are supportive of those affected by this pandemic, as well as their families.
8. In accordance with our the Township of Sparta's Stigma Free policy we will encourage open dialog and support of all affected throughout our community and the enhanced spirit of #spartastrong (no blame – no shame).