

Regular Board Meeting of November 18, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Manny at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present

Mrs. Brisbin

Mrs. Straub

Mrs. Ivins-Sims

Mrs. Walsh

Mr. Stones

Mr. Minder

Mr. Brown – arrival 7:04

Mrs. Manny

Absent

Dr. Woldoff – (excused with notice)

Announcements of Notices/Communications

Limited Citizen Participation

None

Secretary's Report

Nonpublic Funds - Nonpublic funds which were previously managed by Laurel Spring BOE for Trinity Prep are in the process of being returned to the state and will be managed by Voorhees Township Schools. Additionally, the Office of Grant Management was contacted to determine the availability of the Nonpublic portion of the IDEA awards to utilize for in district students.

Final Reports for ESEA Funds - Final reports for Title I, Title II and Title IV has been approved. There will be additional planning to spend down these carryover funds in conjunction with the 20-21 awards.

Final Report Digital Divide Grant - Final report was submitted to the state for approval and reimbursement of these expenses.

NJSBA Mandated Training - Emails have been sent to any board members who needs to complete a mandated training for 2020.

Seamless Summer Option Program – The application for the Seamless Summer Option Program, which is the bagged lunch reimbursement program has been approved for the 20-21 school year.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Attanasi explained that Resolution 17 approved the revisions of various school policies. Additionally, he explained that the seizure action plan will be revised with the help of the school nurse. Item 11, on the board agenda will approve Sharon Isard to replace Carin Haabak as the district payroll officer. Mr. Attanasi informed the board that he has no HIB cases to report for the past eight to nine weeks of school. A Covid update was provided by Mr. Attanasi regarding the single in district case. He further explained that the student was not in close contact with other students or staff, and the case was quickly contained with the continued support of the Camden County Department of Health. Mr. Attanasi reiterated that the Department of Health has been very responsive and available to discuss any

questionable situations. Twelve fully remote students will be returning to hybrid in person learning during the second trimester, which will leave approximately 36-38 fully remote students. Mr. Attanasi explained that Mr. Mahlman was able to alter and restructure teacher responsibilities which has postponed the need for an additional part time teacher at this point. They will re-evaluate and potentially post for this position in January 2021, if needed. The School Safety Grant funds will be used to obtain swipe fab entry into the building. These funds will be used continue to upgrade the security camera and software. Mr. Attanasi explained that the students will still participate in the letters to Santa event. This will be offered to both hybrid and fully remote students. County Office will be providing Laurel Springs with additional face masks. These face masks will be available for the district to utilize, for the 2021-2022 school year. Laurel Springs is scheduled to undergo a NJQSAC monitoring in early 2021. A bill was declined to postpone QSAC due to Covid. Therefore, included on the agenda is a resolution to start the QSAC process. Lastly, the reorganization meeting in January will be the only board meeting held in January 2021.

Mrs. Brisbin asked if the board needs to approve the restart and recovery plan, since the policies are being revised. Mr. Attanasi – at this time we are approving the first reading on these policies.

Committee Reports

None

On a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Ivins – Sims to approve Resolutions 1120-01 through 1020-18.

Yes

No

Abstain

Mrs Ivan-Sims
Mrs. Walsh
Mrs. Brisbin
Mr. Brown
Mr. Minder
Mr. Stones
Mrs. Straub
Mrs. Manny

Board Secretary Action Items:

1. Resolution No. 1120-01

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for September 2020 be approved as certified by the Secretary of the Board that no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.A.C. 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1, and

Be it further resolved that, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(3), the Board of Education certifies that after review of the secretary's monthly financial report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year

2. Resolution No.1120-02

Motion to approve attached Bills and Claims Report for September 2020.

3. Resolution No.1120-03

Motion to approve attached Transfer List/Batch Appropriations Adjustments for September 2020.

4. Resolution No.1120-04

Motion to approve minutes from Oct 21, 2020.

5. Resolution No.1120-05

Motion to approve the grant application for the following funds:

IDEA- Basic \$77,249.

IDEA-Preschool \$2,677.

6. Resolution No.1120-06

Motion to approve a contract with Interactive Kids for the 2020-2021 school year for consultation services.

Superintendent Action Items

7. Resolution No. 1120-07

Motion to approve the superintendent's HIB recommendation as discussed at the prior month's meeting.

8. Resolution No.1120-08

Motion to approve the Annual Nursing Services Plan for 2020-2021.

9. Resolution No.1120-09

Motion to approve Grace Cooney as the Anti-Bullying Specialist for Laurel Springs School.

10. Resolution No.1120-10

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Laurel Springs, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that it hereby appoints Erin Kearney as the School Alliance Insurance Fund Commissioner

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Erin Kearney
2. School Alliance Insurance Fund.

11. Resolution No.1120-11

Motion to approve Sharon Isard as the Payroll Officer beginning January 1, 2021. Her salary will reflect a \$4500. increase prorated for the 2020-21 school year.

12. Resolution No.1120-12

Motion to approve the Gifted and Talented curriculum for the 2020-21 school year.

13. Resolution No.1120-13

Motion to approve MOA between the Laurel Springs Board of Education and the Laurel Springs Law Enforcement Officials for the 2020-21 school year.

14. Resolution No.1120-14

Motion to approve the 2020-21 School Safety and Security Plan SOA.

15. Resolution No.1120-15

Motion to approve FMLA/NJFLA for Taron Leidy for 10 days from November 30, 2020 to December 18, 2020.

16. Resolution No.1120-16

Motion to approve the submission of New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) District Performance Review Documents.

17. Resolution No.1120-17

Motion to approve the **FIRST READING** of the following revised/abolished/new Policies/Regulations in accordance with Strauss Esmay Alert 221:

- P 1620 Administrative Employment Contracts (M) (Revised)
- P 2431 Athletic Competition (M) (Revised)
- R 2431.1 Emergency Procedures for Sports and Other Athletic Activity (M) (Revised)
- P 2451 Adult High School (M) (Revised)
- P 2464 Gifted and Talented Students (M) (Revised)
- P & R 5330.05 Seizure Action Plan (M) (New)
- P 6440 Cooperative Purchasing (M) (Revised)
- P & R 6470.01 Electronic Funds Transfer and Claimant Certification (M) (New)
- P & R 7440 School District Security (M) (Revised)
- P 7450 Property Inventory (M) (Revised)
- P & R 7510 Use of School Facilities (M) (Revised)
- P 8420 Emergency and Crisis Situations (M) (Revised)
- P 8561 Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M) (Revised)

RESTART AND RECOVERY PLAN POLICY GUIDES

- P 1648 Restart and Recovery Plan (M) (Revised)
- P 1648.02 Remote Learning Options for Families (M) (New)
- P 1648.03 Restart and Recovery Plan – Full-Time Remote Instruction (M) (New)

1. Resolution No.1120-18

Motion to approve submission of Safety and Security Grant in the amount of \$20,000.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mr. Stone asked whether there was an update on the vestibule. Mr. Attanasi explained that this will be re-evaluated when the dumpster solution is re-visited.

Mrs. Manny asked if we are prepared to go fully remote. Mr. Attanasi stated that the district is prepared and Mr. Malhman is prepared to send letters to parents if the time comes.

Mrs. Manny suggested the board members who attend the annual NJSBA Workshop in Atlantic City should be required to make a minimum amount of courses. Additionally, it would be beneficial for the district if board members reviewed the agenda prior to the start of the workshop and divided the courses which would highlight the committee focus or district need, to get the most out of attending the workshop.

Mr. Attanasi communicated Dr. Woldoff's concern of individuals not abiding by the Covid restrictions during the holiday season and would the district consider remote learning to be proactive. Mr. Attanasi noted the transmission rate is currently 1.43% and the district is small and there are few cases.

Mr. Straub asked if the district will send a Covid guideline reminder to parents. Mr. Attanasi explained yes a reminder will be sent with quarantine restrictions included.

Mr. Stone stated that we are all increasing our safety measures but Laurel Springs has done great so far. He suggested staying hybrid until confirmed cases arise.

Mr. Attanasi explained he will send notification if a surge occurred. He also stated that Murphy praised the school districts with upticks for closing and the districts without for staying open. Mr. Attanasi also stated that the possibility of a full day option is consideration for a later date, possibly Spring.

Mrs. Sims asked if parents will be notified as early as possible.

Mrs. Walsh stated that all districts are doing what is appropriate to their own district.

Open Citizen Participation

Roy Kane – 510 Park Ave

Thanked the Board and Staff for being hybrid, while other districts were all remote. The remote districts weren't going well and he appreciates the work related to offering hybrid learning.

Executive Session

None

One a motion by Mr. Minder, seconded by Mrs. Straub the Board adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Motion passed 8-0-0.