

## **Regular Board Meeting of February 17, 2021**

Meeting Called to Order by President, Mr. Erik Stones at 7:01

Open Public Meeting Statement:

“The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend any meetings of public bodies at which their interests may be discussed or acted upon. In accordance with provisions of this Act, the Laurel Springs Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, purpose and place thereof published in the Courier Post and posted on authorized premises.” The secretary certifies that all requirements of the Sunshine Law have been met.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Special Presentation/Election Results:**

- Douglas Delpidio / Full Term Three Years: 604 Votes

**Oath of office to newly-elected member:**

- Douglas Delpidio

**Roll Call:**

Present

Mrs. Kimberley Brisbin

Mrs. Betty Hobbs

Mrs. Cathy Ivins-Sims

Mr. Matthew Minder

Mr. Douglas Delpidio

Mr. Erik Stones

Mrs. Leah Straub

Mrs. Doris Walsh

Dr. Sarah Woldoff

**Special Presentations**

- School Safety Data System-Report Period I for 2020-2021

Mr. Attanasi informed the Board HIB reporting is required twice per year. He is pleased to announce there have been zero HIB cases from 9/1/2020 through 12/31/2020. There have been three HIB trainings offered to staff and seven programs for students such as red ribbon week and week of respect.

## **Announcement of Notices/Communications**

Mr. Attanasi announced that Laurel Springs continues to operate as a highly performing district in Camden County. Therefore, the district is exempt for QSAC monitoring for the 20-21 school year as a result of Governor Murphy's executive order to bypass monitoring for highly performing school districts in New Jersey.

## **Limited Citizen Participation**

None

## **Executive Session**

None

## **Secretary's Report**

19-20 Fiscal Audit – The 19-20 audit report has been issued without audit findings. Audit Synopsis has been provided to the Board. The purpose of the audit synopsis is to provide you with a general overview/snapshot of the district financial position for the 19-20 fiscal year. The first few pages are the balance sheet with the assets and liabilities balances. Second Section is the income statement.

One of the most substantial audit statements is the audit schedule C. This schedule outlines the revenues and budgeted amounts per account, along with the amount spent in those accounts. The bottom section of this schedule tallies all of the excess revenues and expense account balances to determine how the year ended.

Total Fund Balance	820,813
Capital Reserve	1,113
Unreserved Fund Balance	284,054
Encumbrances	10,155
Excess Surplus (18-19)	431,372
Excess Surplus (19-20)	94,118

Budget Preparation – The 2021-2022 budget preparation is fully underway. Mr. Mahlman and Mr. Attanasi will be meeting shortly to discuss the budget in further detail, in preparation of the March 22, 2021 budget submission deadline.

Dr. Woldoff asked is some of the excess surplus will be used to address the man trap vestibule area. Mrs. Kearney stated she will make note of this project and will be planning the 21-22 budget to address the facility needs of the district, while planning best use of available funds at 6/30/21 fiscal year end.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Attanasi explained that he will be going to into executive session to discuss a five day learning plan.

## Committee Reports

None

On a motion by Mrs. Ivins-Sims, seconded by Mrs. Straub to approve Resolutions 0221-01 through 0221-20.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mrs. Hobbs		Mr. Delpidio
Mrs. Ivins-Sims		
Mr. Minder		
Mrs. Straub		
Mrs. Walsh		
Dr. Woldoff		
Mrs. Brisbin		0221-13
Mr. Stones		

## Board Secretary Action Items:

### 1. Resolution No. 0221-01

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for **December 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.0221-02

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

### 3. Resolution No.0221-03

Motion to approve attached Bills and Claims Report for **December 2020**.

### 4. Resolution No.0221-04

Motion to approve minutes from the Re-Organization meeting on Jan. 6, 2021.

5. **Resolution No.0221-05**

Motion to approve Executive Session minutes of January 6, 2021.

6. **Resolution No.0221-06**

Motion to approve the 2021-22 SEMI Wavier Request.

7. **Resolution No.0221-07**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for **January 2021** 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.

8. **Resolution No.0221-08**

Motion to approve attached Transfer List/Batch Appropriations Adjustments for **January 2021**.

9. **Resolution No.0221-09**

Motion to approve attached Bills and Claims Report for **January 2021**.

10. **Resolution No.0221-10**

Motion to approve contract with Gloucester County Special Services for Educational Deaf Services from Jan 20, 2021 through June 23, 2021 for student #8816321063

11. **Resolution No.0221-11**

Motion to approve contract with Gloucester County Special Services for Teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing from February 8, 2021 through June 23, 2021 for student #8816321063.

12. **Resolution No.0221-12**

Motion to approve contract with Department of Children and Families for the reimbursement of education costs for student #4395696099.

**13. Resolution No.0221-13**

Motion to accept and approve the audit report performed by Bowman & Company, LLP for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

**14. Resolution No.0221-14**

Motion to approve the attached food services invoices from Eastern Camden County Regional School District for the following months and amounts:

November \$2,872.50

December \$3,417.00

**Superintendent Action Items**

**15. Resolution No. 0221-15**

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

**16. Resolution No.0221-16**

Motion to approve the **SECOND READING** of the following revised/abolished/new Policies/Regulations in accordance with Policy 5117 Inter-District Public School Choice.

**17. Resolution No. 0221-17**

Motion to approve the January 2021 Statement of Assurance for Use of Paraprofessionals.

**18. Resolution No. 0221-18**

Motion to approve the revision to the Restart and Recovery Plan to Reopen Schools that references Appendix H- Critical Areas of Operations #8-Meals.

**19. Resolution No. 0221-19**

Motion to approve the submission of the School Safety Data System report period I for 2020-2021.

**20. Resolution No. 0221-20**

Motion to approve the school calendar for 2021-2022.

## **Old Business**

Mrs. Straub asked for an update on the solar project. Mrs. Kearney explained that research was done during November/December following the clean energy NJSBA presentations she attended and a determination that Laurel Spring would not qualify for clean energy audit through the State of NJ due to the energy usage of the district. At the time, future research of solar panels was placed on hold to prioritize covid, remote learning and the anticipated QSAC audit. Dr. Woldoff stated there are two grant programs for schools with zero out of pocket payments. Mrs. Straub future commented she still feels solar panels is a necessary project for the district, and doesn't want the project to get overlooked.

## **New Business**

None

## **Limited Citizen Participation**

Lauren Nelms – 712 Lakeview Ave

Ms. Nelms asked the Board/Administration what the reopening plan is. Mr. Attanasi explained he is working with Mr. Mahlman on a more enhanced plan. Ms. Nelms stated that we are smaller than Stratford. Mr. Attanasi explained we have a smaller space. Ms. Nelms explained she has a daughter in another school which has been in school, she is happy there is a plan in place for Laurel Springs to expand the learning.

## **Executive Session**

A Motion was made by Mrs. Ivins-Sims and seconded by Mrs. Straub to enter into executive session at 7:30 pm.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Ivins-Sims and seconded by Mrs. Straub to enter into public session at 8:05 pm.

## **Adjournment**

One a motion by Mrs. Brisbin, seconded by Mrs. Ivins-Sims the Board adjourned at 8:06 p.m.