

Regular Board Meeting of March 17, 2021

Meeting Called to Order: President, Mr. Erik Stones at 6:16 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A Motion was made by Mrs. Straub and seconded by Mrs. Ivins-Sims to enter into executive session at 6:17 pm.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Brisbin and seconded by Mrs. Ivins-Sims to enter into public session at 7:04 pm.

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

Roll Call:

Present

Mrs. Kimberley Brisbin
Mrs. Betty Hobbs
Mrs. Cathy Ivins-Sims
Mr. Matthew Minder

Mr. Erik Stones
Mrs. Leah Straub
Mrs. Doris Walsh

Absent

Mr. Douglas Delpidio – (excused with notice)

Dr. Sarah Woldoff

Special Presentations

None

Announcement of Notices/Communications

None

Limited Citizen Participation- This is the first of two opportunities in which the public would like to address the Board on Board Agenda items only. The Board is limited in its

ability to respond in public on the following matters: (Personnel, Litigation, Negotiations, Attorney-Client privilege.)

Secretary's Report

2021 NJSBA Mandated Training – Everyone has been registered except one Board Member. If anyone has questions or trouble assessing the course, please reach out.
School Ethics Disclosures – Everyone was emailed, with a pin log in. New board members must report by March 28th, everyone else due by April 30th. Please contact me with any questions or log in concerns.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Attanasi explained that Rowan University is offering teacher vaccinations initiative. Reopening plan was discussed during executive session.

Mr. Attanasi is interested in purchasing air purifiers for all classrooms with grant funds. Personnel committee will be contacted regarding upcoming negotiations.

Committee Reports

Mr. Attanasi explained that committee meeting will take place to discuss the final budget mid to late April prior to the public hearing.

Mr. Stones addressed the Board and public to explain that the phase 3 reopening plan has been revised to offer a similar program to Stratford. The Board has determined to revise the plan to start on 3/29/2021 for five days of in person learning. This allows students to return to the classroom sooner. Desk shields will be provided to student desks as another measure of PPE.

Board Secretary Action Items:

1. Resolution No. 0321-01

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

2. Resolution No.0321-02

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

3. Resolution No.0321-03

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

4. Resolution No.0321-04

Motion to approve minutes from February 17, 2021.

5. Resolution No.0321-05

Motion to approve Executive Session Minutes from February 2021.

6. Resolution No.0321-06

A motion to approve the attached food service invoices from Eastern Camden County Regional School District for the following months and amounts:

January	\$2,703.00
February	\$2,703.00

7. Resolution No.0321-07

BE IT RESOLVED to approve adopting the tentative 2021-2022 school district budget as presented.

General Fund \$ 5,531,378

Special Revenue Fund \$110,730

Debt Service Fund \$202,061

Total Budget \$ 5,844,168

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to raise a General Fund Tax Levy of \$2,888,808 and a Debt Service Fund Tax Levy of \$ 128,984.

8. Resolution No.0321-08

To recommend Travel Expenditure Maximums in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A7.3 in the amount of \$ 2,500 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Note: The Travel Expenditure Maximums for 2021-2022 was \$ 2,500.00. Total spent to date was \$ 0.00

Superintendent Action Items

9. Resolution No. 0321-09

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

10. Resolution 0321-10

BE IT RESOLVED to approve adopting the *revised* tentative 2021-2022 school district budget as presented.

General Fund \$ 5,531,378

Special Revenue Fund \$346,204

Debt Service Fund \$202,061

Total Budget \$ 6,079,643

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to raise a General Fund Tax Levy of \$2,888,808 and a Debt Service Fund Tax Levy of \$ 128,984.

Motion by Cathy Ivins-Sims, seconded by Leah Straub that Resolutions 0321-01-10 are adopted.

Old Business

Mr. Attanasi explained that solar is being explored in collaboration with Stratford School District. Solar is a priority for the district.

New Business

None

Limited Citizen Participation- This is the second of two opportunities in which the public would like to address the Board. The Board is limited in its ability to respond in public on the following matters: (Personnel, Litigation, Negotiations, Attorney-Client privilege).

Jacqueline Crawford – 210 Madison Ave

Ms. Crawford asked what is the rationale of 5 days of only learning from 8-1? Mr. Attanasi explained those hours align with the collective bargaining agreement, and allows for teachers to prep, and maximize in person learning within contract agreement.

Ms. Crawford thanked the Board and understands there was much thought behind those decisions but wanted to understand the rationale. Ms. Crawford stated that her household can adjust to the 3/29/2021 change but other families may have other difficulties.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Ivins-Sims, seconded by Mrs. Straub the Board adjourned at 7:27 p.m. Motion passed 7-0-0.