

LAUREL SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
June 23, 2021 7:00 PM

Meeting Called to Order: President, Mr. Erik Stones

EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances exist;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Town of Laurel Springs in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey, as follows: The public shall be excluded from discussion on the actions upon the hereinafter specified subject matter: Personnel matters, contracts/litigations, negotiations, matters of attorney/client privilege. Any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential, will be made public as soon as is practicable. Minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. The Board will reconvene to public session at the conclusion of the executive session. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Time: _____

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Time: _____

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.

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Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

- 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

Announcement of Notices/Communications

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.)

Executive Session (if necessary) **WHEREAS**, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 11:40-12 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Borough of Laurel Springs in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey, as follows: The public shall be excluded from discussion on the actions upon the hereinafter specified subject matter. Personnel matters, contracts/litigations, negotiations, matters of attorney/client privilege. Any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential, will be made public as soon as is practicable. Minutes of the closed session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. The Board will reconvene to public session at the conclusion of the closed session. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

Secretary's Report

Superintendent's Report

Committee Reports

Board Secretary Action Items:

1. Resolution No. 0621-01

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

May \$2,355

2. Resolution No. 0621-02

A Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes from **May** 2021.

3. Resolution No. 0621-03

A Motion to approve Board Meeting Executive Minutes from **May 2021**.

4. Resolution No. 0621-04

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

5. Resolution No. 0621-05

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

6. Resolution No. 0621-06

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

7. Resolution No. 0621-07

Motion to approve the following tuition contract and rates with Sterling High School for 20/21 school year.

80 Regular Ed Students \$15,606 Per student \$1,248,480
5 LLD Students \$19,523 Per student \$97,615
13 RR \$1,000 Per student \$13,000.
19-20 Tuition adjustment (\$182,541)
Total of Contract \$1,176,554

8. Resolution No. 0621-08

Motion to approve Vended Meals Contract between Eastern Camden Regional and Laurel Springs School District for 21/22 school year.

9. Resolution No. 0621-09

BE IT RESOLVED that TD Bank be designated as official depository for funds of this Board of Education.

10. Resolution No. 0621-10

Appoint Rodier Ebersberger Architects of Record, \$140.00 Per hour Architect, \$90.00 Per hour, Draftsman, \$40.00 per hour Clerical.

11. Resolution No. 0621-11

Appoint Bowman & Company Auditors at an amount not to exceed \$21,500 for 20-21 Audit.

12. Resolution No. 0621-12

Appoint Wade, Long, Wood, & Kennedy, Solicitor at the rate not to exceed \$135.00 per hour.

13. Resolution No. 0621-13

Appoint Remington & Vernick as Consulting Engineers to the Laurel Springs BOE at rate not to exceed \$191.00 per hour.

14. Resolution No. 0621-14

Appoint Barclay Group as Insurance Consultant to the Laurel Springs BOE.

15. Resolution No. 0621-15

Recommend to approve the renewal of the Property & Casualty Insurance Policy with Barclay Group effective 7/1/21-7/1/22.

16. Resolution No. 0621-16

BE IT RESOLVED that all funds on deposit in the official depositories of said Board of Education may be withdrawn only on the School Warrant Account of said Board of Education when signed by the President and Secretary of the Board of Education, and that the Board Secretary be permitted to invest board funds at the most advantageous rate in any federally insured bank or savings and loan in N.J. 15.

17. Resolution No. 0621-17

BE IT RESOLVED that the Philadelphia Inquirer, Courier Post, The Journal or Record Breeze be designated as the official newspapers of this board.

18. Resolution No. 0621-18

WHEREAS, 18A:18A-2 provides that a Board of Education shall assign the authority, responsibility and accountability for the purchasing activity of the

Board of Education to a person or persons who shall have the power to prepare advertisements, to advertise for and receive bids and to award contracts as permitted by this chapter; and WHEREAS, 18A:18A-3 provides that contracts, awarded by the purchasing agent, that do not exceed in the aggregate in a contract year the bid threshold*, may be awarded by the purchasing agent without advertising for bids when so authorized by the Board resolution; and WHEREAS, 18a:18a-37, C. provides that all contracts that are in the aggregate less than 15%** of the bid threshold may be awarded by the purchasing agent without soliciting competitive quotations if so authorized by board resolution; now there BE IT RESOLVED, that the Laurel Springs Board of Education pursuant to the statutes cited above hereby appoints Erin Kearney as its duly authorized purchasing agent and are duly assigned the authority, responsibility and accountability for the purchasing activity of the Laurel Springs Board of Education. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Erin Kearney is hereby authorized to award contracts on behalf of the Laurel Springs Board of Education that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the bid threshold without soliciting competitive quotations; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Erin Kearney is hereby authorized to seek at least three (3) competitive quotations, when applicable and practical, and award contracts on behalf of the Laurel Springs School District that in the aggregate exceed 15% of the bid threshold but are less than the bid threshold. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution takes effect immediately and remain in effect until said power is revoked by the district.

19. Resolution No. 0621-19

Appoint Brown & Brown Benefit Advisor, consultants for health insurance services.

20. Resolution No. 0621-20

WHEREAS, the **Laurel Springs Board of Education**, hereafter referred to as "**Educational Facility**" is a member of the School Alliance Insurance Fund, hereinafter referred to as "**Fund**"; and

WHEREAS, said renewal membership terminates as of July 1, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. standard time, unless earlier renewed by agreement between the **Educational Facility** and the **Fund**; and

WHEREAS, the **Educational Facility** is afforded the following types of coverages:

- Workers' Compensation
- Package – Property, Environmental Liability, Crime, General and Auto Liability
- School Leaders Professional Liability

WHEREAS, the **Educational Facility** desires to renew said membership;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

The **Educational Facility** agrees to renew its membership in the **Fund** for a period of three years beginning July 1, 2021, and ending July 1, 2024 at 12:01a.m. eastern standard time, and to be subject to the coverages, operating procedures, bylaws, and other organizational and operational documents of the **Fund** presently existing or as from time to time amended by the **Fund** and/or the Department of Banking and Insurance.

The **Educational Facility's** Business Official, Erin Kearney, C.P.A., is hereby appointed as the **Educational Facility's** Fund Commissioner and is authorized to execute the renewal Indemnity and Trust Agreement thereby evidencing annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the **Fund** the **Educational Facility's** renewal of its membership.

21. Resolution No. 0621-21

RESOLVED that the Laurel Springs Board of Education hereby approves the resolution for a transfer to the Capital Reserve Account in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 effect immediately and remain in effect until said power is revoked by the district.

22. Resolution No. 0621-22

RESOLVED that the Laurel Springs Board of Education hereby approves the resolution for a transfer to the Maintenance Reserve Account in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 effect immediately and remain in effect until said power is revoked by the district.

23. Resolution No. 0621-23

RESOLVED that the Laurel Springs Board of Education hereby approves the resolution for a transfer to the Tuition Reserve Account in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 effect immediately and remain in effect until said power is revoked by the district.

24. Resolution No. 0621-24

Motion to approve Brett DiNovi & Associates for the 21-22 fiscal school year for behavioral related services.

25. Resolution No. 0621-25

Motion to approve contract with RFP Solutions Inc. for the 21-22 fiscal year for service maintenance contract on telecommunications and emergency strobe systems.

26. Resolution No. 0621-26

Approve contract with Gloucester County Special Services for Teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing, for extended school year for student # 8816321063.

27. Resolution No. 0621-27

Motion to approve contract with Atlantic Orthopedic Sports and Physical Therapy, LLC for speech therapy services from 7/1/21 – 9/1/21 in an amount of \$70.00/hr., as needed.

28. Resolution No. 0621-28

Motion to approve of the submission of the grant application and the availability of local funds in case the total estimated costs of the proposed work exceeds the school district's grant allowance and if applicable, the school district's responsibility to return a pro rata share of the school security project grant to the NJDOE upon termination of a lease prior to June 30, 2024.

29. Resolution No. 0621-29

RESOLVED that the Laurel Springs Board of Education hereby ratifies and affirms the following employees to be charged to the FY 2018 ESEA grant funds:

Grant	Employee Number	Not to Exceed
Title I	117	31,000.00
Title I	143	3,100.00
Title I	164	1,680.00
Title I	132	1,680.00
Title I	32	1,680.00
Title IIA	164	600.00
Title IIA	56	350.00
Title IIA	102	700.00
Title IV	206	245.00

Superintendent Action Items

30. **Resolution No. 0621-30**

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

31. **Resolution No.0621-31**

Motion to approve the contract for Erin Kearney, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, for the 21-22 school year.

32. **Resolution No. 0621-32**

Motion to approve the Laurel Springs SEA contract including the Memorandum of Agreement.

33. **Resolution No. 0621-33**

Motion to approve the Laurel Springs Administrator contract including the Memorandum of Agreement.

34. **Resolution No. 0621-34**

Motion to approve the following stipend of \$513.00 for the 2021-2022 school year for Janet Cybulski, Title I Coordinator. Funded through Grant.

35. **Resolution No. 0621-35**

Motion to approve Deborah McLaughlin as ESY Consultant/CST Coordinator for the 2021 summer at the negotiated stipend rate.

36. **Resolution No. 0621-36**

Motion to approve the Laurel Springs Safe Reopening Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

37. **Resolution No. 0621-37**

Motion to approve St. Paul's Church (led by community member Carolyn Redstreak) access to our school grounds for a "Lunch and Fun" initiative Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00 – 12:45PM beginning June 28, 2021 and concluding August 30, 2021.

38. Resolution No. 0621-38

Motion to approve the following professional development workshops:

- a. Jennifer Maienza; IMSE – Orton Gillingham; 8/23/21 – 8/27/21; \$1,275; funded through ESSER Grant.

39. Resolution No. 0621-39

Motion to approve the **20-21 Lead Testing SOA** (non-testing year).

40. Resolution No. 0621-40

Motion to approve the revision of the 2021-2022 school calendar from quarter marking periods to trimester marking periods.

41. Resolution No. 0621-41

Motion to approve the **FIRST READING** of the following revised/abolished/new Policies/Regulations in accordance with Strauss Esmay **Alert 222**:

A. General Policy and Regulation Guides

P 0145	Board Member Resignation and Removal (M) (Revised)
P 0164.6	Remote Public Board Meetings during A Declared Emergency (M) (New)
R 1642	Earned Sick Leave Law (M) (Revised)
P 1643	Family Leave (M) (New)
P 3431.1	Family Leave (M) (Abolished)
P 4431.1	Family Leave (M) (Abolished)
P 3431.3	New Jersey Family Leave Insurance Program (Abolished)
P 4431.3	New Jersey Family Leave Insurance Program (Abolished)
P & R 5330.01	Administration of Medical Cannabis (M) (Revised)
P 7425	Lead Testing of Water in Schools (M) (Revised)
R 7425	Lead Testing of Water in Schools (M) (New)
P & R 7430	School Safety (M) (Abolished)

B. No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) to Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Policy and Regulation Guides

P 2415	Every Student Succeeds Act (M) (Revised)
P 2415.01	Academic Standards, Academic Assessments, and Accountability (M) (Abolished)
P 2415.02	Title I – Fiscal Responsibilities (M) (Revised)
P 2415.03	Highly Qualified Teachers (M) (Abolished)
P 2415.05	Student Surveys, Analysis, and/or Evaluations (M) (Revised)
P & R 2415.20	Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints (M) (Revised)
P 4125	Employment of Support Staff Members (M) (Revised)

- P 6360 Political Contributions (M) (Revised)
- P 8330 Student Records (M) (Revised)
- P 9713 Recruitment by Special Interest Groups (M) (Revised)

42. Resolution No. 0621-42

Motion to approve the **FIRST READING** of the following revised/abolished/new Policies/Regulations in accordance with Strauss Esmay **Alert 223**:

- P 0131 Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations (Revised)
- P 1521 Educational Improvement Plans (M) (Abolished)
- P 1649 Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act (M) (Abolished)
- P 2421 Career and Technical Education (Revised)
- R 2421 Vocational - Technical Education (Abolished)
- P 3134 Assignment of Extra Duties (Revised)
- P & R 3142 Nonrenewal of Nontenured Teaching Staff Member (Revised)
- P & R 3221 Evaluation of Teachers (M) (Revised)
- P & R 3222 Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators (M) (Revised)
- P & R 3223 Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals (M) (Revised)
- P & R 3224 Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals (M) (Revised)
- P & R 4146 Nonrenewal of Nontenured Support Staff Member (Revised)
- P & R 5460.02 Bridge Year Pilot Program (M) (New)
- P & R 6471 School District Travel (M) (Revised)
- P 8561 Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M) (Revised)

43. Resolution No. 0621-43

Motion to approve the May, 2021 Nurse’s Report.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ that Resolutions **0621-01 – 43** are adopted.

Old Business

New Business

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Adjournment