

Laurel Springs BOE
Minutes
June 23, 2021

1. Meeting Called to Order: President Mr. Erik Stones at 7pm.
2. See times for Executive Session
3. All board members were in attendance.
4. Special presentation was provided by Mr. Attanasi on the Safe Re-opening plan for September.
5. Announcements: Thank you to all teachers and Mr. Mahlman for an outstanding job with the 6th grade promotion. Thank You to Mr. Stones for being the DJ at the 6th grade picnic. Thank you to the board negotiations committee for a job well done.
6. **Limited Citizen Participation:** Carolyn Redstreak spoke but mentioned that all her questions were answered in Mr. Attanasi's presentation regarding the Safe Re-opening plan in September.
7. **Secretary's Report:** Items listed on the agenda. Mrs. Kearney has been in touch with Mr. Cheeseman regarding the dumpster. An Operations committee will be set sometime in August to discuss the dumpster options, mantrap, solar, etc.
8. **Superintendent Report:** Items listed on the agenda.
9. **Committee Reports:** Personnel/Policy committee met earlier this evening to discuss agenda items.
10. Motion to approve agenda items 1-48. Item #24 will be tabled. (Motion D. Walsh, Second by Mrs. Ivin-Sims)
 - Mrs. Brisbin: Abstain on #11, No on #12. Yes on all other items.
 - Mrs. Hobbs: No on #12. Yes on all other items.
 - Mrs. Ivin-Sims: No on #12. Yes on all other items.
 - Mr. Minder: No on #12, #47. Yes on all other items.
 - Mr. Delpidio: Abstain on #2, #3, #30. No on items #7, #12, #40, #47. Yes on all other items.
 - Mr. Stones: Yes on all items
 - Mrs. Straub: Yes on all items.
 - Mrs. Walsh: Yes on all items
 - Dr. Woldoff: No on item #12. Yes on all other items.

Mr. Delpidio Statement:

On resolution 7 to approve the Sterling tuition, I am voting a soft no, an awareness NO. I Know nothing can be

changed at this moment. I understand that these tuition costs are set by a state formula. However, the choice of school is set by us. We go to sterling high school for 3 reasons.

1. Its close and we have become accustomed to it.
2. We believe it is the cheapest due to a lower bussing expense.
3. We don't know or have anyone with the knowledge in the process of changing it. Next year we need to do a deep dive and make sure this is the best option for Laurel Springs.

They're school districts in this county that produce MUCH better higher education diploma results than Stratford/Somerdale. This is not news to anyone, the school board three or four years ago tried starting the process and got spooked early because they were infected by the idea of possible lawsuits from Stratford/Somerdale. I find that amusing considering Stratford/Somerdale had no problem acquiring hinella from Collingwood not to long ago. I also find it sad we allowed fear of the unknown to obstruct the potential possibility of enhancement.

My soft no transitions to a hard no on resolution 12, appointing Wade, Long, Wood & Kennedy as Solicitor. Where are they when we need legal advice? The school board should have direct Monthly access to the Solicitor. With all the uncertainty and rules and jargon and laws how have we allowed this to go on for so long. We need more knowledge in this room. Every month someone should be here to answer and navigate us through our legal questions. This essential position is not the place that you cut cost. This idea of communicating to our solicitor through our Superintendent is wrong. I do not know who hired them, but we need to hire someone for us. I am pleading that we as a board vote no on 12 tonight. Not next meeting not tomorrow we start looking for a new solicitor immediately. Mr. President please allow us to vote for resolution 12 separate from the rest of the agenda. So that those who may have voted yes can reconsider the idea of stale no show solicitor.

11. New Business: The possibility of hiring a music teacher through ESSER Funds. Nothing definite but will look into it.
12. Old Business: None
13. **Limited Citizen Participation:** None
14. **Adjournment:** One a motion by Mrs. Walsh seconded by Mrs. Hobbs the Board adjourned at 8:02 P.M. Motion passed 9-0-0.