

**Regular Board Meeting of December 15, 2021**

Meeting Called to Order: Vice President, Mrs. Brisbin at 6:30 P.M.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A Motion was made by Mrs. Straub and seconded by Mr. Del Pidio to enter into executive session at 6:32 pm.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Straub and seconded by Mrs. Hobbs to enter into public session at 6:59 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

Mr. Matthew Minder  
Mr. Douglas DelPidio

Mrs. Leah Straub  
Mrs. Doris Walsh  
Dr. Sarah Woldoff

Absent

Mrs. Cathy Ivins-Sims – (excused with notice)

Mr. Erik Stones – (excused with notice)

Also present Board Solicitor, Mr. Frank Cavallo.

**Special Presentations**

None

**Announcement of Notices/Communications**

2022 Reorganization Meeting date – January 5, 2022

**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.)

None

### **Secretary's Report**

20-21 Fiscal Audit – Currently, the auditor is wrapping up his final stages of the audit and testing. Bowman and I will be submitting the audsum, which is due to the state deadline by January 4, 2022. Plan to present the audit will be February 2022.

Budget Calendar – The 2022-2023 Budget planning process has begun. Mr. Mahlman will provide me with the teacher supply requests, along with his administrative budget by December 23, 2021. The state has rolled out the 2022-2023 budget calendar yet, and the anticipated budget public hearing and budget approval date will be April 27, 2022.

ESSER III Application – The applications for ESSER III was submitted last month waiting on approval.

Security Grant Application – Submitted and approved.

Thank you – I would like to say thank you to Mrs. Walsh for all of her commitment and support to the district. And for being the county liaison for many years. I wish her all the best!

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Attanasi was pleased to announce that the second vaccination clinic is being held on December 21, 2021. Currently there is a COVID uptick. The district is looking to revisit the virtual plan for students out due to COVID. There is no choice lottery. Two of three choice seats are filled and Laurel Springs will likely fill the final seat.

### **Committee Reports**

None

### **Board Secretary Action Items:**

#### **1. Resolution No. 1221-01**

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

**SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A**

**2. Resolution No.1221-02**

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

**SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT B**

**3. Resolution No.1221-03**

Motion to approve attached Bills and Claims Report for November 2021.

**SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT C**

**4. Resolution No.1221-04**

A Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes from November 2021.

**SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT D**

**5. Resolution No.1221-05**

A Motion to approve Board Meeting Executive Minutes from November 2021.

**6. Resolution No.1221-06**

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

November \$6,520.20

**SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT E**

## **Superintendent Action Items**

### **7. Resolution No. 1221-07**

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

### **8. Resolution No. 1221-08**

Motion to approve Sarah Vohringer as a part-time hourly aide, not to exceed 5.5 hours per day. Start date TBD.

### **9. Resolution No. 1221-09**

Resolution to approve the District ELL 3-year Plan covering the years 2021-2024, utilized to service district ELL population (currently 1 student)

**SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT F**

### **10. Resolution No. 1221-10**

Motion to approve the following professional development:

1/26/22-1/28/22 NJASA Techspo \$490. Taron Leidy

Motion by Mr. Minder, seconded by Mrs. Straub that Resolutions 1221-01 – 10 are adopted.

### **Old Business**

Mrs. Straub asked for a solar update. Mr. Attanasi explained that the HVAC project was number one priority for the district.

### **New Business**

Mrs. Brisbin congratulated Mr. Minder on his recent marriage. Mrs. Brisbin thanked Mrs. Walsh for her 22 years of service and commitment to the district.

**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).

Kelly Murry – 733 Walnut Ave.

Ms. Murry asked what the status on the music and art program and what is the possibility of increasing this program and the arts offered. Could students attend Yellen for this program offering?

Mr. Attanasi explained that the arts is an area that the district is looking at every year. Budget constraints along with the district need for extra teachers and aides are driving factors. There is grant funding the district was awarded to possibly utilize these funds for a part time teacher. Mr. Attanasi explained that if Yellen was able to staff an additional music teacher, that is a possibility.

Brian Hofacker – Chair of Laurel Springs Rec

Thank you for allowing the students to participate in the tree lighting. Special thanks for Mrs. Maziena for all of her hard work and dedication.

Leann Stevenson – Park Ave

Ms. Stevenson requested an update on the gate closure from the summer situation in which her daughter ran through the gate opening.

Mrs. Brisbin stated that this matter was discussed over the summer. There are fire concerns regarding closing this gate and the district must determine how to resolve this in conjunction with the fire code. Currently, we have placed staff at opening to resolve this issue.

### **Executive Session**

None

### **Adjournment**

One a motion by Mrs. Straub, seconded by Dr. Woldoff the Board adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Motion passed 7-0-0.