

LAUREL SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR/BUDGET MEETING  
April 26, 2023 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.

**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. Carolyn Redstreak  
Mrs. Alison Manny  
Dr. Sarah Woldoff

**Special Presentations:**

- **Presentation of 2023-2024 Budget.**

**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.)

**Secretary's Report**

**Superintendent's Report**

**Committee Reports**

**Yellin Representative Update**

**Sterling Representative Update**

**Board Secretary Action Item:**

**1. Resolution No. 0423-01**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for **March 2023** 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.

**EXHIBIT A**

**2. Resolution No. 0423-02**

Motion to approve attached Transfer List/Batch Appropriations Adjustments for **March 2023**.

**EXHIBIT B**

**3. Resolution No. 0423-03**

Motion to approve attached Bills and Claims Report for **March 2023**.

**EXHIBIT C**

**4. Resolution No. 0423-04**

Motion to approve regular meeting minutes from March 2023.

**EXHIBIT D**

**5. Resolution No. 0423-05**

Motion to approve student#2745009295 for an out-of-district placement at Bankbridge for remainder of 22-23 school year, ESY 2023 and 23-24 school year. Tuition and transportation costs TBD.

**6. Resolution No. 0423-06**

BE IT RESOLVED to approve adopting the 2023-2024 school district budget as presented.

General Fund	\$ 6,921,035.00
Special Revenue Fund	223,666.00
Debt Service Fund	223,621.00
Total Budget	\$ 7,368,322.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to raise a General Fund Tax Levy of \$ 3,002,195.00 and a Debt Service Fund Tax Levy of \$ 147,426.00.

WHEREAS, General Fund Budget includes utilization of fund balance in the amount of \$ 410,576;

WHEREAS, the Laurel Springs Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Laurel Springs Board of Education established \$ 7,500.00 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$ 5,258.00 as of this date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$ 7,500.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board has approved that there should be raised a total tax levy of \$ 3,149,621.

## Superintendent Action Items

### 7. Resolution No. 0423-07

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

### 8. Resolution No. 0423-08

Motion to approve Julie Knipfer as Anti-Bullying Specialist effective 4/26/23.

### 9. Resolution No. 0423-09

Motion to approve the following professional developments funded through ESSER II funds.

Lucinda Garvey	Orton Gillingham Morphology Plus	5/8/23-5/12/23	\$1,500.
Kasey Rabena	IMSE Phonological Awareness	Date: TBD	\$400.
Aubrey Craig	IMSE Phonological Awareness	Date: TBD	\$400.
Aubrey Craig	IMSE Writing/Grammar	Date: TBD	\$150.
J. Maienza	IMSE Comp. Fidelity	Date: TBD	\$375.
J. Cybulski	IMSE Morphology Plus	Date: TBD	\$1,500.
Darlene Stango	IMSE Comp. Fidelity	Date: TBD	\$375.

### 10. Resolution No. 0423-10

Motion to approve the summer program from July 11, 2023 to Aug. 10, 2023. Program will run for on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

### 11. Resolution No. 0423-11

Motion to approve Tessa DelPidio as a part-time Paraprofessional at a rate of \$15.60 per hour. Start date pending receipt of paperwork and fingerprinting approval.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
that Resolutions 0423-01-11 are adopted.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

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**Executive Session**

**Adjournment**