

LAUREL SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 13, 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

**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.

Concerns stated, or actions requested by the public, will be taken under advisement by the board for investigation, discussion, and action or disposition at a later time/date.

Pursuant to NJSA 10:4-12(b), the Open Public Meetings Act, the Board shall not discuss personnel, litigation, Negotiations, Attorney-Client Privilege matters and shall not respond to comments made by members of the public.

Employees of the Laurel Springs School District retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. The Board shall not entertain such comments. Nor shall the Board be held liable for comments made by members of the public. Further, the Board asks that citizens who choose to speak at a public board meeting be reminded that comments should always be respectful, non-defamatory and should maintain the level of decorum appropriate for a meeting of a public body.

When addressing the Board, please respect the following procedure:

1. Be recognized by the Board President
2. State your full name and address before commenting.
3. Identify the resolution on which you will comment.
4. Limit your comment(s) to the specific resolution.
5. Per Policy #0167, each statement made by a participant shall be limited to five minutes duration.

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. 1223-01**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for **October 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. 1223-02**

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

**EXHIBIT B**

**3. Resolution No. 1223-03**

Motion to approve attached Bills and Claims report for **October 2023**.

**EXHIBIT C**

**4. Resolution No. 1223-04**

Motion to approve the minutes from November 15, 2023.

**EXHIBIT D**

**5. Resolution No. 1223-05**

Motion to approve executive session minutes from November 15, 2023.

**EXHIBIT E**

**6. Resolution No. 1223-06**

Motion to approve contract between Pennsylvania School for the Deaf and Laurel Springs Board of Education for student #8816321063 in the amount of \$73,627.20.

**7. Resolution No. 1223-07**

Motion to approve contract between Under the Sun Learning Center, Inc. and Laurel Springs School District for before/after school childcare for the term September 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

**EXHIBIT F**

**8. Resolution No. 1223-08**

Motion to approve contract between First Children Services and Laurel Springs Board of Education for student #8863104264 in the amount of \$27,090.

**9. Resolution No. 1223-09**

Motion to approve Resolution #1223-09 authorizing membership in the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey cooperative pricing system.

**EXHIBIT G**

**10. Resolution No. 1223-10**

Motion to approve IDEA Pre-School Carry Over funds from 2022/23 in the amount of \$2,725. to be applied to the current school year.

**Superintendent Action Items**

**11. Resolution No. 1223-11**

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

**12. Resolution No. 1223-12**

Motion to approve the 2023-2024 Safe Return Plan.

**EXHIBIT H**

**13. Resolution No.1223-13**

Motion to approve after school tutors funded through ARP After The School Day Grant per the contracted rate.

Alexa Davis	Ruby Murrani
Kelly Ingenito	Jennifer Maienza
Lucinda Garvey	Grace Cooney

**14. Resolution No. 1223-14**

Motion to approve the attached Meeting Schedule from January 2024 through December 2024.

**EXHIBIT I**

**15. Resolution No. 1223-15**

Motion to approve the following course for Julie Knipfer through Rowan University. Course reimbursement according to current teachers' contract.

Course# EDSU 28546 Educational Organizations & Leadership

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
that Resolutions 1223-01 - 15 are adopted.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**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).

**Executive Session**

**Adjournment**