

LAUREL SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 18, 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 Presentation**

**NJSLA PRESENTATION**

**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. 1023-01**

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

**7. Resolution No. 1023-07**

Motion to approve minutes from September 27, 2023.

**EXHIBIT G**

**Superintendent Action Items**

**8. Resolution No. 1023-08**

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

**9. Resolution No. 1023-09**

Motion to approve Mark Stratton as Interim Business Administrator effective 11/1/23 to 6/30/24.

**10. Resolution No. 1023-10**

Motion to approve submission of the contract for Mark Stratton, Interim Business Administrator, effective 11/1/23 to 6/30/24 to the county for approval.

**EXHIBIT H**

**11. Resolution No. 1023-11**

Motion to approve resignation request dated 9/22/23 from William H. Thompson, Interim Business Administrator, to be effective 10/31/23.

**12. Resolution No. 1023-12**

Motion to approve the following Professional Development:

Aubrey Craig	PL TM Teach Jumpstart For Touchmath.(Virtual)	\$99.
Vicki Bill	IMSE Orton Gillingham 10/23-27-2023	\$1,500.

**13. Resolution No. 1023-13**

Motion to approve the FIRST reading of the following Revised/New/Abolished policies (Alert 231)

P 1524	School Leadership Councils (Abolished)
P&R 1642.01	Sick Leave (New)
P 2270	Religion in the Schools (Revised)
P&R 2419	School Threat Assessments Teams (M) (New)
P 3161	Examination for Cause (Revised)
P&R 3212	Attendance (M) (Revised)
P 3324	Right of Privacy (Revised)
P&R 3432	Sick Leave (Abolished)
P 4161	Examination for Cause (Revised)
P&R 4212	Attendance (M) (Revised)
P 4324	Right of Privacy (Revised)
P&R 4432	Sick Leave (Abolished)
P&R 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M)(Revised)
P&R 5116	Education of Homeless Children and Youths (Revised)
P&R 5460.02	Bridge Year Pilot Program (M) (Abolished)
P 6361	Relations With Vendors for Abbott Districts (Abolished)
P 8500	Food Services (M) (Revised)
P 8540	School Nutrition Programs (M) (Abolished)
P 8550	Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill (M) (Abolished)

**14. Resolution No. 1023-14**

Motion to approve the 2023-24 Biannual Statement of Assurances Regarding use of Paraprofessional Staff.

**EXHIBIT I**

**15. Resolution No. 1023-15**

Motion to approve submission of the 2023-24 New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum(NJQSAC) District Performance Review.

**16. Resolution No. 1023-16**

Motion to approve Brian Mai as substitute teacher pending receipt of required documentation.

**17. Resolution No. 1023-17**

Motion to approve updated 2023-2024 school calendar.

**EXHIBIT J**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
that Resolutions 1023-01 -17 are adopted.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

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**Executive Session**

**Adjournment**



New Jersey Student Learning Assessments



# **NJSLA Results: Spring 2023 Administrations**

Laurel Springs School District

Presented: 10/18/2023





# Who Tests?



- 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders- ELA & Math
- 4<sup>th</sup> Graders- ELA & Math
- 5<sup>th</sup> Graders- ELA, Math, & Science
- 6<sup>th</sup> Graders- ELA & Math







## Comparison of Laurel Springs School District's Student Tested Spring 2022 and 2023 NJSLA Administrations English Language Arts



### Number of Students Tested

Grade	2022	2023
3	21	32
4	25	24
5	28	24
6	22	26





## Comparison of Laurel Springs School District's Student Tested Spring 2022 and 2023 NJSLA Administrations Mathematics



### Number of Students Tested

Grade	2022	2023
3	21	33
4	25	24
5	28	25
6	22	26





## Comparison of Laurel Springs School District's Student Tested Spring 2022 and 2023 NJSLA Administrations- Science



### Number of Students Tested

Grade	2022	2023
5	28	25





## Achievement Levels



- Level 1: Not Yet Meeting Expectations
- Level 2: Partially Meeting Expectations
- Level 3: Approaching Expectations
- Level 4: Meeting Expectations
- Level 5: Exceeding Expectations





## NJSLA Administration Spring 2023- Current 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Laurel Springs School vs State Averages



- Level 1: Not Yet Meeting Expectations
- Level 2: Partially Meeting Expectations
- Level 3: Approaching Expectations
- Level 4: Meeting Expectations
- Level 5: Exceeding Expectations

Current 4 <sup>th</sup> Graders	ELA		Math	
	District	State	District	State
2022-2023 (3rd)	1/2- 44% 3- 28% 4/5- 28%	1/2- 36% 3- 23% 4/5- 42%	1/2- 24% 3- 33% 4/5- 42%	1/2- 27% 3- 25% 4/5- 46%
CLASS AVERAGE	724	739	741	745







# NJSLA Administration Spring 2023- Current 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Laurel Springs School vs State Averages



- Level 1: Not Yet Meeting Expectations
- Level 2: Partially Meeting Expectations
- Level 3: Approaching Expectations
- Level 4: Meeting Expectations
- Level 5: Exceeding Expectations

Current 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders	ELA				Math	
	District	State	District	State	District	State
2021-2022 (3rd)	1/2- 19% 3- 29% 4/5- 53%	1/2-36% 3-22% 4/5- 42%	1/2-10% 3- 33% 4/5- 57%	1/2- 32% 3- 23% 4/5- 45%		
CLASS AVERAGE	756	740	760	745		
	District		State		District	
2022-2023 (4 <sup>th</sup> )	1/2- 25% 3- 13% 4/5- 63%	1/2- 28% 3- 21% 4/5- 52%	1/2- 12% 3- 29% 4/5- 58%	1/2- 31% 3- 25% 4/5- 44%		
CLASS AVERAGE	750	748	756	743		

Notes: Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.



# NJSIA Administration Spring 2023- Current 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Laurel Springs School vs State Averages

• Level 1: Not Yet Meeting Expectations      • Level 2: Partially Meeting Expectations      • Level 3: Approaching Expectations      • Level 4: Meeting Expectations      • Level 5: Exceeding Expectations

Current 6 <sup>th</sup> Graders	ELA	Math	Science
2020-2021	NO TESTING	NO TESTING	NO TESTING
	District State	District State	No Testing
2021-2022 (4 <sup>th</sup> )	1/2- 12% 3- 20% 4/5- 68%	1/2- 12% 3- 28% 4/5- 60%	1/2- 36% 3- 25% 4/5- 39%
CLASS AVERAGE	762	759	740
	District State	District State	District State
2022-2023 (5 <sup>th</sup> )	1/2- 12% 3- 13% 4/5- 75%	1/2- 12% 3- 28% 4/5- 60%	1/2- 34% 3- 26% 4/5- 40%
CLASS AVERAGE	769	754	740





# Intervention Strategies



## Current 4<sup>th</sup> Graders

- These students were in Kindergarten when COVID struck (K and 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Benchmark Testing (MAP)
- Largest percentage of students receiving RTI (Basic Skills Instruction)
- Orton Gillingham Phonics Instruction







## Notable Achievements



- Our current 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are performing above the state average in Reading, Math, and Science.
- Implementation of new curriculum series
- Online learning platforms

