

LAUREL SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 20, 2024 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  
Mrs. Monica Korn

**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.

**Secretary's Report**

**Superintendent's Report**

**Committee Reports**

**Yellin Representative Update**

**Sterling Representative Update**

**Board Action Items:**

**1. Resolution No. 0324-01**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for **January 2024** 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. 0324-02**

Motion to approve attached Transfer List/Batch Appropriations Adjustments for **January 2024**.

**EXHIBIT B**

3. **Resolution No. 0324-03**

Motion to approve attached Bills and Claims report.

**EXHIBIT C**

4. **Resolution No. 0324-04**

Motion to approve the minutes from February 21, 2024.

**EXHIBIT D**

5. **Resolution No. 0324-05**

Motion to approve the attached Addendum to Extend Agreement with ESS Northeast, LLC for the 2024-25 school year.

**EXHIBIT E**

6. **Resolution No. 0324-06**

Motion to approve amended contract with Under the Sun Learning Center, Inc. to reflect name change to Kidco, Ltd. effective March 2024.

**EXHIBIT F**

7. **Resolution No. 0324-07**

Motion to approve to enter into a general services contract with the Camden County Educational Services Commission.

**EXHIBIT G**

**8. Resolution No. 0324-08**

To approve the proposed 2024-2025 Budget in the amount of \$8,190,138.00 for submission to the Camden County Executive Superintendent, pending review and approval of same. In conjunction with the submission of the proposed 2024-2025 budget, to hold a Public Hearing on April 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm along with the regular Board Meeting, to be held following the Public Hearing.

BE IT RESOLVED to approve adopting the tentative 2024-2025 school district budget as presented.

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| General Fund         | \$ 7,841,638.00 |
| Special Revenue Fund | \$ 129,204.00   |
| Debt Service Fund    | \$ 219,296.00   |
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| Total Budget         | \$ 8,190,138.00 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to raise a General Fund Tax Levy of \$3,307,265.00 and a Debt Service Fund Tax Levy of \$144,575.00.

WHEREAS, General Fund Budget includes the utilization of fund balance in the amount of \$299,232.00, utilization of banked cap in the amount of \$169,471.00, utilization of an enrollment adjustment of \$54,420.00, and utilization of a health benefits adjustment of \$20,047.00.

WHEREAS, a maximum of \$7,500 in professional development travel is set for 2024-2025 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board has approved that there should be raised a total tax levy of \$3,451,840.00

**9. Resolution No. 0324-09**

Motion to approve the following:

1. Transfer from budgeted fund balance 10-303 for the \$10,793 amount for the media salary to the media salary account number 11-000-222-101 for a correction from the initial setup of the budget.
2. Transfer from budgeted fund balance 10-303 for the remaining \$118,288 to the line for the contracted aide service for a correction from the late filing of the 2022-23 audit with excess surplus.
3. Transfer from budgeted fund balance 10-303 for the extraordinary aid amount of \$155,757 for the contracted aide service to budget the extraordinary aid money received.

**10. Resolution No. 0324-10**

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

**11. Resolution No. 0324-11**

Motion to approve the SECOND reading of the following Revised/New/Abolished policies (Alert #232)

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| P 1140     | Educational Equity Policies/Affirmative Action (M) (Revised)               |
| P 1523     | Comprehensive Equity Plan (M) (Revised)                                    |
| P 1530     | Equal Employment Opportunities (M) (Revised)                               |
| R 1530     | Equal Employment Opportunity Complaint Procedure (M) (Revised)             |
| P 1550     | Equal Employment/Anti-Discrimination Practices (M) (Revised)               |
| R 2200     | Curriculum Content (M) (Revised)   |
| P 2260     | Equity in School and Classroom Practices (M) (Revised)                     |
| R 2260     | Equity in School and Classroom Practices Complaint Procedure (M) (Revised) |
| P 2411     | Guidance Counseling (M) (Revised)  |
| P 3211     | Code of Ethics (Revised)   |
| R 5440     | Honoring Student Achievement (Revised)                                     |
| P 5570     | Sportsmanship (Revised)  |
| P 5750     | Equitable Educational Opportunity (M) (Revised)                            |
| P 5755     | Equity in Educational Programs and Services (M) (Abolished)                |
| P 5841     | Secret Societies (Revised)   |
| P 5842     | Equal Access of Student Organizations (Revised)                            |
| P & R 7610 | Vandalism (Revised)  |
| P 9323     | Notification of Juvenile Offender Case Disposition (Revised)               |

**B. General Policy and Regulation Guide Updates**

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| P & R 2423   | Bilingual Education (M) (Revised)  |
| P & R 2431.4 | Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries (M) (Revised) |

**EXHIBIT H**

**12. Resolution No. 0324-12**

Motion to approve the following Professional Development.

Lucinda Garvey IMSE 3 Day Virtual Confer. April 15-17, 2024 No Cost

**13. Resolution No. 0324-13**

Motion to approve June 18, 2024 at 5 PM as the tentative date/time for Promotion.

**14. Resolution No. 0324-14**

Motion to approve vision screening by the Lions Club on March 27, 2024.

**15. Resolution No. 0324-15**

Motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom visitation by Deaf Hearing Communication Center on 4/11/24.

**16. Resolution No. 0324-16**

Motion to approve Bus Evacuation Drills conducted on March 15, 2024.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
that Resolutions 0324-01 -16 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**