

LAUREL SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR/BUDGET MEETING  
APRIL 24, 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

**Special Presentations:**

- **Presentation of 2024-2025 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.

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. 0424-01**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for **February 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. 0424-02**

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

### **EXHIBIT B**

**3. Resolution No. 0424-03**

Motion to approve the 2024/2025 budget.

To approve the proposed 2024-2025 Budget in the amount of \$8,056,087.00 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         | \$ 7,707,587.00 |
| Special Revenue Fund | \$ 129,204.00   |
| Debt Service Fund    | \$ 219,296.00   |
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| Total Budget         | \$ 8,056,087.00 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to raise a General Fund Tax Levy of \$3,173,212.00 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 \$35,418.00, utilization of an enrollment adjustment of \$54,420.00, and utilization of a health benefits adjustment of \$20,047.00 to maintain current programs and services. The budget also includes the local share of \$185,000 for the ROD Grant for district HVAC upgrades.

WHEREAS, a maximum of \$7,500 in professional development travel is set for 2024-2025 school year. A maximum of \$7,500 is budgeted for professional development travel in the prebudget year, and \$612 has been spent to date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board has approved that there should be raised a total tax levy of \$3,317,787.00.

**4. Resolution No. 0424-04**

Motion to approve increasing the 2023/2024 school budget by \$150,000. to reflect the addition of surplus to the current budget.

**5. Resolution No. 0424-05**

Motion to approve contract with GAMUT Behavioral Services for the 2024/2025 school year.

**EXHIBIT C**

**6. Resolution No. 0424-06**

Motion to accept, after review and discussion, the June 30, 2023 Audit and Corrective Action Plan. Copies of The Audit Synopsis were made available to the public.

**EXHIBIT D**

**7. Resolution No. 0424-07**

Motion to approve the minutes from March 20, 2024

**EXHIBIT E**

**8. Resolution No. 0424-08**

Motion to approve attached Bills and Claims report.

**EXHIBIT F**

**9. Resolution No. 0424-09**

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

**10. Resolution No. 0424-10**

Motion to approve the following Professional Developments.

Mrs. Maienza 5/6/24 Cutting Edge Strategies -2<sup>nd</sup> Gr. \$279.  
Mrs. Ingenito 6/3,4,5,6,7/24 Orton-Gillingham-Comp. 6<sup>th</sup> G \$1,500.

**11. Resolution No. 0424-11**

Motion to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar.

**EXHIBIT G**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
that Resolutions 0424-01 - 11 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**