

Regular Board Meeting of March 20, 2024.

Meeting called to order by President, Erik Stones at 7:00 p.m.

Open Public Meeting Statement:

The meeting is called to order under the New Jersey Public Meetings Act.  
The secretary certifies that all requirements of the Sunshine Law have been met.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call

Present

Absent

Mrs. Brisbin  
Mr. DeIPidio  
Mrs.Hobbs  
Mrs. Ivins –Sims

Mrs. Manny

Mr.Minder  
Mrs. Redstreak  
Mrs.Korn  
Mr. Stones

Announcement of Notices/Communications

1. We are still currently taking applicants for PK and Kindergarten screenings. PK students need to be 4 by October 1<sup>st</sup> and Kindergarten students need to be 5 by October 1<sup>st</sup> of 2024.
2. We are accepting \$5 gift card donations for anyone willing to support our end of year Dragon Raffle. This is a celebration to reward students for yearlong effort and progress. To donate any \$5 gift cards please drop them off at the office.
3. In the next Newsletter before Spring Break you can anticipate a survey to poll the school community on their level of intended participation in regard to Summer Reading and Math work.
4. This Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> is a half day for student to make up for the snow day on January 19<sup>th</sup>.
5. Spring Club sign-ups will start on April 16th at 5pm through signupgenius. Please ensure you are signing up for clubs that are age appropriate for your child. Please think of others when registering for more than 1 club per student. Spring Clubs will run from April 23rd-May 23rd.
6. NJ State Testing begins the week of April 29<sup>th</sup> for students in 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade in Reading and Math. Our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students will also take an additional Science test.

Limited Citizen Participation- None

Secretary's Report

The 2024-2025 budget has been turned into the county office. The public hearing on the budget is scheduled for April 24. The budget can be revised up to that date.  
We met with the auditors today to have an exit conference for the 2022-23 school year. We should be approving the audit at our next board meeting in April.

## Superintendent's Report

1. This morning I attended a meeting with the Camden County Prosecutors office. During the meeting, the notion of cell phone and social media accessibility was presented. Please be vigilant in your monitoring of your son or daughter's accessibility and usability of apps such as snapchat, Instagram, tik tok, Kik, discord, and whatsapp to name a few that were presented. I will be sending a list of apps that parents should be aware of in the next newsletter. Many times, students think they are talking to peers and exchanging photos, but these can easily fall into the wrong hands. Please be aware of who your children are talking with on home gaming systems as well. There have been reported incidents of people luring children into exchanging phone numbers and conversations can lead to pictures being exchanged.
2. On March 15<sup>th</sup> we held our annual school wide bowling trip. All students seemed to have an excellent time bowling with their friends and classmates. I would like to thank the HSC for sponsoring the event. Upon arrival back at school we conducted bus evacuation drills with all students.
3. HVAC Project Update- We will be looking to send this project out for bid and awarding a contract at or before the May BOE meeting. This project would replace all of the HVAC units in the building and will be funded through ROD grant funding and local funds.
4. Fence Project Update- This project has been completed.
5. On February 29<sup>th</sup> we held another Banana Company Fundraiser. I would like to thank the HSC for the management of the event, the Banana Company for providing a local fundraiser that brings our community together, and our teachers Mrs. Maienza, Mrs. Agatone, and Mrs. Garvey for their volunteer efforts in being guest dippers.
6. Playground Project Update-Thank you to the community members who have volunteered for the Playground Committee. These members will be contacted next week and will meet in the near future to examine possible playground options for construction. This effort will be funded through Camden County grant funds.
7. I would like to thank all of the parents who took time to attend Spring Parent Teacher Conferences last week or the betterment of their children and their education.
8. On February 29<sup>th</sup> I attended a meeting at Sterling HS to discuss ways to share services. Topics discussed included world language teachers, transportation, and special education. These meetings are designed to help share costs as well as services.
9. I would like to wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable spring break. School is closed on March 29<sup>th</sup> and the week of April 1<sup>st</sup>. School reopens on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Committee Reports

Finance- Mrs. Brisbin- Update from committee meeting. All current programs and personnel are staying the same. Special Ed costs, out of district tuition and bussing increasing. Tuition to receiving districts increasing.

Personnel- Mrs. Brisbin- Update from committee meeting. 2 teacher retirements this year. Still advertising for a business administrator. Looking to share a Spanish teacher with Stratford. New curriculum support person.

Sterling- Mr. Minder- Update on replacing board members. Changing bell schedules for next year. Feasibility report being conducted and presented in June. Vote from each local board in April 2025. Attended Sterling budget presentation. Laurel Springs has potential to get a voting seat on the board.

On a motion by Mrs. Ivins-Sims, seconded by Mrs. Redstreak to approve Resolutions 0324-01 through 0324-16.

Yes

No

Abstain

Mrs. Brisbin  
Mr. DelPidio  
Mrs. Hobbs  
Mrs. Ivins-Sims  
Mrs.Korn  
Mr. Stones  
Mr.Minder  
Mrs. Redstreak

Mr. DelPidio #11

Mr. Minder #4  
Mrs. Redstreak #4, #11

**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.

General Fund	\$ 7,841,638.00
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 129,204.00
Debt Service Fund	\$ 219,296.00
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)

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**

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.

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

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Old Business- None

New Business- None

Limited Citizen Participation-None

Executive Session- None

On a motion by Mrs. Hobbs, seconded by Mrs. Redstreak, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Motion passed 8-0-0.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

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**Mark Stratton**  
**Board Secretary**