

Regular Board Meeting of March 19, 2025

On a motion by Mrs. Brisbin, seconded by Mrs. Hobbs to enter Closed Session.

Motion passed 7-0-0. Closed Session began at 6:30 pm.

On a motion by Mrs. Brisbin, seconded by Mrs. Redstreak to enter Open Session.

Motion passed 7-0-0. Closed Session ended at 6:51 pm.

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

Roll Call

Present

Absent

Mrs. Delpidio

Mrs. Hobbs

Mrs. Dunning

Mr. Minder (Arrived 6:51pm)

Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Korn

Mrs. Redstreak

Mrs. Brisbin

Mr. Delpidio

Announcement of Notices/Communications

None

Limited Citizen Participation

None.

Secretary's Report

The Board Secretary presented the February 2025 Board Secretary and Treasurer Report's. Reports were in balance as presented. The Board Secretary also indicated that no line item had been over expended

Superintendent's Report

School Climate Survey

Mr. Crispin reminded all parents and community members that the district is in the process of developing their Comprehensive Equity Plan and that they will be asked to

complete a School Climate Survey. The results of this survey will be used as part of the needs assessment for determine our areas of focus for the 2025-26 school year.

Feasibility Study

A meeting was held on March 3rd at Sterling High School regarding the recently completed Feasibility Study. Representatives from Rowan University presented their report which focused on the possible regionalization of the high school and elementary districts. There was also information shared regarding shared services and the possible cost savings. Mr. Crispin reminded those in attendance that due to the fact that Laurel Springs is not part of the region (Sterling, Magnolia, Somerdale and Stratford), Laurel Springs would have to be invited by the other districts to join. This invitation will only be extended if there is a willingness of the elementary district in the regional to join together.

School Lunches

Mr. Crispin informed those in attendance that the district will need to find another school district to provide lunches for next school year. Lunches are currently being provided by the Eastern Regional School District. They have decided not to continue this service for the 2025-26 school year.

2025-26 Tentative Budget

The public was informed that the board would be approving a tentative 2025-26 budget to submit to the county superintendent for approval. Mr. Crispin provided a brief update on the budget being presented for board consideration. Although there was a loss in state aid in the amount of \$140,432, due to reductions in the amount of tuition costs, it will not be necessary to consider any budgetary reductions.

Budget Cap

As part of the budget presentation, there was a discussion regarding the budget cap. The tentative budget being recommended reflects a 2% increase in the tax levy from the current year. This is the maximum amount that the tax levy can be increased. The board will continue to discuss this increased amount to determine if they wish to keep it at 2% or have it reduced. The board has the flexibility to reduce this amount to whatever amount they feel is best. If this amount is reduced the same amount will be reduced from the proposed expenditures to keep the budget in balance. If there is a reduction in the tax levy, an equal amount of reserve funds will be reduced. Any reductions in the tax levy will not impact staffing.

Committee Reports

Mrs. Redstreak provided an update of the discussions the Policy Committee had at their most recent meeting.

Mrs. Brisbin provided an update on the discussions held at Stratford's most recent Board meeting.

Mr. Minder provided an update on the discussions held at Sterling's most recent Board meeting.

On a motion by Mrs. Redstreak, seconded by Mrs. Hobbs to approve Resolutions 0319-01 through 0319-14.

Yes

No

Abstain

Mrs. Delpidio

Mrs. Hobbs

Mrs. Dunning

Mr. Minder (Arrived 6:51pm)

Mrs. Korn

Mrs. Redstreak

Mrs. Brisbin

Mr. Delpidio

Limited Citizen Participation

See List

Old Business

1. Resolution No. 0319-01

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for **February 2025** 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. 0319-02

Motion to approve attached Transfer List/Batch Appropriations Adjustments for February 2025

EXHIBIT B

3. Resolution No. 0319-03

Motion to approve minutes from February 19, 2025

EXHIBIT C

4. Resolution No. 0319-04

Motion to approve the attached Bills and Claims Report

EXHIBIT D

5. Resolution No. 0319-05

Motion to approve business agreement with The Bilingual Child Study Team to provide bilingual services for students (Bengali and Spanish)

EXHIBIT E

6. Resolution No. 0319-06

Acknowledge the monthly HIB report, as attached, and affirm the outcomes as provided in the report.

EXHIBIT F

7. Resolution No. 0317

Motion to approve the FIRST reading of the following Revised/New/Abolished policies (Alert#234)

A. A Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials – 2023 Revisions

- P 5512 Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying (M) (Revised)**
- P 5533 Student Smoking (M) (Revised)**
- R 5533 Student Smoking (Revised)**
- P & R 7441 Electronic Surveillance In School Buildings and On School Grounds (M) (Revised)**
- P & R 9320 Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies (M) (Revised)**

B. General Policy and Regulation Updates

- P 2365 Acceptable Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) (New)**
- P 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) (Revised)**
- P 5460 High School Graduation (M) (Revised)**
- P 5516 Use of Electronic Communication Devices (Revised)**
- R 5516 Use of Electronic Communication Devices (New)**
- P 5701 Academic Integrity (Revised)**
- P 5710 Student Grievance (Revised)**
- P 8500 Food Services (M) (Revised)**
- P 9163 Spectator Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Events (M) (New)**

8. Resolution No. 0319-08

Motion to approve the Laurel Springs 6th grade promotion ceremony for June 17, 2025

9. Resolution No. 0319-09

Motion to approve the following assembly for K-6 students: "The Mindstorm Game Show " & "Family Game Show Night"; May 12, 2025; \$2,350 (funded through Title IV.)

10. Resolution No. 0319-10

Motion to approve the HSC donation of benches and their installation by Home Depot for the school playground

11. Resolution No. 0319-11

Motion to approve the following teachers for tutoring services at an hourly rate of \$46, funded by Title I, effective March 18, 2025, as recommended by the administration.

- Jennifer Maienza
- Caterina Amato
- Alexa Davis
- Meghan Brogan

12. Resolution No. 0319-12

Motion to approve the 6th grade Safety Field Trip to Fun City, June 6, 2025

13. Resolution No. 0319-13

Motion to approve the school-wide field trip to 30 Strikes Bowling, May 22, 2025, funded by the HSC

Discussion regarding the dumpster issue.

New Business

There was a discussion regarding the Founder's Day Tea, bottle filler water cooling stations, and the Board's use of Chromebooks.

Executive Session

None

On a motion by Mrs. Brisbin, seconded by Mrs. Hobbs the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Motion passed 8-0-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

WILLIAM THOMPSON
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Doug DelPidio
BOARD PRESIDENT