

Regular Board Meeting of April 24, 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. DelPidio
Mrs.Hobbs
Mrs. Ivins –Sims
Mrs. Manny
Mr.Minder
Mrs. Redstreake

Mrs.Korn

Mr. Stones

Presentation of the 2024-2025 Budget by Mr. Mahlman & Mr. Stratton.

Announcement of Notices/Communications

1. The Spring Book Fair begins next week. Students will shop the fair according to their assigned time on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. The schedule will come out in Friday's Newsletter.
2. NJ State Testing begins the week of April 29th for students in 3rd- 6th Grade in Reading and Math. Our 5th Grade students will also take an additional Science test.

Limited Citizen Participation- None

Secretary's Report

April 24, 2024

1. Approving the revised 2024-2025 budget. Changes were made that reduced the budget.
2. The audit has been submitted and is being approved tonight. A copy of the audit synopsis has been made available to the public, the recommendations were discussed and the corrective action plan is also being approved tonight.

Superintendent's Report

1. HVAC Project Update- Yesterday at 2pm we had a public Bid Opening to consider pricing for the replacement of all HVAC units in the building. The NJ Schools Development Authority projected the project cost at \$393,504 when we applied for a Regular Operating District funded grant to assist with paying for the project. At that time the grant state funded share was roughly \$213,000 (55%) with our district paying roughly 45% at \$179,000. We opened 3 bids yesterday that were much higher than the state proposed \$393,504-684k, 724k and 738k. Obviously there is a large discrepancy in those numbers. I placed a call and an email to the state to gain clarity on our chance of obtaining more grant funding to support the higher price tag of the project. I will have more details as the communication progresses, but at this time we are exploring options within our means to fund the project after hearing back on a finalized state share of the cost.
2. As a result of the Summer Reading Project Parent Survey, we have decided to return back to individual classroom projects for Summer Reading and Math. These will include reading logs that will be distributed and collected for a prize when students return back to school in September. Teachers will set the level of expectation for the number of books read according to age and grade level. Teachers will distribute Summer Reading and math Projects and Summer Reading Logs on Move up Day,
3. I would like to thank our wonderful HSC for their excellent work with last week's HSC Founders Day Tea. Our Home and School Council did a wonderful job organizing and following through on an awesome evening and raising thousands of dollars in the process. I would also like to thank everyone who attended or made a donation to help raise money for a great cause. Our students and school.
4. Playground Project Update-Thank you to the community members who have volunteered for the Playground Committee. Mrs. Dold, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. DiMarco, and Mrs. Yawarski and I sat down on April 10th to discuss plans to proceed with the installation. We are still finalizing our selection with Ben Shaffer Recreation, but should have the plan wrapped up soon to shoot for a summer install.
5. With today being Administrative Professional's Day, I would like to take the opportunity to highlight and thank both of our school secretaries Mrs. DiOrio and Mrs. Isard for the wonderful jobs that they do each and every day.

Committee Reports

Finance- none
Personnel- none

Sterling- 2 new members voted in. Discussion on school performance report. Hiring 2 new math teachers, district moving away from block scheduling. Chorus going around schools. Have HVAC project coming up. Public hearing is coming up May 2nd.

Yellin- none

On a motion by Mrs. Ivins-Sims, seconded by Mrs. Hobbs to approve Resolutions 0424-01 through 0424-11. Roll Call Vote.

Yes	No	Abstain
Mrs. Brisbin		
Mr. DelPidio	Mr. DelPidio #3	
Mrs. Hobbs		
Mrs. Ivins-Sims		
Mr. Stones		
Mr.Minder		
Mrs. Redstreak		
Mrs. Manny	Mrs. Manny #3	

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.

General Fund	\$ 7,707,587.00
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 129,204.00
Debt Service Fund	\$ 219,296.00
Total Budget	\$ 8,056,087.00

BEIT 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 -2nd Gr. \$279.
Mrs. Ingenito 6/3,4,5,6,7/24 Orton-Gillingham-Comp. 6th G \$1,500.

11. Resolution No. 0424-11

Motion to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar.

EXHIBIT G

Old Business- None

New Business- Mr. DelPidio- Question on ROD Grant.

Limited Citizen Participation- Sarah DiMarco
618 E. Atlantic Ave
Laurel Springs, NJ

Thanked the school and board for allowing the students to participate in seeing the eclipse.

Executive Session- None

On a motion by Mrs. Ivin-Sims, seconded by Mrs. Manny, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Motion passed 8-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Mark Stratton
Board Secretary