

Regular Board Meeting of December 18, 2024

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

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

On a motion by Mr. Delpidio, seconded by Mrs. Hobbs to enter Open Session.

Motion passed 7-0-0. Closed Session ended at 6:59 pm.

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

Roll Call

Present

Absent

Mrs. Brisbin

Mrs. Hobbs

Mrs. Ivins-Sims

Mr. Minder

Mr. Delpidio

Mrs. Korn

Mrs. Redstreak

Mrs. Manny

Mr. Stones

Mr. Crispin presented the School Safety Data, Report Period II for the 2023.2024 school year.

None

Limited Citizen Participation

None.

Secretary's Report

The Board Secretary presented the November 2024 Board Secretary and Treasurer Report's. Both reports were in balance as presented. The Board Secretary also indicated that no line item had been over expended

Superintendent's Report

**Feasibility Report** - The regional schools are continuing to review the Sterling Feasibility Report which was recently completed by the Rowan School Regionalization Institute. A meeting is being scheduled in January to meet with the board presidents and superintendents to discuss the next steps in the review process. The first step is for the regional schools (Sterling, Stratford, Somerdale and Magnolia) to determine if they would like to move forward with possible regionalization. If this is decided, they will then have to decide whether to invite Laurel Springs and Hi Nella to also participate.

**Preschool Expansion Aid** - Preschool Expansion Aid is awarded each year in early September for those school districts who are eligible and wishing to apply. The application process will be during the months of July and August. If there is

interest for the Laurel Springs School District to prepare an application, a determination will have to be made regarding the location of this program and how many classes will be offered. There is a maximum of 15 students in each class and these classes are to include both 3 and 4 year old students.

**HVAC Update** - Our maintenance team is continuing to work through a few heating issues. For the most part these issues have been addressed, and we have been able to fix or supplement the heat in all the classrooms. There are still a few areas that need to be addressed to include areas in the basement in the old section of the school. We are hopeful that we can manage this situation until the repairs are completed this summer.

**2025-26 School Calendar** - We will begin working on the 2025-26 school calendar in the next few weeks. The calendar will be very similar to our calendar for 2024-25 with the exception of the winter break. Next year, January 2<sup>nd</sup> will fall on a Friday, therefore consideration will be given to having school closed on this day or having a teacher in-service. This is due to the fact that this would not be a good instructional day for students.

**School Choice** - Mrs. Dunham and I are continuing to work through a few School Choice issues due to the withdrawal of a couple students and the large class size in this year's kindergarten class. Since most school choice students enter the district as 1st graders, we will have to determine if we want to continue this practice due to the current class size or possibly split the kindergarten into two classes so that more school choice students can be considered. The general consensus of the board was to not add another first grade next year and to limit the number of school choice students entering the district.

**QSAC** - The county office of education has provided us with our QSAC results from the monitoring that was conducted last school year. There are five sections that the district is evaluated, and we must score at least an 80% in each section to pass. We have been informed that we met the passing score in four of the five areas and we will now be required to present the county office with an improvement plan. The county will review our plan and visit the district in the spring to evaluate our progress.

**Toys for Tots** - I am pleased to announce that the Laurel Springs School has collected 559 toys to be donated to the Toys for Tots program. This far exceeds the 381 that was donated last year. These toys will be presented to the local Lions Club for distribution.

Committee Reports

None

On a motion by Mr. Minder, seconded by Mrs. Redstreak to approve Resolutions 1224-01 through 1224-14.

Yes

No

Abstain

Mrs. Hobbs  
Mrs. Brisbin  
Mr. Minder  
Mr. Delpidio  
Mrs. Korn  
Mrs. Redstreak  
Mr. Stones

1224-10, 1224-11, 1224-12  
1224-03, 1224-07

**1. Resolution No. 1224-01**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for **NOVEMBER 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. 1224-02**

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

**EXHIBIT B**

**3. Resolution No. 1224-03**

Motion to approve minutes from November 20, 2024.

**EXHIBIT C**

**4. Resolution No. 1224-04**

Motion to approve the attached Bills and Claims.

**EXHIBIT D**

**5. Resolution No. 1224-05**

Motion to approve the following additional clubs.

Crazy 8's Math Club	4th-6th 15 students	Mrs. Vikki Bill	Tuesday
Crazy 8's Math Club	1st-3rd 12 students	Mrs. Kelly Ingenito	Thursday
Watercolor Club	1st-3rd 15 students	Ms. Kaitlyn Nutley	Tuesday

**6. Resolution No. 1224-06**

Motion to approve salary adjustment for Aubrey Craig-Zeisloft to reflect Step BA+15 effective 2/1/25.

**7. Resolution No. 1224-07**

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

**8. Resolution No. 1224-08**

Motion to approve request from Stratford Athletic Organization for use of the gym for basketball practice from 12/3/24 – 3/3/25. Stratford Athletic Organization will notify office weekly of specific days and times.

**9. Resolution No. 1224-09**

Motion to approve the attached January – December 2025 meeting schedule.

**Resolution No.1224-10**

Motion to approve the Laurel Springs Board of Education to enter into the Shared Service with the Stratford Board of Education for the various services in the attached agreement,

**EXHIBIT F**

**Resolution No.1224-11**

Motion to approve the attached tuition contract between Stratford Board of Education and Laurel Springs Board of Education for the 2024-2025 school year.

**EXHIBIT G**

**Resolution No.1224-12**

Motion to approve tuition contract between Stratford Board of Education and Laurel Springs Board of Education for student#5807572530. Contract will be in effect from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

**Resolution No.1224-13**

Motion to approve the attached District Improvement Plan (DIP)

**EXHIBIT H**

**Resolution No.1224-14**

Motion to approve the following Professional Development.

Heather Dunham/Julie Knipfer      HIB Training      1/21/25      \$145. Per person

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Limited Citizen Participation

Mr. Andy Anderson spoke on behalf of School Choice

Executive Session

None

On a motion by Mrs. Korn, seconded by Mrs. Brisbin, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm.

Motion passed 7-0-0.

Executive Session