

LAUREL SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 21, 2025 7:00 PM

Meeting Called to Order: President, Mr. Douglas DelPidio

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
Ms. Tara Dunning
Mr. Matthew Minder
Mr. Douglas DelPidio
Mrs. Giavonna DelPidio
Mrs. Carolyn Redstreak
Mrs. Elizabeth Ford
Mrs. Monica Korn

Announcement of Notices/Communication

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-minute duration.

Secretary's Report

Superintendent's Report

- **HIB Report** – none

Committee Reports

Yellin Representative Update

Sterling Representative Update

HSC Representative Update

Board Action Items:

1. Resolution No. 0521-01

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for **April 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. 0521-02

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

EXHIBIT B

3. Resolution No. 0521-03

Motion to approve minutes from April 30, 2025

EXHIBIT C

4. Resolution No. 0521-04

Motion to approve the following certificated tenured staff as listed below for the 2025-2026 school year.

Lucinda Garvey
Vicki Bill
Janet Cybulski
Michelle Cruz
Lisa Corrigan
Brian Hofacker
Aubrey Craig

Kasey Rabena
Bart White
Deborah McLaughlin
Kelly Ingenito
Taron Leidy
Julie Knipfer
Deborah Bertolino

5. Resolution No. 0521-05

Motion to approve the following certificated non-tenured staff a listed below for the 2025-2026 school year.

Katelyn Nutley
Alexa Davis (tenured contract)

Caterina Amato
Meghan Brogan

6. Resolution No. 0521-06

Motion to approve the following Paraprofessional/Instructional Aides for the 2025-2026 school year.

Kristin Laurenzi
Devon Lucier
Jarred Matchett

Stephanie Carozza
Ashley Kirkpatrick
Ashley Bachowski

7. Resolution No. 0521-07

Motion to approve the following non-union staff for 2025-2026

Jenna Ensign	12 months (Full-Time) - \$48,625.00
Heather Dunham	12 months (Full-Time) - \$113,850.00

8. Resolution No. 0521-08

Motion to approve the following stipend position for 2025-2026. Stipends will be paid at the contracted rate.

Head Teacher/Affirm. Action Officer
Anti-Bullying Specialist

Julie Knipfer
Julie Knipfer

CST Coordinator	Deborah McLaughlin
Substitute Coordinator	Jenna Ensign
Safety Coordinator	Bart White
Title I Coordinator (funded through grant)	Janet Cybulski
Technology Coordinator	Taron Leidy

9. Resolution No. 0521-09

Motion to approve the following awards for Promotion June 2025

Jack Hagen Memorial Service Award	\$40.
Miriam Prince-Best All Around Student	\$40.
Best Overall Performance-Language Arts	\$25.
Best Overall Performance-Math	\$25.
Best Overall Performance-Science/Health	\$25.
Best Overall Performance-Social Studies	\$25.
Safety of the Year	\$25.
Miriam Prince-Most Cooperative/Congenial	\$25.
Tom Buchanan Citizenship Award	\$25.
Best Female PE Student	\$25.
Best Male PE Student	\$25.
Best Female Literature Alive	\$25.
Best Male Literature Alive	\$25.
Choral Award	\$25.
Technology Award	\$25.
Boro Award-Highest Ranking	Boro
Boro Award-2 nd Highest	Boro
Mrs. Debra Ann Head Award	\$40.
Outreach/Creative Arts	\$40.
Betty Lou Hannah Award	\$40.
Leo Club Member of Year	\$25.
Enthusiastic Citizen Award	\$100.
(Sponsored by The Redstreak Family)	
Excellence English-Yellin	\$50.
(2) Thomas Buchanan Awards-Yellin	\$50. Each
Highest LS student at Sterling	\$100.
Presidential Academic Achievement Award	Cert. only
Determination Award	\$75.
(Sponsored by The Stones Family)	

10. Resolution No. 0521-10

Motion to approve the following certificated staff members for the 2025-2026 Summer Dragon Camp (July 8, 2025 to July 31, 2025) at the rate of \$52 per hour, 11 hours per week

Brian Hofacker
Vicki Bill

Bart White
Katelyn Nutley

11. Resolution No. 0521-11

Motion to approve the following certificated staff members for the 2024 ESY Summer Program. (July 8, 2025 to July 31, 2025)

Deborah Bertolino Meghan Brogan

12. Resolution No. 0521-12

Motion to approve the use of school facilities for the 6th Grade Wax Museum Night, scheduled for June 6th from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

13. Resolution No. 0521-13

Motion to approve the new hire of (staff name, step, salary to be shared) effective September 1, 2025

14. Resolution No. 0521-14

Motion to approve the 6th Grade walking field trip to Yellin School on June 3rd from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

15. Resolution No. 0521-15

Motion to approve the 6th grade Picnic, sponsored by the HSC, on June 16th after school

EXHIBIT D

16. Resolution No. 0521-16

Motion to approve Comprehensive Equity Plan for the 2025-2028 school years

EXHIBIT E

17. Resolution No. 0521-17

Motion to accept letter of resignation from Sharon Isard effective 7/1/25

EXHIBIT F

18. Resolution No. 0521-18

Motion to accept attached Bills & Claims report

Motion by _____, seconded by _____
that Resolutions 0521-01 – 18 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