

LAUREL SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 22, 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:

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

Announcement of Notices/Communications

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.

Superintendent's Report

- **HIB Report – July 2025**
- **HVAC Project Update**
- **Sterling Business Service Update**

Committee Reports

Property Chair Representative Update

- **Proposed Referendum**

Board Action Items:

1. Resolution No. 0722-01

Motion to approve the following professional development sessions to be paid with local funds:

- Julie Knipfer & Heather Dunham – Strauss Esmay: HIB (Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying) Training, October 1, 2025; \$165 per participant.
- Heather Dunham – NJPSA 2025 Fall Conference: Lead with Joy, October 16–17, 2025; \$430.

2. Resolution No. 0722-02

Motion to approve Tyler Warner as a paraprofessional for Dragon Camp, retroactively effective July 8, 2025, at a rate of \$53.50 per day for 15 days, paid through (Educational Staffing Solutions) using local funds.

3. Resolution No. 0722-03

Motion to approve the job description for the position of Secretary – Student Services Office.

4. Resolution No. 0722-04

Motion to approve the following IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) allocations:

- Basic \$61,394
- Preschool-\$2,696

5. Resolution No. 0722-05

Motion to approve change order #1 (CO-1) with Surety Mechanical Services of New Jersey in the amount of \$15,549.65. This change order is an extension of the contract completion date.

6. Resolution No. 0722-06

Motion to approve the scope of architectural services for the schematic design phase to include additions and alterations to the 1957 (building #2) area of the Laurel Spring School based on the 2022 LRFP with Rodier Ebersberger Architects LLC in the amount of \$53,743.38

7. Resolution No. 0722-07

Motion to approve contract between Laurel Springs School District and Just Kids for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____
that Resolutions 0722-01-07 are adopted.

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).

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment