



Laurel Springs School District
Board of Education
623 Grand Avenue
Laurel Springs, NJ 08021

Regular Meeting Minutes - February 18, 2026 7:00 PM

1. MEETING OPENING

Meeting Called to Order: President, Mr. Douglas DelPidio at 6:30pm

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. Betty Hobbs	6:45pm
Ms. Tara Dunning	Absent
Mr. Matthew Minder	Present
Mrs. Giavonna DelPidio	Present
Mrs. Elizabeth Ford	Absent
Mrs. Monica Korn	Present
Mr. Timothy DiMarco	Present
Mrs. Kimberley Brisbin	Present
Mr. Douglas DelPidio	Present

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to approve the following Resolution and enter into an 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: Kimberley Brisbin

Second: Monica Korn

Time: 6:30pm

3. DISCLOSURE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPROPRIATE)

Return to Public Session

Motion to resume Public Session

Motion: Kimberley Brisbin

Second: Monica Korn

Time: 6:53 pm

ALL YES

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Visitors' Comments

None

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.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes

- December
- January

Motion: Kimberley Brisbin Second: Betty Hobbs

ALL YES

Executive Meeting Minutes (if available)

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION ITEMS

- HIB Report - February
- January Safety Drills - List
- January 2026 Nurse's Report

- Room 203 - Construction completed.
- 2026-27 School Calendar - To be approved in March

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee - Mrs. Korn reported that the policy committee met prior to the meeting to discuss the latest Policy Alert from Strauss Esmay. Recommended changes will be presented at the March meeting.

8. YELLIN REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

No report

9. STERLING REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

- **ETHICS FORMS** - You will be receiving an email from the County Office to complete your on-line ethics forms. Returning board members and administrators will have until April 30, 2026 to complete their forms. Please try to complete these forms as soon as possible. Notify Mr. McCullough for any assistance.
- **MANDATED TRAINING** - The following board members have been registered to complete their mandated training online. You should have received an email from NJSBA with your online course information. The DEADLINE to complete the course is December 31, 2026. Please let Mr. McCullough or Mrs. Dolce know if you have any questions.

BOE Member	Course	Form	Deadline
Matt Minder	Governance IV	Online	12/31/2026
Kimberly Brisbin	Governance IV	Online	12/31/2026
Monica Korn	Governance III	Online	12/31/2026
Tim DiMarco	Governance I	Online	12/31/2026
Tara Dunning	Governance II	Online	12/31/2026
Gia DelPidio	Governance II	online	12/31/2026
Elizabeth Ford	Governance II	Online	12/31/2026

- The Burlington County Insurance Pool (BCIP) Joint Insurance Fund has recognized **Laurel Springs School** as a **2024–2025 Safety Award Winner** for outstanding performance in claims processing. Laurel Springs School achieved an **average time to report claims of 24 hours**, demonstrating a strong commitment to timely reporting and safety practices. As a result of this achievement, the district has been awarded a **Safety Award in the amount of \$2,000**.

10. HSC REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

- Mrs. DelPidio shared that the Someone Special Dance was held last week and was well received.
- The HSC will be meeting next week for their regular monthly meeting.

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S BOARD ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Resolution No. 0218-01

Motion to approve the following professional development sessions:

- o Taron Liedy, Techspo, January 28-30, 2026, \$610, funding: 11-000-230-890
- o Meghan Brogan, Dealing with Challenging Behaviors using Developmentally Appropriate Strategies PK-2, \$295, February 23, 2026, funding: 20-272-200-500

11.2 Resolution No. 0218-02

Motion to approve the following HSC's 6th grade committee events:

- Dine and Donates:
 - Friendly's, February 26, 2026
 - Applebees, March 18, 2026
- Movie Night utilizing the Laurel Springs APR, 4/1/2026, 6:00-8:00 pm

11.3 Resolution No. 0218-03

Motion to approve the 6th grade safety field trip to Dave and Busters, Friday, June 5, 2026 at a cost of \$758.72, utilizing funds from account 11-190-100-890.

11.4 Resolution No. 0218-04

Motion to approve the dates for the 2026 Dragon Camp and ESY, Tuesday-Thursday, July 7th through July 30th 2026.

Approval of Superintendent's Action Items

Motion to Approve the Superintendent's Recommendations (0218-01 – 0218-04) as presented above.

Motion by Kimberley Brisbin , seconded by Betty Hobbs that Resolutions 0218-01 – 0218-04 are adopted.

ALL YES

12. BILLS

Motion to approve the following Bill Lists:

Bill List 1	December 15, 2026	Fund 11	\$ 43,881.50
Bill List 2	January 7, 2026	Fund 60	\$ 3,103.00
Bill List 3	January 7, 2026	Fund S/A	\$ 48.50
Bill List 4	January 12, 2026	Fund 10	\$ 1,293.00
		Fund 11	\$ 108,350.38
		Fund 20	\$ 112.50
			\$ 109,775.88
Bill List 5	January 12, 2026	Fund 11	\$ 8,673.31
Bill List 6	January 15, 2026	Fund 11	\$ 1,271.21
Bill List 7	January 9, 2026	Fund S/A	\$ 2,363.30
Bill List 8	January 28, 2026	Fund 11	\$ 203,111.56
		Fund 20	\$ 8,170.56
			\$ 211,281.56
Bill List 9	January 28, 2026	Fund 11	\$ 8,053.00
Bill List 10	January 30, 2026	Fund 11	\$ 1,710.63

Bill List 11	January 31, 2026	Fund 11	\$ 56,476.27
Bill List 12	February 5, 2026	Fund 11	\$ 51,295.75
Bill List 13	February 4, 2026	Fund 60	\$ 4,539.10

** Fund S/A = Student Activities **

Motion by Giavonna DelPidio, seconded by Monica Korn
ALL YES

13. BOARD SECRETARY REPORT

13.1 Board President Duties

Motion to authorize the Board Vice-President, to assume and discharge the duties of the Board President in the event of the Board President's absence, disability or disqualification, consistent with N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1.1.

13.2 SEMI Waiver

Motion to approve the submission of a 2026–2027 SEMI Waiver Request, as the district has chosen to participate in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) program for the 2026–2027 school year.

Resolution No. 0218-13.2

13.3 Durand Tuition Adjustment

Dollar Amount \$3,649.00
 Budget Source 11-000-100-566

Motion to approve a prior year tuition adjustment FY2025 to Durand Inc., in the amount of \$3,649.00.

Resolution No. 0218-13.3

13.4 Bancroft Tuition Adjustment

Dollar Amount \$7,746
 Budget Source 11-000-100-566

Motion to approve a prior year tuition adjustment FY23 to Bancroft in the amount of \$7,746.00, to be paid after July 1, 2026 using FY27 funds.

Approval of Board Secretary's Action Items

Motion to Approve the Board Secretary's Recommendations (13.1 - 13.4) as presented above.

Motion by Monica Korn, seconded by Kimberley Brisbin - ALL YES

14. VISITOR'S COMMENTS - OPEN END, 5 MINUTE LIMIT

Public Comments

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).

- Lisa Rogers addressed the board as a representative from the 6th Grade Committee.
- Mrs. Rogers informed the board that they will be sponsoring a "Movie Night" and they will be inviting 6th grade students from Yellen School to attend

15. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Minder: Fundraiser for recreation commission. Big push from folks - very successful.

16. NEW BUSINESS

- Representatives from the Laurel Springs board met with representatives from the Sterling board to discuss a possible shared services agreement for superintendent services to become effective July 1st. The meeting went well and there is a possibility that official action could be taken in March.
- Ms. Brisbin: Discussed Board becoming familiar with new minutes.

17. ADJOURN

Adjourn Meeting

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting.

Motion: Kimberley Brisbin

Second: Monica Korn

Time: 7:18 pm