



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

Regular Meeting Agenda – May 20, 2026, 6:30 PM

1. MEETING OPENING

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1.1 Meeting Called to Order: President, Mr. Douglas DelPidio

1.2 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.

1.3 Roll Call:

- Mrs. Betty Hobbs
- Mr. Matthew Minder
- Mrs. Giavonna DelPidio
- Mrs. Monica Korn
- Mr. Timothy DiMarco
- Mrs. Kimberley Brisbin
- Mrs. Kate Buckingham
- Mr. Douglas DelPidio

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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2.1 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

3. DISCLOSURE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPROPRIATE)

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3.1 Return to Public Session

Motion to resume Public Session

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

4. MEETING OPENING CONTINUED

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4.1 Pledge of Allegiance



**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**5.1 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Minutes May 6, 2026.pdf

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2026.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**5.2 Executive Meeting Minutes (if available)**

May 6 26 LS Exec Mtg Minutes.pdf

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2026.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**6.1 Visitors' Comments**

**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.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION ITEMS**

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- HIB Report
- April Safety Drills- Fire drill 4/29/26 @ 1:07pm
- April 2026 Nurse's Report

- **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	Complete
Monica Korn	Governance III	Online	12/31/2026
Tim DiMarco	Governance I	Online	Complete
Gia DelPidio	Governance II	online	12/31/2026

- **School Board Election - Nomination Petition** - The following information is provided for Board of Education members whose current term will expire on December 31, 2026 and who may be interested in seeking re-election.

**Nomination Petition Filing Deadline:**

- The deadline to file a Nomination Petition for the School Board Election on November 4, 2026 is **Monday, July 27, 2026, before 4:00 p.m.**
- Petitions must be filed with the Camden County Clerk’s Office either in person or by mail. (*Note: Petitions must be received—not postmarked—by the deadline.*)
- Petitions must now include a minimum of 25 valid signatures to be considered complete.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**9. YELLIN REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE**

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**10. LAUREL SPRINGS REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE**

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**11. HSC REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE**

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**12. SUPERINTENDENT’S BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

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**12.1 Resolution No. 0520-1**

Motion to approve 2026-27 renewal with Just Kids. Just Kids Contract 2026-27

**12.2 Resolution No. 0520-02**

Motion to approve the Dragon Camp Schedule -July 7-July 30, 2026 from 9am-12pm

**12.3 Resolution No. 0520-03**

Motion to approve the following Dragon Camp staff:

- Bart White
- Brian Hofacker
- Vicki Bill
- Emma Cavallaro
- Alexa Davis
- Debbie Bertolino
- Janet Cybulski
- Kaitlyn Nutley

**12.4 Resolution No. 0520-04 Summer Hours**

Motion to approve summer hours Monday – Thursday from 7am-1pm; June 22- August 27.

**12.5 Resolution No. 0520-05**

Motion to approve the reimbursement in the amount of \$148.50, from account 11-00-213-610, to Lisa Corrigan.  
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**12.6 Resolution No. 0520-06**

Motion to approve the appointment of the new principal to become effective on July 1, 2026.

**12.7 Resolution No. 0520-07**

Motion to approve Mrs. Julie Knipfer as an eleven-month Supervisor of Special Services effective July 1, 2026 at an annual salary of \$105,000.

**12.8 Resolution No. 0520-08**

Dollar amount \$77.48

Budget Source 11-000-230-890

Motion to approve a reimbursement for BOE member Kate Buckingham for her Criminal History Review Fees.

**12.9 Resolution No. 0520-09**

Dollar amount \$66.59/per hour

Budget Source 11-150-100-320

Motion to approve the Hospital School Program Service Agreement with the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia for the provision of hospital school instructional services for student SID# 1773385181 during the 2025–2026 school year, at a rate of \$66.59 per hour of service, not to exceed five (5) hours per week, as needed, in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the agreement.

12.9 CHOP Hospital School Program Service Agreement.pdf

**12.10 Resolution No. 0520-10**

Motion to approve Janet Cybulski as Title I Coordinator in the amount of \$2200, to be funded through Title I account #20-231-200-100.

**Approval of Superintendent's Action Items**

Motion to Approve the Superintendent's Recommendations (0520-01 – 0520-010) as presented above.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

**13. BILLS**

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**13.1 Motion to approve the following Bill Lists:**

Bill List 1	May 1, 2026	Fund S/a	\$	246.72
Bill List 2	May 1, 2026	Fund 60	\$	3,793.80
Bill List 3	May 6, 2026	Fund 60	\$	4,751.80
Bill List 4	May 13, 2026	Fund 10	\$	1,293.00
		Fund 11	\$	267,600.07
		Fund 20	\$	2,528.99
			\$	271,422.60

\*\* Fund S/A = Student Activities \*\*

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

**14. BOARD SECRETARY REPORT**

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**14.1 Risk Management Consultant**

**WHEREAS**, the **Laurel Springs School District** hereinafter referred to as DISTRICT, is a member of the Burlington County Insurance Pool Joint Insurance Fund, a self-insurance pooling fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bylaws of said Fund state that each DISTRICT may appoint a Risk Management Consultant, hereinafter referred to as RMC, to perform various professional services; and

**WHEREAS**, a fee as indicated in the attached Risk Management Consultant Agreement which expenditure represents reasonable compensation for the services required and was included in the cost considered by the DISTRICT; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public School Contracts Law (NJSA 18A:18A-1 et. seq.) defines Insurance as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service requiring that the awarding of contracts without competitive bidding must be approved by resolution of this DISTRICT;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the DISTRICT does hereby appoint **The Barclay Group** as its RMC and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the DISTRICT's Business Official/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Risk Management Consultant Agreement annexed hereto.

14.1 2026 BCIP RMC Agreement.pdf

14.1 2026 BCIP RMC Resolution.pdf

#### **14.2 KDI, Inc. Copier Lease and Maintenance**

Budget Source 11-190-100-500

Motion to approve the proposal from Keystone Digital Imaging, Inc. for the lease and maintenance of two Ricoh IM 7000 multi-functional copiers, including PaperCut software and related support services, for a sixty (60) month term at a monthly cost of \$571.50 for copier services and \$71.75 for PaperCut services. The agreement includes all service, supplies, installation, training, automatic meter collection, toner fulfillment, and removal of existing equipment at no additional charge. The Board authorizes the Business Administrator to execute all necessary documents related to this agreement on behalf of the District.

14.2 KDI Laurel Springs School District.pdf

#### **14.3 Resolution Urging Relief from Rising Public School Employee Health-Care Costs**

**WHEREAS**, At a time of continued fiscal uncertainty and mounting challenges, local boards of education from across the state of New Jersey continue to suffer under the growing crisis posed by the rising cost of health benefits and are desperate for relief; and

**WHEREAS**, Despite record levels of state investments in public education, these school districts are facing fiscal pressures similar to those confronting the state budget, including the unsustainable growth in health-care premiums and the mounting insolvency of the state's public employees health benefits programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Both within the School Employees' Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) and the private market, year-over-year double-digit increases are placing tremendous strain on district budgets and local taxpayers alike; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Sherrill and legislative leadership have publicly acknowledged the urgent need to address rising health-care costs and the challenges facing the state's health benefits plans, including both the state and local portions of the State Health Benefits Program and the SEHBP; and

**WHEREAS**, The seriousness of this issue is underscored by the mid-year SEHBP analysis released by the Treasury Department in March 2026, which concluded that "based on these projected losses and building in future trends, active premium rate increases for 2027 are likely to be in the double digits;" and

**WHEREAS**, These projected increases would follow the 31.9 percent premium increase that took effect in January 2026, further exacerbating an overall premium increase of nearly 74 percent in the preceding five years; and

**WHEREAS**, This growth in health-care costs far exceeds inflation, state aid increases and the fiscal capacity of local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Rising health-care premiums are consuming an ever-larger portion of already constrained school district budgets, forcing difficult decisions that directly affect students, staff and educational quality; and

**WHEREAS**, These cost pressures also have significant consequences for taxpayers, as districts are often compelled to utilize the full extent of their available tax levy, even after which many districts remain unable to fully offset these increases due to the constraints of the property tax levy cap, despite the limited health-care exception; and

**WHEREAS**, For the families and students these districts serve, the downstream consequences — including district deficits, program cuts and school closures — mean the loss of community stability, continuity of services, and in many cases, access to the specialized supports that our most vulnerable students depend on; and

**WHEREAS**, These are also precisely the conditions that erode student achievement and weaken the family engagement that is central to strengthening New Jersey's public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Implementing real, sustainable solutions to the rising cost of health benefits and reforming how benefits are delivered through the SEHBP would demonstrate the Governor’s and Legislature’s leadership and continued commitment to New Jersey’s students, educators and families, which directly advances our shared goal of affordability and effective, efficient government for all New Jerseyans.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Laurel Springs School District Board of Education in the county of Camden calls upon the Governor and State Legislature to provide immediate, short-term relief from the unsustainable increased health-care costs experienced by school districts in recent years; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Laurel Springs School District Board of Education in the county of Camden urges the Governor to engage in meaningful engagement with all affected stakeholders to develop and implement practical long-term reforms to the state’s system of delivering health care to its public employees in order to generate meaningful, long-term savings; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Mikie Sherrill, State Treasurer Aaron Binder, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, State Senator James Beach, Assemblywoman Melinda Kane, Assemblyman Louise D. Greenwald and the New Jersey School Boards Association.

14.3 DISTRICT 6 Rising Health Care Costs May2026 Sample Resolution NJSBA (002).pdf

**14.4 ESS Northeast, LLC – Substitute Staffing**

Dollar amount \$154.66

Budget Source 11-421-200-300

Motion to approve an agreement with ESS for substitute staffing services from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

14.4 EXTLaurelSpringsSchoolDistrictNJESSNortheast2026-2027.pdf

**Approval of Board Secretary’s Action Items**

Motion to Approve the Board Secretary’s Recommendations (14.1 - 14.4) as presented above.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

**15. VISITOR’S COMMENTS - OPEN END, 5 MINUTE LIMIT**

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**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 privileges).

**16. OLD BUSINESS**

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**17. NEW BUSINESS**

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**Board of Education Vacancy Interviews**

- Jacob Falana, Laurel Springs, NJ 08021

All candidates will be afforded five minutes to introduce themselves and present responses to the questions below and potential follow-up questions. To be considered as a candidate for the vacancy, potential candidates should attend the BOE Meeting.

**Candidate Questions for Vacancy on Board of Education**

1. Why did you choose to apply for the vacant position on the Laurel Springs School District BOE?
2. What qualities/experience would you bring to the Laurel Springs School District BOE?
3. What do you think is the number one priority that the Laurel Springs School District BOE is facing?

**18. BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT**

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**20.1 Appointment of Vacant Seat**

Motion to approve/appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to the vacant position on the Board of Education for Laurel Springs. The appointment is for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2026. The newly appointed Board of Education Member will be sworn into office at the next meeting on June 17, 2026, pending all necessary paperwork has been submitted.

Motion to resume Public Session

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_      Second: \_\_\_\_\_      Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**19. ADJOURN**

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**Adjourn Meeting**

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_      Second: \_\_\_\_\_      Time: \_\_\_\_\_