



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

Regular Meeting Minutes - April 15, 2026, 6:30 PM

1. MEETING OPENING

1.1 The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the Board 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	Present
Mr. Matthew Minder	Present
Mrs. Giavonna DelPidio	Present
Mrs. Monica Korn	Present
Mr. Timothy DiMarco	Present
Mrs. Kimberley Brisbin	Present
Mr. Douglas DelPidio	Present

Other Attendees:

Mr. Steve Crispin, Superintendent

At that time, the Board entered into Executive Session until 7:00 p.m. The public portion resumed at 7:00 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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: Mr. Minder Second: Mr. DiMarco Time: 6:30pm Voice Vote: All in favor

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

3. DISCLOSURE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPROPRIATE)

3.1 Return to Public Session

Motion to resume Public Session at 6:58PM.

Motion: Mr. Minder Second: Ms. Brisbin Time: 6:58pm Voice Vote: All in favor

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

4. MEETING OPENING CONTINUED

4.1 Mr. DelPidio led the Board and Public in the flag salute.



5. PUBLIC COMMENT

5.1 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 NJSBA 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.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[Regular Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2026.

Motion by Ms. Korn, second by Mr. DiMarco.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Betty Hobbs, Matthew Minder, Giovanna DelPidio, Monica Korn, Timothy DiMarco, Kimberley Brisbin, Douglas DelPidio

[Executive Meeting Minutes \(if available\)](#)

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2026.

Motion by Ms. Hobbs, second by Mr. DiMarco.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Betty Hobbs, Matthew Minder, Giovanna DelPidio, Monica Korn, Timothy DiMarco, Kimberley Brisbin, Douglas DelPidio

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION ITEMS

- HIB Report – [April](#)
- March Safety Drills- 3/11/26: Fire Drill, 3/31: Lockdown
- [March 2026 Nurse's Report](#)
- **ETHICS FORMS** - You will be receiving an email from the County Office to complete your online ethics forms. Returning board members and administrators will have until **April 30, 2026**, to complete their forms. Please 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
Gia DelPidio	Governance II	online	12/31/2026

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Minder spoke on the schematics for the proposed project.

9. YELLIN REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

10. STERLING REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

- Mr. Minder commented on the March 26 meeting, noting that Sterling is facing similar budget challenges as other districts due to rising healthcare costs and has had to get creative in managing the budget, while continuing to address ongoing and upcoming projects. He also highlighted a 10% increase in spring sports participation, attributing it in part to the Sterling being a cell phone-free environment using Yondr pouches, and expressed appreciation for the Student of the Month presentation, noting that a family member of his was among the award recipients.

11. HSC REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

- Mrs. DelPidio – Founders Day Tea is Friday, April 17, 2026, received several donations from businesses around town. Next meeting is April 16, 2026

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S BOARD ACTION ITEMS

12.1 Resolution No. 0415-01

Motion to approve Walsh Legacy to provide home tutoring services for student, SID #: 10625, at the rate of \$65 per hour for up to 5 hours per week, effective April 13, 2026, as recommended by the administration and the board physician.

12.2 Resolution No. 0415-02

Motion to approve the following teachers for Spring Club Advisors, at an hourly rate of \$42, utilizing Title IV funds (20-282-200-100), as recommended by the administration.

- Max Rambow, Garden Club, Grade 3-6, May 11th-June 4th, not to exceed 4 hours
- Alexa Davis, Dance Club, Grades 1-3, May 11th-June 4th, not to exceed 4 hours
- Bart White, Running Club, Grades 3-6, May 11th-June 4th, not to exceed 4 hours

12.3 Resolution No. 0415-03

Motion to approve the first reading of the following policies which have been reviewed and are being recommended by the Policy Committee:

- Policy 2530 - Resource Materials (Revised)
- Regulation 2530 - Resource Materials (Revised)
- Policy 2535 - Library Material (New)
- Policy 9130 - Public Complaints (Revised)
- Regulation 9130 - Public Complaints (Revised)

12.4 Resolution No. 0415-04

Motion to approve Mr. Steven Crispin as "Acting Principal" for the period of May 16, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

12.5 Resolution No. 0415-05

Motion to approve the Educational Specifications (Ed. Specs.) for the planned building project, prepared by the District and signed off on by Superintendent Steve Crispin and Board President Doug Delpidio, and to authorize the submission of the Educational Specifications and the Schematic Project to the New Jersey Department of Education for review and approval.

Approval of Superintendent's Action Items

Motion to Approve the Superintendent's Recommendations (0415-01 – 0415-05) as presented above.

Motion by Mrs. DelPidio, second by Mrs. Hobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Betty Hobbs, Matthew Minder, Giavonna DelPidio, Monica Korn, Timothy DiMarco, Kimberley Brisbin, Douglas DelPidio

13. BILLS

Motion to approve the following Bill Lists:

[BL1.pdf](#)

March 30, 2026

Fund 11

\$

23,446.01

Motion by Mrs. Hobbs, second by Mr. Minder.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Betty Hobbs, Matthew Minder, Giavonna DelPidio, Monica Korn, Timothy DiMarco, Kimberley Brisbin, Douglas DelPidio

14. BOARD SECRETARY REPORT

14.1 Transportation – CCEC

Ratify and affirm the approval of the Camden County Educational Services Commission to continue to coordinate transportation for the 2026-2027 school year. The cost for the renewal of routes providing transportation for your existing students will be at the per diem amount, plus a rate increase not to exceed the approved CPI rate of 3.58% as determined by the state, plus the CCEC fee of 6%. If a route is not renewed by the bus contractor, then the understanding is that your district is agreeing to have the CCEC bid the route(s) out on your district's behalf.

14.2 Gloucester County Special Services School District

Dollar Amount \$97,000

Budget Source 11-000-216-320

Motion to approve the agreement between the Laurel Springs Board of Education and the Gloucester County Special Services School District (CRESS) for professional services for the 2026–2027 school year, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, on an as-needed basis and in accordance with the approved fee schedule, not to exceed \$97,000.

[Gloucester County Special Services agreement](#)

14.3 LearnWell SID# 9941668578

Dollar Amount \$66.25/hr

Budget Source 11-000

Motion to approve an agreement with LearnWell Education for SID#9941668578, for the provision of educational instruction services for a Laurel Springs School District student placed at Penn Medicine Princeton House Behavioral Health – Moorestown Child/Adolescent PHP, effective January 23, 2026. Services shall include up to ten (10) hours per week of instruction at a rate of \$66.25 per hour, plus an additional 33% for administrative and preparation time, in accordance with agreement Ref #469144. Billing shall occur on a weekly or monthly basis, with payment due within thirty (30) days of invoice receipt. There is no minimum service commitment; services will be utilized as needed to support the student's educational continuity.

14.4 Transfers FEBRUARY 2026

Motion to approve the transfers for FEBRUARY 2026.

[Feb '26 Transfer Report](#)

[Feb '26 Transfer by Transfer Number](#)

14.5 Financial Reports – FEBRUARY 2026

Motion to approve the below resolution for the FEBRUARY 2026 financials.

- A. Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of FEBRUARY 2026. The Board Secretary certifies that no line-item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
[Feb '26 Board Secretary Report](#)
- B. Treasurers Report in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of JANUARY 2026. The Treasurers and Secretary's report are in agreement for the month of JANUARY 2026. [Feb 26 Treasurer](#)
- C. Board Secretary in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A 16.10(c)2 certifies that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts or revenue sources.
- D. Board of Education Certification pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A 16.10(c)4, we certify that after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate District officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major accounts or funds have been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A 16.10(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

14.6 Board Member Resignation

Accept the resignation, with regret, of Board of Education Member, Tara Dunning, effective March 26, 2026.

14.7 Fixed Asset Reporting

Motion to approve a proposal from JMT Associates to update the district's fixed assets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$375.

Approval of Board Secretary's Action Items

Motion to Approve the Board Secretary's Recommendations (14.1 - 14.7) as presented above.

Motion by Mr. Minder, second by Ms. Brisbin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Betty Hobbs, Matthew Minder, Giavonna DelPidio, Monica Korn, Timothy DiMarco, Kimberley Brisbin, Douglas DelPidio

15. 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 privileges).

16. OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. DelPidio discussed recording meetings and then uploading them onto the website.

17. NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Brisbin attended the music program, it was tremendous; students sang beautifully.

18. ADJOURN

Adjourn Meeting

Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm.

Motion by Ms. Brisbin, second by Ms. Korn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Betty Hobbs, Matthew Minder, Giavonna DelPidio, Monica Korn, Timothy DiMarco, Kimberley Brisbin, Douglas DelPidio