



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

Regular Meeting Agenda –June 17, 2026, 6:30 PM

1. MEETING OPENING

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
- Mr. Douglas DelPidio
- Ms. Kate Buckingham

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: _____ Second: _____ Time: _____

3. DISCLOSURE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPROPRIATE)

3.1 Return to Public Session

Motion to resume Public Session

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Time: _____

4. MEETING OPENING CONTINUED

4.1 Pledge of Allegiance



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 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.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.1 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2026.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Vote: _____

6.2 Executive Meeting Minutes (if available)

Motion to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2026 and June 11, 2026.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Vote: _____

6.3 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2026.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Vote: _____

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION ITEMS

- HIB Report
- May Safety Drills- Evacuation drill: 5/15 @ 9:31am; Fire drill: 5/28 @ 9:35am
- May 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
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Matt Minder	Governance IV	Online	12/31/2026
Kimberly Brisbin	Governance IV	Online	Complete
Monica Korn	Governance III	Online	Complete
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

9. YELLIN REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

10. STERLING REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

11. HSC REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

12. SUPERINTENDENT’S BOARD ACTION ITEMS

12.1 Resolution No. 0617-01

Motion to approve maternity leave from 9/21/26-4/30/27 for Aubrey Zeisloft.

12.2 Resolution No. 0617-02

Motion to approve Mrs. Devon Lucier to work ten days during the summer months in order to complete work necessary for the opening of the school. Payment will be in accordance with Mrs. Lucier's contracted per diem rate of pay.

12.3 Resolution No. 0617-03

Motion to approve the following individual (s) as paraprofessionals for the summer MD and PSD programs during the month of July at the negotiated rate of pay.

- Kelsey Case
- Rayna Pelcak
- Latanya Sanders
- Stephanie Carozza
- Ashley Kirkpatrick
- Travis Crane

12.4 Resolution No. 0617-04

Motion to approve Ms. Kelsey Case as a paraprofessional effective September 1, 2026, at the negotiated rate of pay.

12.5 Resolution No. 0617-05

Motion to approve Ms. Rayna Pelcak as a paraprofessional effective September 1, 2026, at the negotiated rate of pay.

12.6 Resolution No. 0617-06

Motion to approve Ms. Latanya Sanders as a paraprofessional effective September 1, 2026, at the negotiated rate of pay.

12.7 Resolution No. 0617-07

Motion to approve the documentation of the School Bus Emergency Exit Drills conducted on May 18th, 2026, at 11:30 AM and 2:15 PM on the school property of Laurel Springs School. The emergency exit drill was provided for all students participating in the Extracurricular Trip to the 30 Strikes Bowling Alley, and was organized and supervised by Supervisor Julie Knipfer in strict accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.2

12.8 Resolution No. 0617-08

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-2nd 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)	

12.9 Resolution No. 0617-9

Motion to approve a Shared Services Agreement between the Laurel Springs Board of Education and the Sterling High School District Board of Education for the provision of Food Service Management and Financial/Business Office Services for the period of July 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026. Meals will be provided in accordance with the SFA-to-SFA Agreement. In addition, Sterling High School District will provide financial and business office support services through September 30, 2026, at a total cost of \$27,119.50, payable by Laurel Springs in July 2026, in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Approval of Superintendent's Action Items

Motion to Approve the Superintendent's Recommendations 0617-01 – 0617-09) as presented above.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ that Resolutions 0617-01 – 0617-09 are adopted.

13. BILLS

13.1 Motion to approve the following Bill Lists:

Bill List 1	May 15, 2026	Fund 11	\$	1,950.46
Bill List 2	May 19, 2026	Fund 11	\$	49,882.70
Bill List 3	May 28, 2026	Fund 10	\$	1,295.00
		Fund 11	\$	26,532.43
		Fund 20	\$	1,721.44
			\$	29,548.87
Bill List 4	May 30, 2026	Fund 11	\$	1,898.97
Bill List 5	June 3, 2026	Fund 11	\$	57,683.92
Bill List 6	June 2, 2026	Fund 60	\$	4,767.00
Bill List 7	June 9, 2026	Fund 11	\$	40,265.30
Bill List 8	June 11, 2026	Fund S/A	\$	875.00
Bill List 9	June 12, 2026	Fund 11	\$	174,478.48

** Fund S/A = Student Activities **

Motion by _____, seconded by _____

14. BOARD SECRETARY REPORT

14.1 Psychiatric Evaluation

Motion to approve Thomas O'Reilly, MD to provide psychiatric services for the 2026-2027 year. Fee Schedule is attached.

14.2 Eastern Rehabilitation Associates, Inc. (ERA, Inc.)

Budget Source 11-000-216-320

Motion to approve an agreement with Eastern Rehabilitation Associates, Inc to provide physical, occupations, and speech therapy services from July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

14.3 RFP Solutions

Motion to approve the service maintenance contract with RFP solutions on the telecommunications and emergency strobe notification systems, covering all parts and labor from July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026.

14.4 YALE School, Special Education Tuition Contract 2026-2027 SY

Dollar Amount \$167,076

Budget Source 11-000-100-566

YALE School Southeast for SID# 3676848873 from July 6, 2026, to June 30, 2027, at \$14,418 (ESY tuition), \$86,508 (regular year tuition) plus \$66,150 (1:1 aide ESY and Reg Year), totaling \$167,076.00(210 days).

14.5 Special Board Meeting

Motion to approve the scheduling of a Special Meeting of the Laurel Springs School District Board of Education on June 29, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Laurel Springs School. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a Chief School Administrator (CSA) Shared Services Agreement, pending approval by the Executive County Superintendent, and discuss an Interim Principal.

14.6 Tuition for grades 9-12

Budget Source 11-000-100-561 and 11-000-100-562

Dollar Amount \$1,653,226

Motion to approve the tuition contract between the Laurel Springs School District Board of Education and the Sterling High School District for the provision of high school education services for sending students in grades 9–12 for the period of September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, based on an anticipated enrollment of 70 general education students and 2 special education students.

14.6 Transfers APRIL 2026

Motion to approve the transfers for APRIL 2026. April '26 Adj by Adj Number

14.7 Financial Reports – APRIL 2026

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

- A. Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 for the month APRIL 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.
- B. Treasurers Report in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of APRIL 2026. The Treasurers and Secretary's report are in agreement for the month of APRIL 2026.
- 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.

Approval of Board Secretary's Action Items

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

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ that Resolutions 14.1 - 14.7 are adopted.

15. OLD BUSINESS

16. NEW BUSINESS

17.1 Board of Education Vacancy Interviews

- Sheryl Roth, Laurel Springs, NJ 08021
- Maralyn Lupus, Laurel Springs, NJ 08021
- 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?

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19. 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).

20. DISCLOSURE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPROPRIATE)

20.1 Return to Public Session

Motion to resume Public Session

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Time: _____

21. BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

21.1 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 August 19, 2026, pending all necessary paperwork has been submitted.

Motion to resume Public Session

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Time: _____

22. ADJOURN

22.1 Adjourn Meeting

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Time: _____