



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

Special Meeting Minutes –August 6, 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 Swearing in of Newly Appointed Board Member

- Mr. Jake Falana

1.4 Roll Call:

Mrs. Betty Hobbs	Present
Mr. Matthew Minder	Present
Mrs. Giavonna DelPidio	Present
Mrs. Monica Korn	Absent
Mr. Timothy DiMarco	Present
Mrs. Kimberley Brisbin	Absent
Mrs. Kate Buckingham	Absent
Mr. Jake Falana	Present
Mr. Douglas DelPidio	Present

Other Attendees:

Mr. Steve Crispin, Superintendent
Mr. Jim McCullough, Board Secretary

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: Mrs. DelPidio

Time: 6:33pm

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:

Motion: Mrs. DelPidio

Second: Mrs. Hobbs

Time: 6:58pm

Voice Vote: *All in favor*

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Resolution No. 0806-01 - Shared Services Agreement - Business Office

Motion to approve the Shared Services Agreement between the Laurel Springs Board of Education and the Clementon Board of Education for the provision of School Business Administrator and Board Secretary services. Under the Agreement, the Clementon Board of Education shall serve as the Lead Educational Agency (LEA) and provide the services of a certified School Business Administrator to the Laurel Springs Board of Education, contingent upon Bruno Berenato serving in that capacity. The Agreement shall be effective September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2027, at an annual cost of \$69,358.50, payable in equal monthly installments, subject to approval by the Camden County Executive County Superintendent and any other approvals required by law. The Board President and Board Secretary are authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board

Motion by Mr. Minder, second by Mrs. Hobbs

Yes: Betty Hobbs, Giavonna DelPidio, Tim DiMarco, Jake Falana, Matt Minder, Douglas DelPidio

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

6.2 Resolution No. 0806-02 - Shared Services Agreement - Superintendent

Motion to approve the Shared Services Agreement between the Laurel Springs Board of Education and the Clementon Board of Education for the provision of Shared Superintendent Services for the period of **September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031**, subject to the approval of the Camden County Executive County Superintendent and/or the New Jersey Commissioner of Education.

The cost of the Agreement shall be

- Year One: **\$35,000**
- Year Two: **\$63,225**
- Year Three: **\$65,738**
- Year Four: **\$67,804**
- Year Five: **\$69,044**

Total Contract Amount: \$300,811, payable in equal monthly installments in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

The Board further authorizes the Board President and the Board Secretary/Business Administrator to execute the Shared Services Agreement and any related documents necessary to implement the terms of the Agreement.

Motion by Mrs. DelPidio, second by Mr. Minder

Yes: Betty Hobbs, Giavonna DelPidio, Tim DiMarco, Jake Falana, Matt Minder, Douglas DelPidio

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

6.3 Resolution No. 0806-03

Extension of Chief School Administrator (CSA) Contract

Motion to table item 6.3

Motion by Mr. Minder, second by Mr. DiMarco

Yes: Betty Hobbs, Giavonna DelPidio, Tim DiMarco, Jake Falana, Matt Minder, Douglas DelPidio

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Resolution No. 0806-04

Motion to create a Vice Principal Position.

Motion by Mrs. DelPidio, second by Mrs. Hobbs

Yes: Betty Hobbs, Giavonna DelPidio, Tim DiMarco, Jake Falana, Matt Minder, Douglas DelPidio

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

8.1 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).

9. ADJOURN

8.1 Adjourn Meeting

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:17pm.

Motion: Mrs. DelPidio

Second: Mr. Minder

Time: 7:17pm

Voice Vote: All in favor

Final Resolution: Motion Carried