

*Draft MINUTES*  
**Laurens Central School  
Board of Education  
FACS Room 115 - 7:30 PM  
December 18, 2024**

**Opening of Meeting**

**I. OPENING OF MEETING**

- A. Roll call and quorum check

**Board Members Present: C. Struckle, T. Francisco, G. Murello, M. Wikoff, P. Bush-Allen**

**Board Members Absent: None**

**Others Present: B. Dorritie, Superintendent: J. Mushtare, Building Principal; P. Weir, District Clerk; A. Schlee, District Treasurer; J. Kessler, Head of Transportation; Members of the Staff and Community (see attached sign in sheet).**

- B. Call to order

**The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by President C. Struckle.**

**Additions to Agenda**

- C. Additions to Agenda

**2024-2025 Substitutes**

1. The appointment of the following individuals as Non-Certified Substitute Teachers and Teacher Aides for the 2024-2025 school year:

Kendra Dunham – pending fingerprint clearance  
Adell Coe

**Motion was made by M. Wikoff, seconded by T. Francisco to approve the above appointments. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

**II. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Be It Resolved** that the Laurens Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following:

**Minutes**

1. Minutes – 11/20/24

**Fiscal Reports**

2. November 2024 Fiscal Reports

- A. Treasurer's Report:

1. Treasurer's Report A Fund (General)
2. Treasurer's Report C Fund (Cafeteria)
3. Treasurer's Report F Fund (Special)
4. Treasurer's Report T Fund (Trust & Agency)
5. Treasurer's Report L Fund (Library)
6. Treasurer's Report H Fund (Checking) (Capital Project)  
Treasurer's Report H Fund (Savings) (Capital Project)
7. Treasurer's Report Repair Reserve
8. Treasurer's Report Capital Reserve
9. Treasurer's Report Workers Comp, ERS, Unemployment Reserve
10. NYLAF Investment Account
11. Transfers Over \$1000

- B. Other Reports (No Approval Required)

1. Warrants  
Warrant #20      A Fund \$187,923.21 (General)

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| Warrant #9  | C Fund \$11,454.09 (Cafeteria)     |
| Warrant #10 | F Fund \$2,871.76 (Special)        |
| Warrant #12 | T Fund \$3,686.12 (Trust & Agency) |
| Warrant #   | H Fund \$0 (Capital Fund)          |
| Warrant #   | TE Fund \$0 (Trust-Scholarship)    |
| Warrant #   | L Fund \$0 (Library)               |
| Warrant #21 | P Fund \$206,647.62 (Payroll)      |
| Warrant #22 | A Fund \$57,278.52 (General)       |
| Warrant #10 | C Fund \$7,134.49 (Cafeteria)      |
| Warrant #11 | F Fund \$922.15 (Special)          |
| Warrant #13 | T Fund \$268.26 (Trust & Agency)   |
| Warrant #6  | H Fund \$500.00 (Capital Fund)     |
| Warrant #   | TE Fund \$0 (Trust-Scholarship)    |
| Warrant #   | L Fund \$0 (Library)               |
| Warrant #23 | P Fund \$197,930.35 (Payroll)      |

2. Transfers Under \$1000
3. Internal Claims Auditor's Reports
4. Revenue Status Report - Fund A
5. Extracurricular Reconciliation Report

CSE

3. Committee on Special Education

CSE: 21204

**Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by P. Bush-Allen to approve the above consent agenda items. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

Open Comment

### III. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS/OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

Reports and Discussions

### IV. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

1. Superintendent's Report – B. Dorritie
  - Still waiting on 2023-2024 Audit
  - Congratulations to Mr. Ling and Mr. Smith on successful holiday concerts
  - Thank you to Mrs. Struckle and Oneonta Rotary for winter coats for 39 students through "Operation Warm"
  - Legislative Luncheon for BOCES Superintendents
  - Santa at the Gazebo for K-2
  - Laurens Together group is hosting "Christmas Together" on 12/21
  - Pat Grasso Boys' Holiday Tournament January 2-4
  - Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions on January 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Staff Holiday party
  - Happy Holidays to everyone
2. Report from Building Principal – J. Mushtare
  - AI Policy
  - Sweethearts and Heroes – Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>
3. Report from Supervisor Transportation – J. Kessler
  - Inspections last week went smoothly
  - One bus had a broken windshield
  - Trips this week – a lot of sports
4. Report from Supervisor Buildings & Ground – S. West - absent
5. NYS School Counselor Association Conference – T. Lisi – written
6. NYS School Counselor Association Conference – R. Gardner – written

Correspondence

### V. CORRESPONDENCE

Old Business

### VI. OLD BUSINESS

**Be It Resolved** that the Laurens Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following:

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

**VII. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Be It Resolved** that the Laurens Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following:

**A. PERSONNEL**

**W. Dorritie Contract**

1. The individual contract of William Dorritie, Superintendent retroactive to July 1, 2024 and continuing to June 30, 2029.

**Non-Certified Substitutes**

2. The appointment of the following as Non-Certified Substitute Teachers for the 2024-2025 school year:

Megan Colwell  
Kerry McKay

**M. Brodie Probationary Appt.**

3. The probationary appointment of Malinda Brodie to the position of Microcomputer Specialist (Help Program), retroactive to November 26, 2024 and continuing until November 25, 2025.

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**MOA with CSEA**

1. The attached Memorandum of Agreement between Laurens Central School District and the Laurens Civil Service Employees Association.

**Surplus books**

2. To declare the books below as surplus and discard appropriately:

Quantity of 12 - The Crucible by Arthur Miller ISBN: 0 14 24.3733 6

**Motion made by T. Francisco seconded by G. Murello to approve the above consent agenda items. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

**Information**

**VIII. INFORMATION**

1. Student Enrollment November 30, 2024

**Meetings**

**IX. MEETINGS**

1. Boys Grasso Tournament – January 2-4, 2025
2. Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony – Friday, January 3, 2025 6:30 pm
3. Board of Education Meeting – January 15, 2025

**Open Comment**

**X. OPEN COMMENT PERIOD**

**Executive Session**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Be It Resolved** that the Laurens Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, enter executive session for the following reasons:

**Final Adjournment**

**XII. FINAL ADJOURNMENT**

**The Board adjourned, without further discussion at 7:47 pm. Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by T. Francisco. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

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**December 18, 2024**

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