

*Draft MINUTES*  
**Laurens Central School  
Board of Education  
FACS Room 115 – 7:30 PM  
February 21, 2024**

**Opening of Meeting**

**I. OPENING OF MEETING**

1. Call to order

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

2. Roll call and quorum check

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

**Board Members Absent:** T. Francisco

**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).

**Adoption of Agenda**

**II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by M. Wikoff to adopt the agenda. Motion carried 4-0-0.

**Minutes**

**III. MINUTES**

1. Minutes – Regular Meeting – 1/17/24

Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by G. Murello to approve the minutes. Motion carried 4-0-0.

**Open Comment**

**IV. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS/OPEN COMMENT PERIOD**

**Reports and Discussions**

**V. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

1. Senior Trip- Class Officers & Advisors
  - B. Rondeau and J. Brodie spoke to the board
  - would like to go to Villa Roma Resort in Calicoon, NY
  - estimated cost is about \$12,700
  - the class will have enough funds to cover the entire trip
  - 21 students wanting to go, would need 3 chaperones (2 advisors & 1 male – possibly Mr. Dorritie)
  - would use school transportation
2. Superintendent's Report – B. Dorritie
  - 2024-2025 Budget
  - Reminders – Community Budget Meeting being held on Tuesday, April 16 and required Budget Hearing being held on Tuesday, May 7
  - Zero-Emission Bus Panel – CASSC board workshop on February 29
  - VITA Tax Preparation Program – Thank you to Dr. Li Lou and her Hartwick College staff
  - Athletic Merger Discussion with Milford
  - Draft 2024-2025 School Calendar
3. Report from Building Principal – J. Mushtare
  - 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School
  - Peter Hatalla, community member visited Elementary classes dressed as

Abraham Lincoln

- Circle Training attended with some of our teachers – used to build community
- Anti-Vape Presentation – being given to 7-12<sup>th</sup> grades on February 27<sup>th</sup>
- Elementary Assembly on February 28<sup>th</sup> – *Green Golly and Her Golden Flute*
- Colorguard Home Show on March 9<sup>th</sup> at LCS – this will be the last year at LCS  
– discussion followed with J. Sander on why the Colorguard circuit is no longer allowing the Home Show at Laurens
- 4. Report from Supervisor Transportation – J. Kessler
  - Inspections – 6 out of 7 passed
  - Winter Sports are finished up
  - Spring Sports will be a challenge for transportation
- 5. Report from Supervisor Buildings & Grounds – S. West – absent - written

## Correspondence

## VI. CORRESPONDENCE

## Fiscal Reports

## VII. FISCAL REPORTS

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

### 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. NYLAF Investment Account
8. Transfers Over \$1000

**Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by M. Wikoff to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 4-0-0.**

### B. Other Reports (No Approval Required)

1. Warrants
  - Warrant #32 A Fund \$205,629.55 (General)
  - Warrant #11 C Fund \$5,351.19 (Cafeteria)
  - Warrant #15 F Fund \$8,700.20 (Special)
  - Warrant #13 T Fund \$1,050.15 (Trust & Agency)
  - Warrant #12 H Fund \$4,137.66 (Capital Fund)
  - Warrant # TE Fund \$0 (Trust-Scholarship)
  - Warrant # L Fund \$149.59 (Library)
  - Warrant #31 P Fund \$168,740.42 (Payroll)
  - Warrant #33 A Fund \$163,002.86 (General)
  - Warrant #12 C Fund \$10,043.89 (Cafeteria)
  - Warrant #16 F Fund \$29,001.40 (Special)
  - Warrant #14 T Fund \$1,051.51 (Trust & Agency)
  - Warrant # H Fund \$0 (Capital Fund)
  - Warrant # TE Fund \$0 (Trust-Scholarship)
  - Warrant # L Fund \$0 (Library)
  - Warrant #34 P Fund \$183,642.58 (Payroll)
2. Transfers Under \$1000
3. Internal Claims Auditor's Reports
4. Revenue Status Report - Fund A
5. Extracurricular Reconciliation Report

## Old Business

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

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

1. To authorize the Superintendent to accept or reject the 2024-2025 Fuel Bids that are to be opened at 2:00 pm on February 22, 2024, in the District Office.

**Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by P. Bush-Allen to approve the above authorization. Motion carried 4-0-0.**

**Personnel**

**IX. PERSONNEL - NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PERSONNEL**

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

**CROP Peer Tutors**

1. The appointment of the following as CROP Peer Tutors for the 2023-2024 school year. The salary will be \$15.00 per hour.

Alesa John  
Eowyn Chickerell

**Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by G. Murello to approve the above appointments. Motion carried 4-0-0.**

**L. Murphy Non-Certified Substitute**

2. The appointment of Luke Murphy as a Non-Certified Substitute Teacher for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, pending fingerprint clearance. His salary will be \$97.50 per day.

**Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by P. Bush-Allen to approve the above appointment. Motion carried 4-0-0.**

**K. Hatalla Teacher Aide**

3. The probationary appointment of Kylie Hatalla to the position of Teacher Aide effective February 26, 2024 and continuing until February 26, 2025. Her salary will be \$18,369, prorated for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by P. Bush-Allen to approve the above appointment. Motion carried 4-0-0.**

**J. Powers SAVE Promise Club Advisor**

4. The appointment of Jonathan Powers as the advisor to the SAVE Promise Club for the 2023-2024 school year. His salary will be as per the Extracurricular salary schedule.

**Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by G. Murello to approve the above appointment. Motion carried 4-0-0.**

**C. White Rescind Baseball Coach**

5. To rescind the appointment of Codi White as the Boys Varsity Baseball Coach for the spring 2024 season.

**Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by G. Murello to approve the above rescinded appointment. Motion carried 4-0-0.**

**Rescind and Appoint Baseball Coach**

6. To rescind the appointment of Daniel Ronson as the Boys Modified Baseball Coach and appoint him as the Boys Varsity Baseball Coach for the spring 2024 season.

**Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by P. Bush-Allen to approve the above rescission and new appointment. Motion carried 4-0-0.**

**New Business**

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

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

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| <b>Corrective Action Plan</b>                        | 1. | To approve the District's Corrective Action Plan in response to the annual External Audit as set forth in the Management Letter dated January 5, 2024 and as required by NYSED.<br><br><b>Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by M. Wikoff to approve the above Corrective Action Plan. Motion carried 4-0-0.</b>  |
| <b>ONC BOCES Board Nomination</b>                    | 2. | The nomination of Jacqueline Parry to serve a three (3) year term on the ONC BOCES Board of Education.<br><br><b>Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by P. Bush-Allen to approve the above nomination. Motion carried 4-0-0.</b>  |
| <b>SEQR Capital Outlay 2024-2025</b>                 | 3. | The attached State Environmental Quality Review Type II Action for the proposed 2024-25 Capital Outlay Project.<br><br><b>Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by P. Bush-Allen to approve the attached SEQR. Motion carried 4-0-0.</b>  |
| <b>Intermunicipal Agreement, School Psychologist</b> | 4. | The attached Intermunicipal Agreement between Laurens Central School, Edmeston Central School, and Morris Central School for the shared services of a School Psychologist.<br><br><b>Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by M. Wikoff to approve the attached agreement. Motion carried 4-0-0.</b>  |
| <b>Contract Upstate Security Consultants</b>         | 5. | The attached contract with Upstate Security Consultants, LLC to provide School Resource Officer Services.<br><br><b>Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by P. Bush-Allen to approve the attached contract. Motion carried 4-0-0.</b>  |
| <b>Senior Trip</b>                                   | 6. | The overnight trip of the senior class to Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center. They will be leaving on Sunday, June 16, 2024 and returning on Wednesday, June 19, 2024. The Laurens Central School Board of Education has the right to rescind their decision at any time.<br><br><b>Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by M. Wikoff to approve the above senior trip. Motion carried 4-0-0.</b> |

**CSE**

**X. COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Be It Resolved** that the Laurens Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following CPSE, CSE and 504 cases:

**CSE**  
None

**CPSE**  
None

**504**  
None

**Information**

**XI. INFORMATION**

1. Student Enrollment Report – January 31, 2024
2. ONC BOCES Annual Meeting Information
3. Personnel letter dated 1/22/2024

**Meetings**

**XII. MEETINGS**

1. March 20, 2024 – Board of Education 7:30 pm Meeting

**Open Comment**

**XIII. OPEN COMMENT PERIOD**

-L. Gifford thanked the board for approving the agreement for a School Psychologist

**Executive Session**

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

1. Personnel

**The Board adjourned to executive session at 8:05 pm to discuss Personnel issues. Motion made by P. Bush- Allen, seconded by M. Wikoff. Motion carried 4-0-0.**

**Final Adjournment**

**XV. FINAL ADJOURNMENT**

**The Board adjourned from executive session at 8:55 pm. Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by G. Murello. Motion carried 4-0-0.**

**The Board adjourned, without further discussion at 8:56 pm. Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by M. Wikoff. Motion carried 4-0-0.**

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February 21, 2024

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| 1. Jennifer Sandler | 13. |
| 2. Barley Rondeau   | 14. |
| 3. Jaidon Brodie    | 15. |
| 4. Malinda Brodie   | 16. |
| 5. Lindsey Gifford  | 17. |
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