

Draft MINUTES
Laurens Central School
Board of Education
FACS Room 115 - 7:30 PM
February 19, 2025

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; P. Weir, District Clerk; A. Schlee, District Treasurer; J. Kessler, Head of Transportation; Steve West, B & G; Members of the Staff and Community (see attached sign in sheet).

- B. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm by President C. Struckle.

- C. Additions to Agenda
None

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:

1. Minutes – 1/15/25
2. January 2025 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)
 7. Treasurer's Report H Fund (Savings) (Capital Project)
 8. Treasurer's Report Repair Reserve
 9. Treasurer's Report Capital Reserve
 10. Treasurer's Report Workers Comp, ERS, Unemployment Reserve
 11. NYLAF Investment Account
 12. Transfers Over \$1000
 - B. Other Reports (No Approval Required)
 1. Warrants

Warrant #31	A Fund \$225,818.77 (General)
Warrant 13	C Fund \$6,635.74 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #14	F Fund \$7,254.00 (Special)
Warrant #15	T Fund \$1,510.41 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant #9	H Fund \$20,455.10 (Capital Fund)
Warrant #	TE Fund \$0 (Trust-Scholarship)
Warrant #	L Fund \$0 (Library)
Warrant #30	P Fund \$180,663.01 (Payroll)
Warrant #32	A Fund \$354,507.01 (General)
Warrant #14	C Fund \$4,532.71 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #15	F Fund \$2,420.91 (Special)

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| Warrant #16 | T Fund \$1,466.38 (Trust & Agency) |
| Warrant #10 | H Fund \$500.00 (Capital Fund) |
| Warrant # | TE Fund \$0 (Trust-Scholarship) |
| Warrant # | L Fund \$0 (Library) |
| Warrant #33 | P Fund \$184,817.26 (Payroll) |
| Warrant #34 | P Fund \$205,783.13 (Payroll) |
2. Transfers Under \$1000
 3. Internal Claims Auditor's Reports
 4. Revenue Status Report - Fund A
 5. Extracurricular Reconciliation Report

3. Committee on Special Education

CPSE: 21241

Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by T. Francisco 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. Senior Trip – Class Officers & Advisors
 - Senior class President Libby Cox and Vice President Brooke Mann presented information on their senior trip to Wildwood, NJ and Philadelphia, PA
 - Trip to include a tour of the Eastern State Penitentiary, a dolphin watch cruise, a day at the beach and boardwalk, and Morey's Amusement/Water Park
 - They stated that the whole class is interested in going
 - They will have 2 female advisors and Mr. Mushtare as chaperones
2. Superintendent's Report – B. Dorritie
 - Upcoming events – Tri-Valley Championship for Girls' Varsity Basketball & Colorguard show "Contrast of Colors"
 - Drama production of "Spamalot" in April
 - Coaches vs. Cancer event – we raised \$3,819 for the American Cancer Society
 - 2025-2026 Budget – working on tax levy
 - Capital Project – working on scope of project
 - VITA Tax Preparation Program – March 28th
 - Emergency Days – one remaining
 - Summer CROP –Milford would like to combine with ours due to renovations in their building this summer
 - PowerSchool Data Breach – information will go on our website and be sent to the Alumni Association
 - St. Baldrick's Head Shaving Event – March 12th to benefit childhood cancer Research – organized by Patrick Dugan
 - Erie I BOCES Board Policy service – we have received the first draft and will work on them this summer
3. Report from Building Principal – J. Mushtare – absent - written
4. Report from Supervisor Transportation – J. Kessler
 - Quiet at the bus garage – working on cleaning buses
 - New bus coming next Thursday
 - Winter sports are winding down
 - J. Kessler will be taking road test
5. Report from Supervisor Buildings & Ground – S. West
 - Scope for Capital Project
 - Fuel bids opened today – only received one bid –most prices are cheaper than currently paying
 - Tri-Valley Championship game – Friday, February 21st at Unadilla Valley Central School – Laurens/Milford vs. Richfield Springs Varsity Girls'

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:
2023-2024 Audit	1. To accept the 2023-2024 Audit as completed by External Auditor, Cwynar and Company. Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by T. Francisco to accept the 2023-2024 audit. Motion carried 5-0-0.
Personnel	VII. PERSONNEL – NEW BUSINESS Be It Resolved that the Laurens Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following:
B. Opalich Non-certified Sub	1. The appointment of Brandon Opalich as a Non-Certified Substitute Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year, pending fingerprint clearance. His salary will be \$101.00 per day. Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by M. Wikoff to approve the above appointment. Motion carried 4-0-1. (T. Francisco abstained)
Approval of Consent Agenda	VIII. 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
C. Fraser Substitute Cafe	1. The appointment of Carol Fraser as a Substitute Cafeteria Worker for the 2024-2025 school year. Her salary will be \$15.50 per hour.
A. Trombley Maternity Leave	2. The Maternity Leave for Abigail Trombley, Elementary Teacher, effective approximately March 4, 2025 and continuing until June 27, 2025.
K. Hatalla Permanent Aide	3. The permanent appointment of Kylie Hatalla to the position of Teacher Aide, effective February 26, 2025.
L. Talbert Rescind Softball Coach	4. To rescind the appointment of Lindsey Talbert as the Girls Modified Softball Coach for the spring 2025 season.
A. Stary Paternity Leave	5. The Paternity leave for Aaron Stary, Physical Education Teacher, effective approximately March 4, 2025 for four (4) weeks.
R. Mason Certified Substitute	6. The appointment of Ryan Mason as a Certified Substitute Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. His salary will be \$110.00 per day.
C. Neer Long-term PE Substitute	7. The appointment of Collin Neer as a Long-term Non-Certified Substitute Physical Education Teacher for Aaron Stary, effective approximately March 4, 2025 for four (4) weeks. His salary will be as per board policy.
	B. NEW BUSINESS
Fuel Bids 2025-2026	1. To award the fuel bids for the 2025-2026 school year, opened on February 19, 2025.

Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel: Awarded to Mirabito Energy Products

Unleaded Gasoline: Awarded to Mirabito Energy Products

Kerosene: Awarded to Mirabito Energy Products

B10 Biodiesel: Awarded to Mirabito Energy Products

LP Gas: Awarded to Mirabito Energy Products

Senior Trip 2. The overnight trip of the senior class to Wildwood, New Jersey. They will be leaving on Friday, June 6, 2025, and returning on Sunday, June 8, 2025, noting that the Laurens Central School Board of Education has the right to rescind their decision at any time.

SEQRA Capital Project 3. The attached State Environmental Quality Review Type II Action for the proposed 2025-26 Capital Improvement Project.

Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by T. Francisco to approve the above consent agenda items. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Information **IX. INFORMATION**
1. Student Enrollment January 31, 2025
2. NYSIR Legal Digest – Winter 2024
3. Fuel Bid Chart – February 19, 2025

Meetings **X. MEETINGS**
1. Board of Education Meeting – March 19, 2025

Open Comment **XI. OPEN COMMENT PERIOD**
-Parent C. Hempstead spoke to the board about the vaping issues in schools and would like to see cameras put in classrooms

Executive Session **XII. 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
2. Student

The Board adjourned to executive session at 7:50 pm to discuss Personnel and Student issues. Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by T. Francisco. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Final Adjournment **XIII. FINAL ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned from executive session at 8:50 pm. Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by M. Wikoff. Motion carried 5-0-0.

The Board adjourned, without further discussion at 8:52 pm. Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by M. Wikoff. Motion carried 5-0-0.

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME BELOW

February 19, 2025

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1. Brooke Mann 13.

2. Jennifer Mann 14.

3. Libby Cox 15.

4. Christine Cox 16.

5. Christina Hempstead 17.

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