

Draft MINUTES
Laurens Central School
Board of Education
FACS Room 115 - 7:30 PM
January 17, 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, T. Francisco, G. Murello, P. Bush-Allen

Board Members Absent: M. Wikoff

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

**Adoption of Agenda
With Addenda**

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA with Addenda

Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by P. Bush-Allen to adopt the agenda with Addenda. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Minutes

III. MINUTES

1. Minutes – 12/20/23

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. Presentation on School Resource Officer – Rick Borchardt & Dan Demer from Upstate Security Consultants
- 7 years in business
 - Retired law enforcement
 - 13 school districts currently, 18 by September
 - 20 School Resource Officers currently, 25 by September
 - Concealed carry – authorized by school board
 - SROs are in the hallways, talking to kids
 - Greet students at start of day
 - Check doors
 - Employee badges
 - Monitor cameras
 - Work with local law enforcement
 - Threat Assessment Team
 - Nationally certified SROs
 - Do home visits
 - Contracted with school through Upstate Security
2. Superintendent's Report – B. Dorritie
- 2022-2023 Audit received
 - Congratulations to Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

- Parent/Teacher Conferences on February 7th
- Governor's Executive Budget proposal – state aid runs
- Coaches vs. Cancer event this weekend
- Meet with Milford about athletic mergers
- Meeting to analyze needs regarding zero-emission buses
- VITA Program – Free tax prep service
- 3. Report from Building Principal – J. Mushtare
 - Recess in cold weather
 - Computer-based testing simulation
 - Meeting at BOCES on Science of Reading
 - 2nd quarter ends this Friday
 - Milford/Laurens joint semi-formal dance on January 27th
- 4. Report from Supervisor Transportation – J. Kessler
 - Inspection on Friday
- 5. Report from Supervisor Buildings & Ground – S. West
 - Major projects wrapped up
 - Looking toward next project
 - Plow truck – still waiting
 - Instant Response Panel – ties security measures together

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. 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

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

B. Other Reports (No Approval Required)

1. Warrants

Warrant #25	A Fund \$121,128.21 (General)
Warrant #28	A Fund \$432,160.24 (General)
Warrant #9	C Fund \$11,656.03 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #13	F Fund \$16,614.57 (Special)
Warrant #11	T Fund \$3,289.61 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant #	H Fund \$0 (Capital Fund)
Warrant #	TE Fund \$0 (Trust-Scholarship)
Warrant #	L Fund \$0 (Library)
Warrant #27	P Fund \$169,917.54 (Payroll)
Warrant #30	A Fund \$242,415.92 (General)
Warrant #10	C Fund \$11,120.85 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #14	F Fund \$1,928.00 (Special)
Warrant #12	T Fund \$481.68 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant #11	H Fund \$500.00 (Capital Fund)

Warrant # TE Fund \$0 (Trust-Scholarship)
Warrant # L Fund \$0 (Library)
Warrant #29 P Fund \$189,882.74 (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 waive the second reading and approve the following Board of Education policies:

#7412 – Limited Authorized Use of Physical Restraint
#7412.1 – Physical Restraint Report
#7413 – Timeout
#7413.1 – Timeout Use Report

Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by P. Bush-Allen to approve the above board policies. 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:

S. Weitzel Perm. Maint. Worker

1. The permanent appointment and contract of Sam Weitzel to the position of Maintenance Worker, effective February 1, 2024.

Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by T. Francisco to approve the above appointment and contract. Motion carried 4-0-0.

K. Qua Resignation

2. The resignation of Cassidy Qua from the position of Teacher Aide effective January 19, 2024.

Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by P. Bush-Allen to accept the above resignation. Motion carried 4-0-0.

J. Oliver Substitute

3. The appointment of John Oliver to the Substitute positions of Cleaner, Teacher Aide, and Food Service Helper for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, pending fingerprint clearance. His salary will be \$15.00 per hour.

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

K. Bedient Certified Substitute

4. The appointment of Kevin Bedient as a Certified Substitute Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. His salary will be \$105.00 per day.

Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by T. Francisco to approve the above 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:

2022-2023 Audit	<p>1. To accept the 2022-2023 Audit as completed by External Auditor, Cwynar and Company.</p> <p>Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by P. Bush to accept the 2022-2023 audit. Motion carried 4-0-0.</p>
Tabled Fuel Bid Authorization	<p>2. To authorize the Superintendent to accept or reject the 2024-2025 Fuel Bids that are to be opened at 2:00 pm on TBD, in the District Office.</p> <p>Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by P. Bush-Allen to table the above authorization until the February 21, 2024 BOE meeting. Motion carried 4-0-0.</p>
CSE	<p>X. COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION</p> <p>Be It Resolved that the Laurens Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following CSE cases.</p> <p>CSE: 21207, 21208</p> <p>CPSE: None</p> <p>504: 21206</p> <p>Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by G. Murello to approve the above CSE cases. Motion carried 4-0-0.</p>
Information	<p>XI. INFORMATION</p> <p>1. Student Enrollment Report December 31, 2023</p> <p>2. 2024-2025 Budget Timeline</p> <p>3. Management letter from Cwynar, Farrow & Locke, CPAs</p> <p>4. NYSIR Legal Digest – Winter 2023</p>
Meetings	<p>XII. MEETINGS</p> <p>1. February 3, 2024 - All-County Festival 2:00 pm Edmeston Central School</p> <p>2. February 21, 2024 - Board of Education 6:30 PM Workshop/7:30 PM Meeting</p>
Open Comment	<p>XIII. OPEN COMMENT PERIOD</p>
Executive Session	<p>XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION</p> <p>Be It Resolved that the Laurens Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, enter executive session for the following reasons:</p> <p>1. Student</p> <p>2. Personnel</p> <p>The Board adjourned to executive session at 8:25 pm to discuss Student and Personnel issues. Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by P. Bush-Allen. Motion carried 4-0-0.</p>
Final Adjournment	<p>XV. FINAL ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>The Board adjourned from executive session at 8:55 pm. Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by T. Francisco. Motion carried 4-0-0.</p> <p>The Board adjourned, without further discussion at 8:56 pm. Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by P. Bush-Allen. Motion carried 4-0-0.</p>

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME BELOW

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