

***Draft MINUTES***  
**Laurens Central School**  
**Board of Education**  
**FACS Room 115 - 7:30 PM**  
**July 17, 2024**

**Opening of Meeting**

**I. OPENING OF MEETING**

1. Call to order

**The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm by President C. Struckle.**

2. 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; E. Wright,  
Deputy Treasurer; 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 G. Murello, seconded by M. Wikoff to adopt the agenda  
with Addenda. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

**Minutes**

**III. MINUTES**

1. Minutes - Regular Meeting – 6/18/24

**Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by T. Francisco to approve the  
minutes. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

2. Minutes – Reorganizational Meeting – 7/2/24

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

**Open Comment**

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

**Reports and Discussions**

**V. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

1. Superintendent's Report – B. Dorritie
  - Building Condition Survey
  - Rockefeller Institute Hearing – LCS will host a regional hearing
  - Reserve Planning
  - Blue Ribbon Commission and New Graduation requirements
  - BOE President/Superintendent Workshops
  - Alumni gathering – tour of building
  - Thank you for Superintendents' Retreat
  - The Daily Star article on money received – this was money for bonding of our last Capital Project, not additional money
2. Report from Building Principal – J. Mushtare
  - Regents exams results
  - Outward Bound Educators Program
  - Some students will be taking August Regents – have 20 tests reserved
  - Student schedules will go out around August 15th

3. Report from Supervisor of Transportation – J. Kessler
  - Summer School started last week & CROP this week
  - CROP took two field trips
  - Last Wed. inspections – all but 1 passed
  - 2 weeks ago the SUVs were inspected at Morris on their lift
  - putting in 2 point lift at Bus Garage for smaller vehicles
4. Report from Buildings & Grounds – S. West
  - Hosting the Village Concert in MPR due to rain
  - Easy summer – no big projects
  - Bus Garage
  - Town Library
  - Hot water storage tanks – 1 is leaking, 2<sup>nd</sup> won't last much longer
  - Parking lot needs repairs
  - Air flow in PreK room – working on
  - Replace flooring in older sections
  - Building Condition Report due March 2025
  - Temperature mandate – high temp. limits for classrooms – A/C would be very expensive

## Correspondence

## VI. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Brian LaTourette, NYSSBA Area 8 Director

## 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)
7. Treasurer's Report H Fund (Savings) (Capital Project)
7. NYLAF Investment Account
8. Transfers Over \$1000

**Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by P. Bush-Allen to approve the Treasurer's Reports. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

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

1. Warrants
 

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| Warrant #53 | A Fund \$219,335.91 (General)          |
| Warrant #23 | C Fund \$7,346.83 (Cafeteria)          |
| Warrant #26 | F Fund \$9,245.66 (Special)            |
| Warrant #25 | T Fund \$144.49 (Trust & Agency)       |
| Warrant #   | H Fund \$0 (Capital Fund)              |
| Warrant #   | TE Fund \$0 (Trust-Scholarship)        |
| Warrant #   | L Fund \$0 (Library)                   |
| Warrant #54 | P Fund \$170,937.20 (Payroll)          |
| Warrant #58 | A Fund \$78,721.56 (General)           |
| Warrant #55 | A Fund \$66,995.24 (General)           |
| Warrant #24 | C Fund \$6,740.21 (Cafeteria)          |
| Warrant #27 | F Fund \$56,475.00 (Special)           |
| Warrant #   | T Fund \$0 (Trust & Agency)            |
| Warrant #   | H Fund \$0 (Capital Fund)              |
| Warrant #9  | TE Fund \$6,850.00 (Trust-Scholarship) |
| Warrant #   | L Fund \$0 (Library)                   |
| Warrant #56 | P Fund \$487,392.04 (Payroll)          |

Warrant #57 P Fund \$176,848.48 (Payroll)  
Warrant #58 P Fund \$60,638.85 (Payroll)  
Warrant #59 P Fund (\$0.01) (Payroll)  
Warrant #60 A Fund \$1,561,498.76 (General)

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. The final approval of the District Level SAVE Plan for the 2024-2025 school year, as the thirty day public comment period has concluded with no comments received.

**Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by M. Wikoff to approve the SAVE Plan. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

#### 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:

#### Agreement L. Gaglia

1. The attached agreement by and between Laurens Central School District, Louis Gaglia, and the Laurens Central School Teachers' Association.

**Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by T. Francisco to approve the above agreement. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

#### T. Lisi School Counselor

2. The appointment of Thomas Lisi to a four (4) year probationary appointment as a School Counselor in the School Counseling and Guidance tenure area Grades Pre K-12, commencing September 1, 2024 and ending September 1, 2028, contingent upon compliance with the requirements of the Education Law. Thomas Lisi holds provisional certification as a School Counselor. His annual salary to be \$42,500.

**Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by T. Francisco to approve the above appointment. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

#### T. Lisi Summer Work

3. The appointment of Thomas Lisi to work up to an additional 20 days at 1/200<sup>th</sup> of his annual salary during the summer (August 1 to August 31) as per the LTA Contract.

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

#### Amendment K. Gardner

4. The attached amendment to the contract of Kelly Gardner, School Psychologist.

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

#### ESY Substitutes

5. The appointment of the following individuals as substitute teacher aides for the Extended School Year Special Education summer program. The hourly rate will be calculated based on a teacher aide's 2024-2025 salary.

Donna Shean  
Jennifer Shutters

**Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by M. Wikoff to approve the above appointment. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

**New Business**

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

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

**Out of District Students**

1. The approval of seven (7) out of District students, (6 employees' children, 1 grandfathered student) to attend Laurens Central School Tuition free for the 2024-2025 school year as per Board of Education Policy #7130, Admission of Non-Resident Students.

**Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by G. Murello to approve the above Out of District students. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

**Student Cafeteria Prices**

2. The 2024-2025 Breakfast and Lunch Prices for Students as follows:

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| Breakfast PK-3 | \$2.10 |
| Breakfast 4-12 | \$2.25 |
| Lunch PK-3     | \$2.35 |
| Lunch 4-12     | \$2.60 |

**Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by P. Bush-Allen to approve the above 2024-2025 Cafeteria Prices. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

**Adult Cafeteria Prices**

3. The 2024-2025 Lunch Prices for adults of \$5.05 + Tax.

**Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by M. Wikoff to approve the above Adult Lunch Prices. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

**District Wide Safety Team**

4. The District Wide School Safety Team to include the following persons:

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| Board of Education Representative | Cynthia Struckle               |
| Administration Representative     | William Dorritie/John Mushtare |
| LTA Representative                | Christine Cox                  |
| CSEA Representative               | Beth West                      |
| Community Representative          | Thomas Francisco               |
| Parent Representative             | James Cox                      |
| Student Representative            | Two Members of Student Council |
| School Safety Personnel           | John Kessler/Steve West        |
| Other School Personnel            | Andrea Hall/Crystal Wust       |
| BOCES Safety Risk Officer         | Josh Reiss                     |

**Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by T. Francisco to approve the above District Safety Team. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

**Funding of Reserves**

5. Resolution to approve the funding of any/all of the following reserves from the 23-24 Fund Balance. Amounts to be determined upon completion of the external audit:

Encumbrances  
Unemployment  
Workers Compensation  
Emergency Repairs  
Employee Benefit Liability Reserve  
Capital (Buses and Building)

Tax Certiorari  
ERS and TRS (as subset of ERS as required by NYS legislation)

**Motion made by C. Struckle, seconded by M. Wikoff to approve the above funding. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

**NYSSBA Nomination**

6. The nomination of Brian LaTourette to serve as the NYSSBA Area 8 representative.

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

**Reserves Authorization**

7. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Laurens Central School District hereby authorizes the Superintendent and District Treasurer to transfer monies from the Capital Reserve to the Capital Bus Reserve, not to exceed the voter approved reserve limit of \$2.5 million.

**Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by M. Wikoff to approve the above authorization. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

**Surplus**

8. To declare the attached list of items as surplus and discard appropriately.

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

**Boys Soccer Merger**

9. To authorize the merger of Boys Modified and Varsity Soccer teams with Milford Central School for the Fall 2024 season.

**Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by T. Francisco to approve the above merger. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

**CSE**

**X. COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION**

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

CSE: 10226, 10324, 10398, 11145, 11151, 10713, 10882, 21208, 11043, 10674, 10815, 10922, 10954, 10988, 10965, 10822, 10855, 10225, 11081, 10798, 21199, 11061, 10980, 10795, 11026, 11125

CPSE: 11206

504: 11066, 11068, 11034

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

**Information**

**XI. INFORMATION**

1. Student Enrollment – June 30, 2024
2. NYSIR Annual Report 2023
3. CASSC – 2023-2024 Annual Report

**Meetings**

**XII. MEETINGS**

1. August 21, 2024 – BOE Meeting, 7:30 pm

**Open Comment**

**XIII. OPEN COMMENT PERIOD**

**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 8:13 pm to discuss Personnel issues. Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by G. Murello. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

**Final Adjournment**

**XV. FINAL ADJOURNMENT**

**The Board adjourned from executive session at 8:40 pm. Motion made By G. Murello, seconded by M. Wikoff. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

**The Board adjourned, without further discussion at 8:41 pm. Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by T. Francisco. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

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**July 17, 2024**

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