

Draft MINUTES
Laurens Central School
Board of Education
FACS Room 115 – 7:30 PM
March 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; J. Mushtare, Building Principal; 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 7:32 pm by President C. Struckle.

Additions to Agenda

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Resolution – Capital Project

1. The attached resolution approving the Capital Improvements Project for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

Resolutions

2. The following attached resolutions:

-Authorization of Expenditure of Moneys from Bus Reserve Fund
-Authorization of Establishment of Capital Reserve Fund 2025

Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by M. Wikoff to approve the above resolutions. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Legal Notice

3. The attached Legal Notice for the Annual Meeting, Budget Vote, Board Election, Bus Purchase, Capital Reserve, and Capital Project and direct the District Clerk to advertise as required by the State of New York.

Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by P. Bush-Allen to approve the attached legal notice. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Non-Certified Substitutes

4. The appointment of the following as Non-Certified Substitute Teachers for the 2024-2025 school year. The salary will be \$101.00 per day.

Dina Bray
Tyler LaDue

Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by G. Murello to approve the above appointments. Motion carried 5-0-0.

M. Ostroff CROP Peer Tutor

5. The appointment of Marjorie Ostroff as a CROP Peer Tutor for the 2024-2025 school year. Her salary will be \$15.50 per hour paid by the

CROP grant.

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

M. Kane Rescind JV Softball

6. To rescind the appointment of Michelle Kane to the position of JV Softball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by G. Murello to approve the above rescinded appointment.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

Spring sports Coaches

7. The appointment of the following for the 2024-2025 Spring sports season:

Michelle Kane –Girls Modified Softball Coach
Patricia Dunham – unpaid volunteer for Girls Modified Softball
Maralena Furlan – Girls JV Softball Coach
Chuck Mann – unpaid volunteer for Girls Varsity Softball

Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by M. Wikoff 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:

1. Minutes – 2/19/25
2. February 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)
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 #35	A Fund \$167,160.31 (General)
Warrant #15	C Fund \$7,004.20 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #16	F Fund \$951.78 (Special)
Warrant #17	T Fund \$3,651.46 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant #11	H Fund \$11,498.90 (Capital Fund)
Warrant #	TE Fund \$0 (Trust-Scholarship)
Warrant #	L Fund \$0 (Library)
Warrant #	P Fund \$0 (Payroll)
Warrant #36	A Fund \$188,567.89 (General)
Warrant #16	C Fund \$6,164.55 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #17	F Fund \$4,938.32 (Special)
Warrant #18	T Fund \$620.00 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant #	H Fund \$0 (Capital Fund)
Warrant #	TE Fund \$0 (Trust-Scholarship)

Warrant #	L Fund \$0 (Library)
Warrant #37	P Fund \$189,264.29 (Payroll)
Warrant #39	A Fund \$182,274.79 (General)
Warrant #38	P Fund \$219,330.68 (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

None

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

-Jeff Katz from the Community Foundation of Otsego County spoke about the Student Voices, Student Choices program and spoke about our students' presentation

Reports and Discussions

IV. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

1. Student Voices, Student Choices Presentation – B. Murch & Honor Society Students
 - Students B. Mann, L. Cox, K. Capraro, A. Johnson gave their presentation on creating a Sensory Room in our school and why it's needed
 - had a slide show to go with the presentation
 - they hope to have the space ready by the end of the school year
 - Mr. Katz presented students with a check for \$2,500 to pay for supplies for the Sensory Room
 - President C. Struckle spoke to the students and thanked them for doing a wonderful job on the presentation
2. Superintendent's Report – B. Dorritie
 - Mandated Reporter training
 - Reminders – Community Budget Meeting on Tuesday, April 22 at 7:00 pm
 - Required Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 6 at 7:00 pm
 - Draft 2025-2026 School Calendar
 - Colorguard Show – Congratulations to the Jaguars and staff for an outstanding exhibition show
 - Reminder about CASSC School Boards Institute on 3/25
 - Reminder about BOCES Annual Meeting at NCOC on 4/10
 - Approval of Tony Capraro as Trap Club Coach, letter sent to NYSHSCTL
 - Thank you to Patrick Dugan for all of his work with Trap Club
 - Auditing – we will have a new auditor next year through BOCES
 - VITA Tax Preparation Program on Friday, March 28th
3. Report from Building Principal – J. Mushtare
 - Congratulations to student presenters
 - Cell phone policy
 - Dress code
 - St. Baldrick's head shaving event
 - State Testing – begins April 8th
 - Master Schedule – offering new electives
 - Teachers are doing a great job teaching reading
4. Report from Supervisor Transportation – J. Kessler
 - Everything is going smoothly
 - Spring sports transportation has started
 - Inspection in April
5. Report from Supervisor Buildings & Ground – S. West
 - Getting fields ready for practice and games

-Capital Project scope
-Capital Outlay for 2026-2027

Correspondence

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Old Business

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

New Business

VII. NEW BUSINESS

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

ONC BOCES Board Seats

1. To elect/not elect four (4) candidates to the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Board of Cooperative Educational Services effective April 21, 2025: (must vote each candidate individually)

Jacquelyn McGuire Gilboa-Conesville

Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by G. Murello to elect the above candidate. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Collin Miller South Kortright

Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by T. Francisco to elect the above candidate. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Timothy Powell Stamford

Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by M. Wikoff to elect the above candidate. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Bobbi Schmitt Hunter-Tannersville

Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by P. Bush-Allen to elect the above candidate. Motion carried 5-0-0.

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

2024-2025 Substitutes

1. The appointment of the following substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year:

Maralina Furlan – Substitute Teacher Aide, retroactive to March 10, 2025
Kaylie Dunham – Sub Teacher Aide/Non-certified Teacher, retroactive to March 11, 2025
Jamie Aronowitz – Non-certified Substitute Teacher, retroactive to March 17, 2025
Dante LaPlaca – Substitute Custodian

Salary for a Non-Certified Substitute Teacher is \$101.00 per day and salary for Substitute Teacher Aide and Custodian is \$15.50 per hour.

Y. Angell LOA

2. The leave of absence of Yvonne Angell, Teacher Aide to be a Long-term Substitute Teacher for 2nd grade, effective March 3, 2025.

P. Dugan Resignation	3.	The resignation of Patrick Dugan from the position of Maintenance Worker, effective April 4, 2025.
A. Furner Unpaid LOA	4.	The unpaid leave of absence of Ashley Furner from the position of Teacher Aide, beginning April 4, 2025 and ending June 30, 2025.
	B.	NEW BUSINESS
2025-2026 School Calendar	1.	The attached 2025-2026 School Calendar.
BOCES Admin. Budget	2.	The Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Administrative Budget as presented for the 2025-2026 school year effective April 21, 2025.
Superintendent to Cast Vote	3.	To authorize the Superintendent on April 21, 2025 to cast one vote on the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Administrative Budget as presented for the 2025-2026 school year and cast four votes for the BOCES Board of Education members.
Election Inspectors	4.	<p>The appointment of the following individuals as Election Inspectors for the May 20, 2025, Vote, to be held in room 115 of the Laurens Central School, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.:</p> <p>Pamela Weir, Chief Election Officer Andrea Hall, Election Inspector Deborah Trask, Election Inspector Victoria Munro, Election Inspector Kerri Gartung, Election Inspector</p> <p>Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by P. Bush-Allen to approve the above consent agenda items. Motion carried 5-0-0.</p>
Information	IX.	INFORMATION
	1.	Student Enrollment February 28, 2025
Meetings	X.	MEETINGS
	1.	CASSC School Board Institute – March 25, 2025, 5:00 pm
	2.	Board of Education Meeting – April 16, 2025
Open Comment	XI.	OPEN COMMENT PERIOD
		-Parent T. Capraro asked the board to consider an earlier time for board meetings
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.	Negotiations
		The Board adjourned to executive session at 8:01 pm to discuss Personnel and Negotiations. Motion made by T.Francisco, seconded by G. Murello. Motion carried 5-0-0.
Final Adjournment	XIII.	FINAL ADJOURNMENT
		The Board adjourned from executive session at 8:48 pm. Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by T. Francisco. Motion carried 5-0-0.

The Board adjourned, without further discussion at 8:50 pm. Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by G. Murello. Motion carried 5-0-0.

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March 19, 2025

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1. Jen Lewis 13.

2. Jeff Katz 14.

3. Dave Rowley 15.

4. Tony Capraro 16.

5. Kendall Capraro 17.

6. Brooke Mann 18.

7. Beverly Murch 19.

8. Libby Cox 20.

9. Allison Johnson 21.

10. 22.

11. 23.

12. 24.