

Draft MINUTES
**Laurens Central School
Board of Education
FACS Room 115 – 7:30 PM
May 22, 2024**

Opening of Meeting

I. OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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; J. Kessler,
Head of Transportation; Steve West, B & G; 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 M. Wikoff, seconded by T. Francisco to adopt the agenda
with addenda. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

Minutes

III. MINUTES

1. Minutes – Regular Meeting – 4/17/24

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

Open Comment

IV. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS/OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

**At this time guest, Ashley Ferrer asked to speak to the board of
education about a Non-resident student application.**

**The board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:31 pm. Motion made
by T. Francisco, seconded by P. Bush. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

**The board adjourned from Executive Session at 7:41 pm. Motion
made by G. Murello, seconded by T. Francisco. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

Reports and Discussions

V. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

1. Superintendent's Report – W. Dorritie
 - Thank you to LCS Community for Budget Vote and Jerry Murello for continuing on the BOE
 - Spring Concerts – Congratulations to Mr. Ling, Mr. Parry, and participants
 - Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony
 - Athletics – Best of luck to Track and Field team at sectionals
 - Prom – June 8th at Creekside Station
 - Trap Shooting Team
 - Rockefeller Institute call regarding Foundation Aid formula
2. Report from Building Principal – J. Mushtare
 - Catskill Review/Kites & Kings
 - On Board Magazine's article on student absences – provided rates for LCS

3. Report from Supervisor Transportation – J. Kessler
 - Hectic this time of year
 - Inspection this Friday
 - Leonard Bus gave an update on our new bus – still no delivery date scheduled
4. Report for Buildings & Ground – S. West
 - Capital Outlay 2024-2025 – waiting on NYSED approval
 - Track sectionals today
 - Spring sports update
 - Fall Soccer sign-ups going on now

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 M. Wikoff, seconded by G. Murello to approve the Treasurer's Reports. Motion carried 5-0-0.

B. Other Reports (No Approval Required)

1. Warrants

Warrant #44	A Fund \$161,712.85 (General)
Warrant #17	C Fund \$5,185.41 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #21	F Fund \$7,142.18 (Special)
Warrant #	T Fund \$0 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant #	H Fund \$0 (Capital Fund)
Warrant #	TE Fund \$0 (Trust-Scholarship)
Warrant #	L Fund \$0 (Library)
Warrant #	P Fund \$0 (Payroll)
Warrant #45	A Fund \$170,300.34 (General)
Warrant #19	C Fund \$7,404.29 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #22	F Fund \$2,870.43 (Special)
Warrant #20	T Fund \$1,057.13 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant #14	H Fund \$123.66 (Capital Fund)
Warrant #7	TE Fund \$2,500.00 (Trust-Scholarship)
Warrant #	L Fund \$0 (Library)
Warrant #46	P Fund \$162,910.85 (Payroll)
Warrant #	A Fund \$0 (General)
Warrant #	C Fund \$0 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #	F Fund \$0 (Special)
Warrant #21	T Fund \$308.21 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant #	H Fund \$0 (Capital Fund)
Warrant #	TE Fund \$0 (Trust-Scholarship)
Warrant #	L Fund \$0 (Library)
Warrant #47	P Fund \$185,010.09 (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:

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:

Advisors 2024-2025

1. The attached list of Extracurricular Advisors for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by G. Murello to approve the attached list of extracurricular advisors and updates. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Coaches 2024-2025

2. The attached list of Coaches for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by M. Wikoff to approve the attached list of coaches. Motion carried 4-1-0. (No – P. Bush-Allen)

R. Knapp Bus Monitor

3. The appointment of Rita Knapp as a Summer Bus Monitor for the Extended School Year Special Education Program. The hourly rate will be calculated based on her 2024-2025 salary.

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

C. Louden Bus Monitor

4. The appointment of Carol Louden as a Summer Bus Monitor for the Extended School Year Special Education Program. Her salary will be \$15.00 per hour.

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

Tenure J. Mushtare

5. In compliance with the provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law and Part 30.7 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that John Mushtare, a probationary School Administrator having been appointed to such position on July 1, 2020, be appointed to tenure to the position of Building Principal (School Administrator tenure area), it having been shown that John Mushtare, holds a valid New York State Certificate in the aforesaid tenure area and it further having been shown that the probationary period of John Mushtare to work in the area expires on June 30, 2024, the Laurens Central School District does hereby grant tenure and appoint to tenure John Mushtare, effective July 1, 2024, to the position of School Administrator (Building Principal).

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

Tenure E. Roecklein

6. In compliance with the provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law and Part 30.7 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that Erica Roecklein, a probationary Special Education Teacher having been appointed to such position on September 1, 2021, be appointed to tenure to the position of Special Education, it having been shown that Erica Roecklein, holds a valid New York State Certificate in the aforesaid tenure area and it further having been shown that the probationary period of Erica Roecklein to work in the area expires on June 30, 2025, the Laurens Central School District does hereby grant tenure and appoint to tenure Erica Roecklein effective September 1, 2024, to the position of Special Education Teacher.

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

ESY Teachers

7. The appointment of the following individuals to the position of Teacher for the Extended School Year Special Education summer program. The program will run from July 8, 2024 to August 16, 2024 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Monday through Friday. The salary will be 1/200th of their annual 2024-2025 salary.

Lori Peck
Jodi Bolton

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

ESY Teacher Aides

8. The appointment of the following individuals as 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.

Jennifer Lewis
Lindsey Talbert
Jennifer Prince

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

ESY Substitute Teacher Aides

9. 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.

Yvonne Angell

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

Summer CROP

10. The appointment of the following individuals to the Summer CROP Program. All salaries to be determined and paid by the CROP Grant:

Site Coordinator
Jessica DeBoer

Activity Leaders
Marie Mish
Monica Kovacs
Yvonne Angell
Christina Wooley
Jennifer Shutters

Substitute Peer Leaders
Fran Knarich
Nate Kovacs
Anella Croston
Mallory Kovacs

All Laurens Central School Staff/Faculty and Substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year as needed by the Summer CROP Program.

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

J. Forbes Substitute Teacher Aide

11. The appointment of Jordan Forbes as a Substitute Teacher Aide for the 2023-

2024 school year, pending fingerprint clearance. Her salary will be \$15.00 per hour.

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

E. Parry Resignation

12. The resignation of Erik Parry as an Instrumental Music Teacher effective August 31, 2024.

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

Budget Results 24-25

1. The results of the 2024-2025 Budget Vote, Board Vacancy, Bus Purchase (these numbers will be added as an Addenda before the meeting).

	Yes	No
Budget	119	14
	Yes	
Board Seat	122	
	Yes	No
Bus Purchase (1)	125	8

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

Solid Waste Removal Bid

2. The Solid Waste Removal Bid #2024-012 awarding Casella Waste Management for the 2024-2025 School Year.

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

Leonard Bus Contract

3. It is the intent of the Laurens Central School Board of Education to extend the existing contract with Leonard Bus with the understanding that the increase in contract cost for the 2024-2025 school year will be directly reflective of the increase of the CPI.

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

Contract Vision Services

4. The attached contract with Diane McMillan, a licensed CLVT Low Vision Therapist, for vision services for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

MOU with Village of Laurens

5. The attached Memorandum of Understanding between the Laurens Central School District and the Village of Laurens Board of Trustees.

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

Contract Speech-Language

6. The attached contract with Cathleen Perry for Speech-Language Services for the

2024-2025 school year.

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

Achievements PLLC Agreement 7. The attached agreement with Achievements, PLLC for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

Surplus Textbooks 8. To declare the following textbooks as surplus and discard appropriately:

Houghton Mifflin Social Studies: School and Family
ISBN 0-618-32004-0
Quantity of 16

McGraw-Hill Science
ISBN 0-02-280034-4
Quantity of 11

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

Fresh Bread Bid 24-25 9. The DCMO BOCES Fresh Bread Bid for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by T. Francisco to approve the above bid. 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 CSE cases:

CSE: 10278, 10286, 10201, 11179, 10967, 10907

CPSE: 21196, 11191, 11205

504: 10875, 11132, 10998, 10866, 10665, 11150, 11047

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

Information

XI. INFORMATION

1. Student Enrollment Report– April 30, 2024*
2. NYSIR News – Spring 2024*

Meetings

XII. MEETINGS

1. Awards Ceremonies – June 4, 2024, 1:30 pm grades 7 & 8th, 7:00 pm grades 9-12th
2. Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 7:30 PM
3. Graduation – June 28, 2024 7:00 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
2. Student

The Board adjourned to executive session at 8:03 pm to discuss Personnel and Student issues. Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by P. Bush-Allen. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Final Adjournment

XV. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from executive session at 9:00 pm. Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by G. Murello. Motion carried 5-0-0.

The Board adjourned, without further discussion at 9:01 pm. Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by M. Wikoff. Motion carried 5-0-0.