Draft MINUTES
Laurens Central School
Board of Education
FACS Room 115 – 7:30 PM
May 21, 2025

Opening of Meeting

I. OPENING OF MEETING

A. 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; 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 7:30 pm by President C. Struckle.

Additions to Agenda

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

Budget Results 25-26

1. The results of the 2025-2026 Budget Vote, Board Vacancy, Bus Purchase, Capital Reserve, and Capital Project.

	Yes	No
Budget	126	11
	Yes	
Board Seat	124	
	Yes	No
Bus Purchase (1)	126	8
	Yes	No
Capital Reserve	119	12
	Yes	No
Capital Project	115	13

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

K. Welsh Probationary Elementary Teacher

2. The probationary appointment of Kayla Welsh, tenure area Elementary Teacher. Date of commencement of probationary service to be retroactive to September 1, 2023. *The potential expiration date of the appointment June 30, 2027, certification status Childhood Education (grades 1-6) Initial. Her annual salary to be $43,660.

*To the extent required by the applicable provisions of Education Law §§2509, 2573, 3212 and 3014, in order to be granted tenure the

classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and/or 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. If the classroom teacher or building principal receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. For purposes of this subdivision, classroom teachers and building principals mean a classroom teacher or building principal as such terms are defined in Sections 30-2.2 and 30-3.2 of this Part.

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

L. Rathbun Provisional Deputy Treasurer

3. The provisional appointment of Lynda Rathbun as the Deputy District Treasurer effective June 9, 2025. Her annual salary will be $50,000, pro-rated for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

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 – 4/16/25
2. April 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 #44	A Fund $162,176.48 (General)
Warrant #19	C Fund $8,166.68 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #20	F Fund $3,319.25 (Special)
Warrant #21	T Fund $318.41 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant #13	H Fund $572.50 (Capital Fund)
Warrant #	TE Fund $0 (Trust-Scholarship)
Warrant #	L Fund $0 (Library)
Warrant #	P Fund $0 (Payroll)
Warrant #45	A Fund $215,842.23 (General)
Warrant #21	C Fund $6,656.21 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #21	F Fund $1,935.55 (Special)
Warrant #22	T Fund $1,007.99 (Trust & Agency)

Warrant #14	H Fund $164.50 (Capital Fund)
Warrant #	TE Fund $0 (Trust-Scholarship)
Warrant #	L Fund $0 (Library)
Warrant #46	P Fund $193,806.63 (Payroll)
Warrant #49	A Fund $35,471.63 (General)
Warrant #22	C Fund $5,160.59 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #22	F Fund $30,310.62 (Special)
Warrant #23	T Fund $355.17 (Trust & Agency)

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

CSE: 10337, 11104, 10945, 11162, 10713, 10278, 10286, 10226, 21208, 10419, 10674, 10822, 10855

504: 11066, 10998, 10413, 10973, 10342

Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by T. Francisco to approve the above consent agenda items. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Open Comment

III. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS/OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

Reports and Discussion

IV. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

1. Belize Trip updates – G. Fairchild
   -Dates of the trip are July 14-20, 2025
   -Information on fundraising was provided as well as refund procedures
   -A list of all students and adults going on the trip was provided (33 total)
2. Superintendent's Report – B. Dorritie
   -Thank you to the LCS Community for supporting all 5 propositions on the ballot for 2025-2026
   -Spring Concerts- Congratulations to Mr. Ling, Mr. Smith, and all participants in the concerts – the kids were amazing!
   -Memorial Day parade and ceremony will start May 26th at 10:00 am
   -Athletics – best of luck to Track & Field team in Tri-Valley Championships and Varsity Baseball & Softball in first round of sectionals
   -Prom will be held Saturday, May 31 from 6:00 – 10:00 pm
3. Report from Building Principal – J. Mushtare
   -Computer-based NYS Testing went very well
   -Brooke Mann – Scholar Recognition
   -Kites & Kings and Catskill Review – several LCS students had work published
   -Concerts were great
4. Report from Supervisor Transportation – J. Kessler
   -Inspection went smoothly
   -2nd batch of inspections in 2 weeks
   -New bus should be coming soon (24-25 bus)
   -Sports trips are winding down
5. Report from Supervisor Buildings & Ground – S. West
   -Program to streamline processes – we are using now
   -Doing maintenance on equipment

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:

New Business

VII. NEW BUSINESS

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

1. 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 Randi Riddell, a probationary Art Teacher K-12 having been appointed to such position on September 1, 2021, be appointed to tenure to the position of Visual Arts K-12, it having been shown that Randi Riddell, holds a valid New York State Certificate in the aforesaid tenure area and it further having been shown that the probationary period of Randi Riddell to work in the area expires on June 30, 2025, the Laurens Central School District does hereby grant tenure and appoint to tenure Randi Riddell effective September 1, 2025, to the position of Art Teacher K-12.

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

2. 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 Connor Murch, a probationary Chemistry Teacher having been appointed to such position on September 1, 2021, be appointed to tenure to the position of Chemistry 7-12, it having been shown that Connor Murch, holds a valid New York State Certificate in the aforesaid tenure area and it further having been shown that the probationary period of Connor Murch to work in the area expires on June 30, 2025, the Laurens Central School District does hereby grant tenure and appoint to tenure Connor Murch effective September 1, 2025, to the position of Chemistry Teacher 7-12.

   Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by T. Francisco to approve the above appointment. Motion carried 4-0-0.

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

Advisors 2025-2026

1. The attached list of Extracurricular Advisors for the 2025-2026 school year.

Coaches 2025-2026

2. The attached list of Coaches for the 2025-2026 school year.

Substitutes 2024-2025

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

   Jessica Murch – Non-Certified Substitute Teacher and Teacher Aide, pending fingerprint clearance
   Kailyn Gaske – Non-Certified Substitute Teacher and Teacher Aide
   Juliette Devenpeck - Non-Certified Substitute Teacher and Teacher Aide, pending fingerprint clearance
   Lena Nakken – Non-Certified Substitute Teacher, retroactive to April 21, 2025

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

L. Peck ESY Teacher

4. The appointment of Lori Peck to the position of Teacher for the Extended School Year Special Education summer program. The program will run from July 7, 2025 to August 15, 2025 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Monday through Friday. The salary will be 1/200th of her annual 2025-2026 salary.

ESY Teacher Aides

5. 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 2025-2026 salary:

   Jennifer Lewis
   Jennifer Mann

ESY Substitute Teacher Aides

6. 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 2025-2026 salary:

   Donna Shean
   Jennifer Shutters

B. NEW BUSINESS

Surplus Textbooks

1. To declare the following textbooks as surplus and discard appropriately:

   enVision Math Common Core – grade 3
   Pearson
   ISBN 978-0-328-67261-5
   Quantity of 29

   enVision Math Common Core – grade 6
   Pearson
   ISBN 978-0-328-67264-6
   Quantity of 27

Surplus books

2. To declare the following books as surplus and discard appropriately:

   A Raisin In The Sun – The Unfilmed Original Screenplay
   Lorraine Hansberry
   ISBN 0-451-18388-6
   Quantity of 18

Belize Trip

3. The overnight trip to Belize. The trip will be held from July 14, 2025, to July 20, 2025. All trip costs will be paid by the trip participants, and/or funds raised by the World Cultures Club. All rules as outlined in the Code of Conduct will be in place for participating students. A final list of trip participants will be provided to school administration for final approval one month before the start date of the trip. The Laurens Central School Board of Education has the right to rescind their decision at any time.

Leonard Bus Contract

4. 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 2025-2026 school year will be directly reflective of the increase of the CPI.

Surplus

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

Solid Waste Removal Bid

6. The Solid Waste Removal Bid #2025-012 awarding to Casella for the 2025-2026 School Year.

RIC Resolution

7. The attached resolution to authorize the RIC One Risk Operations Center to negotiate Data Privacy Agreements (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors on behalf of the school district.

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

above consent agenda items. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Information

IX. INFORMATION

1. Student Enrollment February 28, 2025
2. Draft of BOE Meeting Dates for 2025-2026
3. NYS RIC – New Structures to Support Needs Related to Data Privacy Agreements

Meetings

X. MEETINGS

1. Awards Ceremony for 7-12th grades – June 9, 2025 7:00 pm
2. Board of Education Meeting – June 18, 2025 7:30 pm
3. Graduation – June 27, 2025 7:00 pm

Open Comment

XI. OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

-B. Murch, Co-President of the LTA congratulated the teachers on their appointments tonight, on behalf of the LTA

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 T.Francisco, seconded by P. Bush-Allen. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Final Adjournment

XIII. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from executive session at 8:54 pm. Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by T. Francisco. Motion carried 4-0-0.

The Board adjourned, without further discussion at 8:56 pm. Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by T. Francisco. Motion carried 4-0-0.

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1. Gina Fairchild
2. Jen Lewis
3. Kayla Welsh
4. Connor Murch
5. Beverly Murch
6. Randi Riddell
7. Anthony Casey
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