

AGENDA
Laurens Central School
Board of Education
FACS Room 115 - 7:30 PM
November 20, 2024

I. OPENING OF MEETING

- A. Roll call and quorum check
- B. Call to order
- C. Additions to 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:

(Note: If a board member believes that any item on the consent agenda requires discussion or a separate vote, the board member may request that the item be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda for consideration.)

- 1. Minutes – 10/16/24*
- 2. September 2024 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)*
 - 7. Treasurer's Report H Fund (Savings) (Capital Project)*
 - 8. Treasurer's Report Repair Reserve*
 - 9. Treasurer's Report Capital Reserve*
 - 10. Treasurer's Report Workers Comp, ERS, Unemployment Reserve*
 - 11. NYLAF Investment Account*
 - 12. Transfers Over \$1000*
 - B. Other Reports (No Approval Required)
 - 1. Warrants
 - Warrant #15 A Fund \$165,451.49 (General)*
 - Warrant #6 C Fund \$11,251.53 (Cafeteria)*
 - Warrant #7 F Fund \$32,700.30 (Special)*
 - Warrant #9 T Fund \$80.00 (Trust & Agency)*
 - Warrant #3 H Fund \$500.00 (Capital Fund)*
 - Warrant #5 TE Fund \$200.00 (Trust-Scholarship)*
 - Warrant # L Fund \$0 (Library)
 - Warrant # P Fund \$0 (Payroll)
 - Warrant #17 A Fund \$167,264.79 (General)*
 - Warrant #7 C Fund \$10,105.29 (Cafeteria)*
 - Warrant #8 F Fund \$10,960.89 (Special)*
 - Warrant #10 T Fund \$76.64 (Trust & Agency)*
 - Warrant #4 H Fund \$3,187.00 (Capital Fund)*
 - Warrant # TE Fund \$0 (Trust-Scholarship)
 - Warrant #2 L Fund \$44.95 (Library)*
 - Warrant #16 P Fund \$188,089.36 (Payroll)*

Warrant #18	A Fund \$389,882.83 (General)*
Warrant #8	C Fund \$8,789.02 (Cafeteria)*
Warrant #9	F Fund \$54,365.41 (Special)*
Warrant #11	T Fund \$853.16 (Trust & Agency)*
Warrant #5	H Fund \$19,257.60 (Capital Fund)*
Warrant #	TE Fund \$0 (Trust-Scholarship)
Warrant #	L Fund \$0 (Library)
Warrant #19	P Fund \$194,093.54 (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

CSE: 11034, 11120

504: 21237, 11066

III. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS/OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

(The purpose of the Open Comment Period is to allow residents to share concerns with the Board of Education without having to be on the agenda. Comments are to be brief, as this section of the meeting will be limited to 10 minutes. Please state your name and issue of concern prior to addressing the board. Comments about Personnel, positive or negative, are not allowed during the Open Comment Period.)

IV. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

1. Report on year in Spain – A. Casey
2. Superintendent's Report – B. Dorritie
3. Report from Building Principal – J. Mushtare
4. Report from Supervisor Transportation – J. Kessler
5. Report from Supervisor Buildings & Ground – S. West

V. CORRESPONDENCE

VI. OLD BUSINESS

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

VII. 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

1. The appointment of the following as Official Scorekeeper, Main Clock Operator, or Shot Clock Operator for all home basketball events during the 2024-2025 school year. The salary will be \$40.00 per evening event.

- Brooke White
- Jaidon Brodie
- Eowyn Chickerell
- Any current LCS employee or substitute
- Any LCS student in grades 7-12

2. The appointment of the following as Chaperone, Official Scorekeeper, Main Clock Operator, Shot Clock Operator, or Ticket Taker for all home basketball events during the 2024-2025 school year. The salary will be \$40.00 per evening event.

- Burt Becker
- Deborah Trask
- Any current LCS employee

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

- Steve West – Boys' JV Basketball
- Connor Murch – Indoor Track
- Taryn Ostroff – unpaid volunteer Indoor Track

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. The attached resolution for the Otsego Electric Cooperative, Inc. settlement.*
2. To accept the report of the tax collector and having determined that the collector has accounted for the full amount of the tax warrant direct that the lists of the delinquent tax items, with the addition of the two percent penalty be certified to the office of the county treasurer and/or other tax enforcement offices; AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the tax warrant, tax roll and the tax collector's copies of the tax receipts be placed on file.*
3. The merger of Indoor Track with Milford Central School for the 2024-2025 school year.
4. One (1) additional out of District students, (an employee's child) 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.
5. The attached Memorandum of Agreement between the Laurens Central School District and the Laurens Teachers' Association.*
6. To rescind the approval for the merger of Girls' Modified Basketball with Milford Central School for the 2024-2025 school year.

VIII. INFORMATION

1. Student Enrollment October 31, 2024*
2. NYSIR Legal Digest – Autumn 2024*

IX. MEETINGS

1. Girls Grasso Tournament – December 5-7, 2024
2. Elementary Winter Concert – Wednesday, December 11, 2024, MPR 6:00 pm
3. Secondary Winter Concert – Tuesday, December 17, 2024, MPR 7:00 pm
4. Board of Education Meeting – December 18, 2024
5. Faculty/Staff Holiday Celebration- Friday, December 20, 2024

X. OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

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XI. 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

XII. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

Draft MINUTES
Laurens Central School
Board of Education
MPR - 7:30 PM
October 16, 2024

Opening of Meeting

I. OPENING OF MEETING

- A. Roll call and quorum check

Board Members Present: T. Francisco, G. Murello, M. Wikoff, P. Bush-Allen

Board Members Absent: C. Struckle

Others Present: B. Dorritie, Superintendent: J. Mushtare, Building Principal; P. Weir, District Clerk; J. Kessler, Head of Transportation; S. 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 Vice President T. Francisco.

Adoption of Agenda

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by M. Wikoff to adopt the agenda.
Motion carried 4-0-0.**

Approval of Consent Agenda

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 1. Warrants

Warrant #10	A Fund \$143,894.82 (General)
Warrant #4	C Fund \$4,281.75 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #5	F Fund \$82,491.26 (Special)
Warrant #6	T Fund \$33.22 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant #2	H Fund \$500.00 (Capital Fund)
Warrant #4	TE Fund \$200.00 (Trust-Scholarship)
Warrant #	L Fund \$0 (Library)
Warrant #11	P Fund \$386.94 (Payroll)

Warrant # 13	A Fund \$158,857.28 (General)
Warrant #5	C Fund \$7,945.68 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #6	F Fund \$30,028.32 (Special)
Warrant #7	T Fund \$565.73 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant #	H Fund \$0 (Capital Fund)
Warrant #	TE Fund \$0 (Trust-Scholarship)
Warrant #	L Fund \$0 (Library)
Warrant #12	P Fund \$174,746.19 (Payroll)
Warrant #	A Fund \$0 (General)
Warrant #	C Fund \$0 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #	F Fund \$0 (Special)
Warrant #8	T Fund \$318.41 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant #	H Fund \$0 (Capital Fund)
Warrant #	TE Fund \$0 (Trust-Scholarship)
Warrant #	L Fund \$0 (Library)
Warrant #14	P Fund \$196,032.40 (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

504: 21235

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

Open Comment

IV. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS/OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

Reports and Discussions

V. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

1. Superintendent's Report – B. Dorritie
 - Joint Superintendent's Conference Day between Milford, Laurens, Edmeston, and Morris
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 21 and 22
 - Annual "Go Home Early" drill on November 8th
 - Fall Concert on Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:30 pm
 - Veterans Day breakfast Friday, November 8th at 9:00 am
 - Superintendent assignments for 2024-2025
 - CASSC School Board Institute December 3rd
 - Thank you to the Board for NYCOS Fall Conference
 - Good luck to the boys varsity soccer team on Saturday – Tri-Valley Championship
 - Thank you to the Board of Education for their service
 - Q and A with Rick Borchardt and introduction of Ken Olsen
 - Rick Borchardt gave a brief overview of what an SRO does
 - Ken Olsen introduced himself
2. Report from Building Principal – J. Mushtare
 - Thank you to BOE
 - Heads up – discussions on dress code will be happening with teachers and Students
 - Circles training
 - Help for students struggling academically
 - Structured study hall
 - Testing Center
 - Eligibility
 - Shout out to Science department for good scores on 8th grade tests

- Discipline referrals update & history
- Field trips
- 3. Report from Supervisor Transportation – J. Kessler
 - Thank you to BOE
 - New bus is being delivered next week
 - Next bus should come in January
 - Down 2 buses – one needed some body work and one had a minor mechanical Issue
 - Inspection coming up on November 7th
 - Every is going smoothly right now
- 4. Report from Supervisor Buildings & Ground – S. West
 - Thank you to BOE
 - Capital Outlay project
 - Camera project is completed
 - Server upgrade for camera system
 - SFA Conference
 - Phone issues conference was held on Superintendent’s Conference day
 - Tri-Valley League Championship – good luck to our Boys Varsity team

Correspondence

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

Old Business

VII. OLD BUSINESS

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

At this time board Vice President T. Francisco explained the consent agenda process to those in attendance.

Personnel

VIII. PERSONNEL – NEW BUSINESS

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

L. Babbage Tenure

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 Linda Babbage, a probationary School Media Specialist having been appointed to such position on November 1, 2021, be appointed to tenure to the position of School Media Specialist, it having been shown that Linda Babbage, holds a valid New York State Certificate in the aforesaid tenure area and it further having been shown that the probationary period of Linda Babbage to work in the area expires on October 31, 2025, the Laurens Central School District does hereby grant tenure and appoint to tenure Linda Babbage effective November 2, 2024, to the position of School Media Specialist.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

IX. 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

K. Olsen School Resource Officer

1. The appointment of Ken Olsen as a School Resource Officer employed by Upstate Security Consultants, LLC beginning November 1, 2024.

K. Welsh Maternity Leave

2. The Maternity Leave for Kayla Welsh, Elementary Teacher, effective retroactively to October 15, 2024 and continuing until approximately January 6, 2025.

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| P. Smith Long-term Substitute | 3. | The appointment of Paige Smith as a Long-term Non-Certified Substitute for Kayla Welsh, effective retroactively to October 15, 2024 and continuing until approximately December 20, 2024. Her salary will be as per Board Policy. |
| D. Ronson rescind and appoint Basketball | 4. | To rescind the appointment of Dan Ronson as the Boys JV Basketball Coach and appoint him to the position of Boys Varsity Basketball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year. |
| L. Talbert rescind Basketball Coach | 5. | To rescind the appointment of Lindsey Talbert as the Girls Modified Basketball Coach for the 2024-2025 season. |
| Basketball Coaches 2024-2025 | 6. | The appointment of the following coaches for the 2024-2025 basketball season:

Boys Modified Basketball – Omar Nelson
Girls Modified Basketball – Christine Cox |
| N. Bakhuizen Permanent Aide | 7. | The permanent appointment of Nancy Bakhuizen to the position of Teacher Aide, effective November 7, 2024. |

B. NEW BUSINESS

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| Basketball Mergers 2024-2025 | 1. | To authorize the merger of Girls Modified, JV, and Varsity Basketball with Milford Central School for the 2024-2025 season. |
| Boys Varsity Basketball Merger | 2. | To authorize the merger of Boys Varsity Basketball with Milford Central School for the 2024-2025 season. |
| Varsity Wrestling Merger | 3. | To authorize the merger of Varsity Wrestling with Unatego Central School for the 2024-2025 season. |
| Letter of Intent Bus Purchase | 4. | The attached Letter of Intent for the purchase of a school bus from Leonard Bus Sales. This purchase is pending voter approval on May 20, 2025. |
| Board Policy | 5. | To waive the first reading and approve/reapprove the following attached Board policy:

#1561 – Agenda Format |
| Surplus 2010 Ford F-350 | 6. | To declare a 2010 Ford F-350 Super Duty 4x4 single wheel Truck with an 8 ft. Dumper Dogg dump bed and 31,156 miles as surplus and put it up for bid. |

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

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| Information | X. INFORMATION |
| | 1. Student Enrollment September 30, 2024 |
| | 2. Sales Quote from Leonard Bus Sales, Inc. |

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| Meetings | XI. MEETINGS |
| | 1. October 22, 2024 6:30 pm - Fall Concert – grades 5-12 |
| | 2. November 20, 2024 – BOE Meeting 7:30 pm |
| | 3. December 3, 2024 - CASSC School Board Institute |

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| Open Comment | XII. OPEN COMMENT PERIOD |
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| Executive Session | XIII. 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 8:01 pm to discuss Personnel issues. Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by P. Bush-Allen. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Final Adjournment

XIV. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from executive session at 8:35 pm. Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by G. Murello. Motion carried 4-0-0.

The Board adjourned, without further discussion at 8:37 pm. Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by M. Wikoff. Motion carried 4-0-0.

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME BELOW

October 16, 2024

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU SPEAK AT A BOARD MEETING DURING PUBLIC COMMENT, YOUR NAME WILL APPEAR IN THE BOARD MINUTES. PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT OUR MINUTES ARE PLACED ON OUR WEBSITE AND YOUR NAME WILL APPEAR ON THE INTERNET.

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| 1. Jen Lewis | 13. |
| 2. Sharon Stevens | 14. |
| 3. Mike Stevens | 15. |
| 4. Rick Borchardt | 16. |
| 5. Ken Olsen | 17. |
| 6. Abby Trombley | 18. |
| 7. Lindsey Talbert | 19. |
| 8. Beverly Murch | 20. |
| 9. | 21. |
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RESOLUTION

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Laurens Central School District (the “Board of Education”), held on November ___, 2024 at 55 Main Street, Laurens, New York.

The meeting was called to order by Cynthia Struckle, President of the Board of Education, and upon roll being called, the following members were:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

OTHERS ALSO PRESENT:

The following Resolution was offered by _____, and seconded by _____.

WHEREAS, Otsego Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“OEC”) filed tax certiorari proceedings challenging the assessment of its fiber optics cables in the Town of Laurens for the 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25 tax years; and

WHEREAS, with respect to the Laurens Central School District, OEC has proposed settlement of the proceedings upon the following terms:

Tax Year	Tax Parcel	Current Assessment
2019-20	600.00-2-2.00	\$146,749
2020-21	600.00-2-2.00	\$183,436
2021-22	634.000-9999-134.600-1881	\$278,775
2022-23	634.000-9999-134.600-1881	\$285,721
2023-24	634.000-9999-134.600-1881	\$439,052
2024-25	634.000-9999-134.600-1882	\$384,120

c. Such settlement will not apply to the fiber optics portions of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Laurens supports the settlement proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is willing to settle the proceedings pursuant to the terms outlined above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board of Education agrees to settle the tax certiorari proceedings commenced by OCE in accordance with the terms set forth above and in the form approved by Ferrara Fiorenza PC and hereby delegates to Ferrara Fiorenza PC the authority to execute such settlement documents.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

The Resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

Dated: _____

School District Clerk
Laurens Central School District

School Summary Report

Laurens CSD

Payment Summary by School and Town

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11/12/2024

User: Deborah

Starting Batch 1
Ending Batch 38

School	Town	Penalty	Fee/Srv Chrg	Surcharge	Misc	Tax Paid
363401						
Hartwick	363200	(\$117.81)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$38,201.39)
Laurens	363401	(\$274.36)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$108,953.05)
Laurens	363489	(\$2,593.84)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,948,470.05)
Milford	364089	(\$11.71)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$19,081.24)
Morris	364289	(\$83.09)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$24,058.28)
New Lisbon	364400	(\$614.64)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$337,471.89)
Otego	364889	(\$6.12)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,412.08)
School Totals:		(\$3,701.57)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,478,647.98)
Grand Totals:		(\$3,701.57)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,478,647.98)

Deborah Lawyer 11.12.2024