Draft MINUTES
Laurens Central School
Board of Education
FACS Room 115 - 7:30 PM
November 19, 2025

Opening of Meeting

I. OPENING OF MEETING

A. Roll call and quorum check

Board Members Present: C. Struckle, T. Francisco, P. Bush-Allen, M. Wikoff , A. Stevens- Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: G. Murello

Others Present: B. Dorritie, Superintendent; J. Mushtare, Building Principal; P. Weir, District Clerk; A. Schlee, District Treasurer; J. Kessler, Head of Transportation; 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:

MOA with CSEA

1. The attached Memorandum of Agreement between the Laurens Central School District and the Civil Service Employees Association.

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

C. Cox Rescind Mod Girls Basketball

2. To rescind the appointment of Christine Cox as the Girls Modified Basketball Coach for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion made by M. WIkoff, Seconded by P. Bush-Allen to approve the above rescinded appointment. Motion carried 4-0-0.

M. Kane Basketball Coach

3. To rescind the appointment of Michelle Kane as the Girls JV Basketball Coach and appoint her as the Girls Modified Basketball Coach for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by T. Francisco to approve the above rescinded appointment and appointment.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:

Minutes

1. Minutes – 10/15/25

Fiscal Reports

2. October 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)

504: None

Motion made by M. Wikoff, 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 Discussions

IV. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

1. World Cultures Club Trip – G. Fairchild
   -planning a trip to Iceland for summer of 2027 – would like to find out interest level
   -7 days, 6 nights
   -Cost would be about $5,000 – includes airfare, meals, tips, etc.
   -would visit glaciers, lagoons, waterfalls
2. Superintendent's Report – B. Dorritie
   -Parent/Teacher Conferences November 24 & 25 – half days for all students
   -Trunk or Treat
   -Santa at the Gazebo
   -Thank you to Cindy Struckle and Oneonta Rotary for Operation Warm
   -Task 8 Report from Cornice and PFF Energy Solutions regarding bus electrification – our bus garage has the capacity for one charging station for one electric bus
   -VITA tax service provided again this year
   -Athletics update – have our own boys' Varsity, JV, & modified teams, merged with Milford for girls' Varsity, no girls' JV team, and our own girls' modified team
   -Drama tryouts for "Little Shop of Horrors" next week
   -elected to serve on Board of Directors for Otsego County Chamber of Commerce
   -Thank you to our cafeteria staff for the outstanding holiday luncheon
   -Happy Thanksgiving to everyone
3. Report from Building Principal – J. Mushtare
   -Veterans Day Breakfast – served about 38 veterans
   -Looking forward to Basketball season
   -Discipline statistics – 44 referrals for phone use so far this year
   -Support study halls for students on ineligibility
   -Electronic pass system – paid for by grant funding
   -Tattoo a teacher day – 15 volunteers to be tattooed for Drama Club - $405 raised
4. Report from Supervisor Transportation – J. Kessler
   -First inspection – received 100%
   -Driver Ed Highlander needs NYS inspection
   -Trips increasing again
   -will be down one bus driver for about 8 weeks
5. Report from Supervisor Buildings & Ground – S. West – absent
   -Mr. Dorritie reported that we are waiting on NYSED approval for the Capital Project

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:

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Official Scorekeepers, etc.

1. The appointment of the following as Official Scorekeeper, Main Clock Operator, or Shot Clock Operator for all home basketball events during the 2025-2026 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

Chaperones, Shot Clock Operators, etc.

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 2025-2026 school year. The salary will be $40.00 per evening event.

-Burt Becker
-Deborah Trask
-Any current LCS employee

Coaches

3. The appointment of the following coaches for the 2025-2026 school year, retroactive to November 17, 2025:

-Mitchel Barra – Boys' JV Basketball, salary will be as per the Extracurricular salary schedule
-John Czarnecki – unpaid volunteer Boys' Varsity Basketball

C. Moxley Non-Certified Sub

4. The appointment of Cassidy Moxley as a Non-Certified Substitute Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Her salary will be $105.00 per day.

K. Hulbert Resignation

5. The resignation of Karli Hulbert from the position of Teacher Aide, effective October 31, 2025.

M. Brodie Probationary extension

6. The extension of the probationary contract of Malinda Brodie for the position of Microcomputer Specialist, pending Civil Service approval.

CROP Peer Tutors

7. The appointment of the following as Peer Tutors for the CROP program for the 2025-2026 school year. The salary to be $15.50 per hour, increased to $16.00 per hour on January1, 2026, paid by the CROP grant.

Ethan Barnes
Ariella Cohen
Trevor Lettsome
Logan Louden

M. Tracy Substitute Aide

8. The appointment of Michael Tracy as a Substitute Teacher Aide for the 2025-2026 school year, retroactive to September 22, 2025. His salary will be $15.50 per hour, increased to $16.00 per hour on January 1, 2026.

B. NEW BUSINESS

Tax Collector Report

1. 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.

Letter of Intent Bus Purchase

2. The attached Letter of Intent for the purchase of a school bus from Leonard Bus Sales. This purchase is pending voter approval on May 19, 2026.

Surplus

3. To declare the following items as surplus and put up for bid:

Quantity of 12 AverTV Combo G2 Tuner Cards

Iceland Trip planning

4. To authorize Gina Fairchild and Molly Bello to make plans for a possible trip to Iceland the summer of 2027. Students, parents, teachers, staff, and community members will be allowed to participate in the trip with all costs to be paid for by the trip participants, and/or funds raised by the World Cultures Club. This authorization includes advertising to determine potential interest and collection and payment of deposits. The Laurens Central School Board of Education has the right to rescind their decision at any time.

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

Information

VIII. INFORMATION

1. Student Enrollment October 31, 2025
2. NYSIR Legal Digest – Autumn 2025

Meetings

IX. MEETINGS

1. Girls Grasso Tournament – December 4-6, 2025
2. Elementary Winter Concert – Tuesday, December 9, 2025, MPR 6:00 pm
3. Secondary Winter Concert – Tuesday, December 16, 2025, MPR 7:00 pm
4. Board of Education Meeting – December 17, 2025 at 7:30 pm
5. Faculty/Staff Holiday Celebration- Friday, December 19, 2025 at 1:30 pm

Open Comment

X. OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

-School Counselor R. Gardner asked what was being done for the Capital Project, which B. Dorritie responded to

Executive Session

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
3. Negotiations

The Board adjourned to executive session at 7:48 pm to discuss Personnel and Student issues and Negotiations. Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by M. Wikoff. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Final Adjournment

XII. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from executive session at 8:22 pm. Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by M. Wikoff. Motion carried 4-0-0.

The Board adjourned, without further discussion at 8:35 pm. Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by T. Francisco. Motion carried 4-0-0.

School Summary Report

Laurens CSD

Payment Summary by School and Town

Starting Batch 1
Ending Batch 43

School	Town	Penalty	Fee/Srv Chrg	Surcharge	Misc	Tax Paid
363401						
	363200	($32.59)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($42,643.86)
	363401	($181.47)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($118,694.96)
	363489	($1,847.24)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($2,008,693.09)
	364089	($0.04)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($18,540.16)
	364289	($120.32)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($25,638.22)
	364400	($203.67)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($342,579.95)
	364889	($7.37)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($2,658.03)
School Totals:		($2,392.70)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($2,559,448.27)
Grand Totals:		($2,392.70)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($2,559,448.27)

Deborah Lawyer
Nov 10, 2025

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1. Anthony Casey
2. Gina Fairchild
3. Ross Gardner
4. Jen Lewis
5. Noelle Forbes
6. Ryan Forbes
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