

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

I. OPENING OF MEETING

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

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

III. 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 – 9/18/24*
- 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 #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

IV. 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.)

V. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

1. Superintendent's Report – B. Dorritie
2. Report from Building Principal – J. Mushtare
3. Report from Supervisor Transportation – J. Kessler
4. Report from Supervisor Buildings & Ground – S. West

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

VII. OLD BUSINESS

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

VIII. PERSONNEL – 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 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.

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

1. The appointment of Ken Olsen as a School Resource Officer employed by Upstate Security Consultants, LLC beginning November 1, 2024.
2. The Maternity Leave for Kayla Welsh, Elementary Teacher, effective retroactively to October 15, 2024 and continuing until approximately January 6, 2025.*
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.
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.
5. To rescind the appointment of Lindsey Talbert as the Girls Modified Basketball Coach for the 2024-2025 season.
6. The appointment of the following coaches for the 2024-2025 basketball season:

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

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. To authorize the merger of Girls Modified, JV, and Varsity Basketball with Milford Central School for the 2024-2025 season.
2. To authorize the merger of Boys Varsity Basketball with Milford Central School for the 2024-2025 season.
3. To authorize the merger of Varsity Wrestling with Unatego Central School for the 2024-2025 season.
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.*
5. To waive the first reading and approve/reapprove the following attached Board policy: *

#1561 – Agenda Format
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.

X. INFORMATION

1. Student Enrollment September 30, 2024*
2. Sales Quote from Leonard Bus Sales, Inc.*

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

XII. OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

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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

XIV. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

Draft MINUTES
Laurens Central School
Board of Education
MPR - 7:30 PM
September 18, 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

Board Members Absent: P. Bush-Allen

Others Present: B. Dorritie, Superintendent: J. Mushtare, Building Principal; P. Weir, District Clerk; A. Schlee, District Treasurer; J. Kessler, Head of Transportation; S. 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 G. Murello, seconded by T. Francisco to adopt the agenda with Addenda. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Minutes

III. MINUTES

1. Minutes – Regular Meeting- 8/21/24

Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by T. Francisco to approve the minutes. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Open Comment

IV. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS/OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

-Teacher B. Murch commended A. Stary for the time he has put into teaching

Reports and Discussions

V. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

1. Report on New Graduation Requirements and Regionalization Initiative – C. Huber, District Superintendent ONC BOCES
 - Acknowledgement of B. Dorritie's leadership
 - Overview of Blue Ribbon Commission
 - work is conceptual right now
 - looking at what it looks like to be a graduate in NYS
 - recommendations for transformations given to Board of Regents
 - 4 Transformations
 - Public forums being held
2. Superintendent's Report – B. Dorritie
 - Thank you to Dr. Huber
 - Successful reopening of school
 - Homecoming Parade & Homecoming games
 - Presentation with Kristin Shearer to ONC BOCES Board of Education about work regarding athletic mergers
 - Milford boys soccer players are welcome to attend our Homecoming Dance
 - Interview of K. Olsen for School Resource Officer – recommendation to appoint in October for November 1st start date
 - working with superintendents from Milford, Morris, and Edmeston to provide

collaboration for teachers and staff on October conference day
-Thank you to Steve West and John Kessler for being willing to help out colleagues when needed

3. Report from Building Principal – J. Mushtare
-YTY (Youth Tutoring Youth) program for 7-12 grades – taking a look at the program to get it back on track after COVID forced us to alter some things
4. Report from Supervisor Transportation – J. Kessler
-Sub driver leaving for 2 weeks
-One regular driver still out
-Friday the 13th – 3 buses broke down, 2 of which are now fixed
5. Report from Supervisor Buildings & Ground – S. West
-Capital Outlay – controls for equipment
-Air scrubbers used during COVID – new product coming out that we would like to be part of the pilot program for
-Transportation for athletics has been challenging

Correspondence

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Robert Megna, President, Rockefeller Institute of Government

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 L Fund (Library)
5. Treasurer's Report H Fund (Checking) (Capital Project)
Treasurer's Report H Fund (Savings) (Capital Project)
6. Treasurer's Report Repair Reserve
7. Treasurer's Report Capital Reserve
8. Treasurer's Report Workers Comp, ERS, Unemployment Reserve
9. Transfers Over \$1000

Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by M. Wikoff to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 4-0-0.

B. Other Reports (No Approval Required)

1. Warrants
Warrant #6 A Fund \$262,283.17 (General)
Warrant # C Fund \$0 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #3 F Fund \$247.49 (Special)
Warrant #3 T Fund \$278.46 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant # H Fund \$0 (Capital)
Warrant #2 TE Fund \$5,700.00 (Trust & Scholarship)
Warrant # L Fund \$0 (Library)
Warrant #5 P Fund \$74,353.49 (Payroll)
Warrant #8 A Fund \$65,317.73 (General)
Warrant #2 C Fund \$3,697.05 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #4 F Fund \$2,075.77 (Special)
Warrant #4 T Fund \$156.36 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant #1 H Fund \$20,797.78 (Capital)
Warrant #3 TE Fund \$900.00 (Trust & Scholarship)
Warrant # L Fund \$0 (Library)
Warrant #7 P Fund \$60,949.27 (Payroll)
Warrant # A Fund \$0 (General)
Warrant #3 C Fund \$100.00 (Cafeteria)
Warrant # F Fund \$0 (Special)
Warrant #5 T Fund \$268.26 (Trust & Agency)

Warrant # H Fund \$0 (Capital)
Warrant # TE Fund \$0 (Trust & Scholarship)
Warrant # L Fund \$0 (Library)
Warrant #9 P Fund \$59,910.80 (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:

2024-2025 Teacher Mentors

1. The appointment of the following Teacher Mentors for the 2024-2025 school year. The stipend to be \$750.00, as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the LTA will be paid to each mentor upon successful completion of the responsibilities associated with the appointment.

Markus Ling
Lori Peck
Brian Roecklein

Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by T. Francisco to approve the above appointments. Motion carried 4-0-0.

2024-2025 Substitutes

2. The appointment of the following individuals as substitutes for the 2024-2025 School year.

Non-Certified Teachers - \$101.00 per day

Kassidy Qua (retroactive to 9/10/2024)
Rebecca Brown
Liam Nafey
Shannon Deignan (retroactive to 9/16/2024)
Brenda Long (retroactive to 9/17/2024)

Teacher Aides - \$15.00 per hour

Brenda Long (retroactive to 9/17/2024)
Kassidy Qua (retroactive to 9/10/2024)
Rebecca Brown
Madison Himes

Cafeteria - \$15.00 per hour

Brenda Long

Cleaner - \$15.00 per hour

Brenda Long

Any Laurens Central School District employee, as needed

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

- J. Lewis rescinded appt.**
3. To rescind the appointment of Jennifer Lewis as the Co-Advisor for the Class of 2027.
- Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by T. Francisco to approve the above rescinded appointment. Motion carried 4-0-0.**
- 2024-2025 Advisors**
4. The appointment of the following advisors for the 2024-2025 school year. Salaries are per the Extracurricular salary schedule.
- Band Advisor (All-County, All-State, NYSSMA) – Nick Smith
Jazz Ensemble – Nick Smith
Cabaret Vocal Coach – Molly Bello
Class of 2027 Co-advisor – Monica Kovacs
- Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by T. Francisco to approve the above appointments. Motion carried 4-0-0.**
- L. Gifford Agreement**
5. The attached agreement by and between the Laurens Central School District, the Morris Central School District, and Lindsey Gifford, Director of Instructional Support Services.
- Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by G. Murello to approve the above agreement. Motion carried 4-0-0.**
- S. Downes Co-Librarian**
6. The appointment of Sue Downes as the Co-Librarian of the Ambrose V. Powell Memorial Library, commencing September 1, 2024, at no salary.
- Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by G. Murello to approve the above appointment. Motion carried 4-0-0.**
- J. Mushtare Amended Contract**
7. The attached amended contract for John Mushtare, Building Principal.
- Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by G. Murello to approve the above amended contract. Motion carried 4-0-0.**
- J. Condron Cleaner**
8. The probationary appointment of Jennifer Condron as a cleaner effective September 19, 2024 and continuing until September 18, 2025, pending fingerprint clearance. Her salary will be \$35,256 as per the CSEA contract.
- Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by T. Francisco to approve the above appointment. Motion carried 4-0-0.**
- S. Chickerell Cert. Monitor**
9. The appointment of Shiloh Chickerell as an After-School Certified Wellness Center Monitor for one hour per day. Her salary will be \$30 per hour.
- Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by T. Francisco to approve the above appointment. Motion carried 4-0-0.**
- T. Ostroff amended Salary**
10. The amended salary for Taryn Ostroff to \$44,050, due to one year of teaching experience.
- Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by G. Murello to approve the above amended salary.**
- A. Stary Tenure**
11. 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 Aaron Stary, a probationary Physical Education Teacher

having been appointed to such position on October 13, 2020, be appointed to tenure to the position of Physical Education Teacher, it having been shown that Aaron Stry, holds a valid New York State Certificate in the aforesaid tenure area and it further having been shown that the probationary period of Aaron Stry to work in the area expires on October 12, 2024, the Laurens Central School District does hereby grant tenure and appoint to tenure Aaron Stry effective October 13, 2024, to the position of Physical Education Teacher.

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

J. Platz CROP appointment

12. The appointment of Jordyn Platz as a CROP Activity Leader and substitute for the 2024-2025 school year. Her salary will be as established and paid by the CROP grant.

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

CROP Peer Tutors

13. The appointment of the following as CROP Peer Tutors for the 2024-2025 school year. The salary will be \$15.00 per hour paid by the CROP grant.

Alicia Stevens
Orion James
Ethan Barnes
Nicole Stanley

Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by G. Murello to accept the above appointments. Motion carried 4-0-0.

New Business

B. NEW BUSINESS

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

Out of District Students

1. Four (4) additional out of District students, (3 employee's children) 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.

Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by T. Francisco to approve the above Out of District students. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Surplus

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

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

Counseling Services Plan

3. The attached K-12 Comprehensive Counseling Services Plan for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

CSE

X. COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

Be It Resolved that the Laurens Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Special Education cases.*

CSE: 21233, 21228

CPSE: None

504: None

Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by M. Wikoff to approve the above CSE cases. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Information

XI. INFORMATION

1. NYSIR News – September 2024

Meetings

XII. MEETINGS

1. October 2, 2024 7:00 pm – Elementary Open House
2. October 9, 2024 7:00 pm – High School Open House
3. October 16, 2024 7:30 PM – BOE Meeting

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
3. Litigation

The Board adjourned to executive session at 8:11 pm to discuss Personnel, Student, and Litigation issues. Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by M. Wikoff. Motion carried 4-0-0.

P. Bush-Allen entered Executive Session at 8:30 pm.

Final Adjournment

XV. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from executive session at 9:05 pm. Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by G. Murello. Motion carried 4-0-0.

The Board adjourned, without further discussion at 9:07 pm. Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by G. Murello. Motion carried 4-0-0.

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME BELOW

September 18, 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. Beverly Murch | 14. |
| 3. Allison Williams | 15. |
| 4. Shann Stevens | 16. |
| 5. Mike Stevens | 17. |
| 6. Ross Granchur | 18. |
| 7. Aaron Stay | 19. |
| 8. April Ekson | 20. |
| 9. Jacqueline Parris | 21. |
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WILLIAM F. DORRITIE
Superintendent

JOHN MUSHTARE
Building Principal

October 4, 2024

Mr. Dave Robbins
Sales Manager
Leonard Bus Sales, Inc.
4 Leonard Way
Deposit, NY 13754

Dear Mr. Robbins:

It is the intent of our school district to purchase a quantity of one (1) Item #4, sixty-five (65) passenger school bus from Leonard Bus Sales, Inc. in the amount and configuration as shown on the attached quote, \$178,657.78 dated October 2, 2024.

This bus will be presented for voter approval on May 20, 2025. It is understood that this letter in no way binds the District to purchase this vehicle in the event the voters do not approve this expenditure. Someone will contact you as soon as we have the results of this vote.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

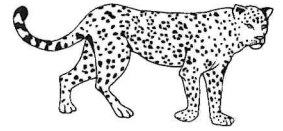
Sincerely,



John Kessler
Head Bus Driver

Cc: LCS Board of Education
William F. Dorritie, Superintendent
Amy Schlee, District Treasurer

Laurens Central School District Board Policy



BOARD OF EDUCATION BY-LAWS - 1561

Subject: Agenda Format

For regular Board meetings, the following format is used:

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- XII. **Final Adjournment**

Items of business, at regular board meetings, may be suggested by Board Members, the District Clerk, School Administration and/or any citizen living in the Laurens Central School District for inclusion on the agenda. All items suggested by citizens of the District shall be submitted in writing and received in the Office of Superintendent at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting in order to insure inclusion on the written agenda. This courtesy and legal requirement will afford the Board of Education the time to prepare for the upcoming agenda in a responsible and professional manner.

Items of business may not be suggested from the floor for discussion and/or action at the same meeting except by unanimous vote (all present, in favor, no against) of all the members of the Board of Education of the Laurens Central School District.

For special and emergency meetings, the regular meeting agenda format shown above may be shortened and/or adapted to fit the purpose of the meeting.

*Participants must request permission to be put on the agenda prior to the meeting. However, attendees of the meeting will have the opportunity to make brief statements during the "Introduction of Visitors." Participation will be limited to ten (10) minutes.

The Board President shall be responsible for recognizing all speakers who will properly identify themselves, for maintaining proper order and for adherence to any time limits set. Questions asked by the public will, when possible be answered immediately by the President or referred to staff members present for reply. Questions requiring investigation will be referred to the Superintendent for consideration and later response.

Members of the public will not be recognized by the President as the Board conducts its official business. This may be waived on individual agenda items considered by the Board.

Adopted: 1/15/03
Readopted: 11/14/18