Draft MINUTES
Laurens Central School
Board of Education
MPR - 7:30 PM
October 15, 2025

Opening of Meeting

I. OPENING OF MEETING

A. Roll call and quorum check

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

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).

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:

1. The attached resolution approving Construction Management Services post-referendum stage, pending proper insurance rider.

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

2. To authorize the merger of Indoor Track with Morris Central School for the 2025-2026 season.

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

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
Fiscal Reports

1. Minutes – 9/17/25
2. September 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 #14	A Fund $25,479.20 (General)
Warrant #2	C Fund $3,445.63 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #	F Fund $0 (Special)
Warrant #	H Fund $0 (Capital Fund)
Warrant #4	T Fund $204.94 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant #7	TE Fund $5,800.00 (Trust-Scholarship)
Warrant #	L Fund $0 (Library)
Warrant #	P Fund $0 (Payroll)
Warrant # 15	A Fund $279,673.56 (General)
Warrant #3	C Fund $6,902.11 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #8	F Fund $2,349.00 (Special)
Warrant #	H Fund $0 (Capital Fund)
Warrant #5	T Fund $332.38 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant #	TE Fund $0 (Trust-Scholarship)
Warrant #	L Fund $0 (Library)
Warrant #16	P Fund $172,751.26 (Payroll)
Warrant #17	A Fund $14,939.33 (General)
Warrant #4	C Fund $785.16 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #9	F Fund $9,497.66 (Special)
Warrant #	H Fund $0 (Capital Fund)
Warrant #6	T Fund $257.94 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant #	TE Fund $0 (Trust-Scholarship)
Warrant #	L Fund $0 (Library)
Warrant #	P Fund $0 (Payroll)
Warrant #18	A Fund $150,551.37 (General)
Warrant #5	C Fund $8,936.39 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #10	F Fund $10,738.32 (Special)
Warrant #	H Fund $0 (Capital Fund)
Warrant #7	T Fund $102.75 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant #	TE Fund $0 (Trust-Scholarship)
Warrant #	L Fund $0 (Library)
Warrant #19	P Fund $196,241.16 (Payroll)

2. Transfers Under $1000
3. Internal Claims Auditor's Reports
4. Revenue Status Report - Fund A
5. Extracurricular Reconciliation Report

CSE

3. Committee on Special Education

None

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

Open Comment

III. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS/OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

-Jennifer Sander, member of the LTA Social Committee thanked the Board on behalf of the LTA for what they do for our school and presented them with gifts

Reports and Discussions

IV. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

1. Possible Volleyball Club – Maralina Furlan
   -Would like to see if there is student interest for a Volleyball Club
   -She would volunteer her time
   -Students could do this while participating in a sport
   -Gym time maybe once or twice a week
   -Could do fundraisers for equipment
   -Would follow the school's ineligibility rules

-Possibly do it year-round if gym time is available

2. Superintendent's Report – B. Dorritie
-Joint Superintendent's Conference Day between ONC and DCMO BOCES on Oct. 10th at SUNY Oneonta
-Parent/Teacher Conferences November 24th & 25th – half days for students
-Annual "Go Home Early" drill on November 7th
-Fall Concert, Tuesday, October 21st at 6:30 pm
-Veterans Day Breakfast to be held on Monday, November 10th
-Superintendent Assignments for 25-26
-Joint Homecoming Dance with Milford – very well attended
-Good luck to our soccer teams in sectionals
-Thank you to the Board of Education for their service
-Trunk or Treat will be on October 25th – Marilna Furlan talked about the Public Safety table that will be set up that day – there will be car seat checks & Safe Child IDs available

3. Report from Building Principal – J. Mushtare
-Thank you to the board for their service
-October 10th at SUNY Oneonta – attended session on AI and a Math Escape Room- feedback was mixed from the day
-Metal detecting wands – 2 wands at a cost of $500 – would need a policy in place for their use
-presented data from 2021-2025 3-8 State Testing, including Computer-based testing from the last 2 years

4. Report from Supervisor Transportation – J. Kessler
-Fall sports are winding down – less trips making things easier
-First inspection of the year coming up soon

5. Report from Supervisor Buildings & Ground – S. West
-Capital Outlay project is moving forward
-Capital Project – paperwork being submitted to SED
-Both Varsity soccer teams qualified for sectionals
-Thank you to BOE

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

K. Miller extended Parental Leave

1. The extension of the unpaid Parental Leave for Kylie Miller until January 23, 2026, as per the LTA contract.

P. Smith, Long-term Non-Certified Substitute

2. The appointment of Paige Smith as a Long-term Non-Certified Substitute for Kylie Miller, effective retroactively to September 4, 2025 and continuing until approximately January 23, 2026. Her salary will be as per Board Policy.

Extracurricular positions 25-26

3. The appointment of the following Extracurricular positions for the 2025-2026 school year. Salary will be as per the Extracurricular Salary schedule:

Ashley Furner - Garden Club Advisor
Omar Nelson – Boys' Modified Basketball Coach

25-26 Substitutes

4. The appointment of the following individuals as substitutes for the 2025-2026

School year.

Non-Certified Teachers - $105.00 per day
Maralina Furlan
Victoria Prouty

Teacher Aides - $15.50 per hour
Maralina Furlan
Victoria Prouty

Any Laurens Central School District employee, as needed.

B. NEW BUSINESS

Girls' Basketball Merger

1. To authorize the merger of Girls' JV and Varsity Basketball with Milford Central School for the 2025-2026 season.

Varsity Wrestling Merger

2. To authorize the merger of Varsity Wrestling with Unatego Central School for the 2025-2026 season.

Inactive Extracurricular Clubs

3. To authorize the Extracurricular Treasurer to close the following inactive club accounts and transfer the remaining funds to the clubs indicated:

Class of 2024 - $.01 to Yearbook
Media Club - $485.14 to Yearbook
Odyssey of the Mind - $485.05 to Student Council
TREPS - $287.85 to Student Council

Extracurricular Music Accounts

4. To authorize the Extracurricular Treasurer to combine all Vocal Music clubs under the Chorus group and all Instrumental Music clubs under the Band group.

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

Information

X. INFORMATION

1. Student Enrollment September 30, 2025
2. NYSIR News September 2025

Meetings

XI. MEETINGS

1. October 21, 2025 6:30 pm - Fall Concert – grades 5-12
2. November 19, 2025 – BOE Meeting 7:30 pm

Open Comments

XII. OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

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
2. Negotiations

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:00 pm to discuss Personnel issues and negotiations. Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by T. Francisco. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Final Adjournment

XIV. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from executive session at 9:06 pm. Motion made

by G. Murello, seconded by T. Francisco. Motion carried 5-0-0.

The Board adjourned, without further discussion at 9:07 pm. Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by M. Wikoff. Motion carried 5-0-0.

RESOLUTION
APPROVING CONSTUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES
POST-REFERENDUM STAGE

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Laurens Central School District (the "Board of Education") has determined that it is in the best interest of the School District to retain a construction manager to: collaborate with the project architect, including the development of a Coordination Matrix delineating and coordinating the responsibilities of the Architect and the Construction Manager for the work of the Project; provide construction planning; prepare and update as needed a project schedule; assist with bid solicitation and analysis or if the School District chooses to procure any services or equipment through a method other than competitive bidding, assist in completing such purchases; coordinate the activities of multiple contractors to meet the milestone dates set forth in the project schedule and comply with the Contract Documents; provide cost estimating and accounting services; provide project status reports; and provide related administration and professional services ("Construction Management Services") in connection with the Project; and

WHEREAS, Schoolhouse Construction Services ("Schoolhouse") was awarded a contract and provided pre-referendum Construction Management Services for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it is in the best interest of the School District to continue its professional relationship with Schoolhouse for the purpose of providing Construction Management Services for the post-referendum stage of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the School District's legal counsel, Ferrara Fiorenza, PC and Schoolhouse have jointly prepared a contract and related documents for Construction Management Services for the Project (the "Post-Referendum Contract") which has been submitted to the Board of Education for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the School District's Superintendent has reviewed the Post-Referendum Contract and recommends approval as being in the best interest of the School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. The Board of Education hereby approves the retention of Schoolhouse to provide Construction Management Services and proceed with the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Post-Referendum Contract, for the fees and expenses set forth therein.

2. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board or the Superintendent of Schools to enter into the Post-Referendum Contract on behalf of the School District in substantially the form presented to the Board of Education and take all actions necessary or convenient to proceed under the Post-Referendum Contract in connection with the Project.

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of the Laurens Central School District held on 10/15, 2025, was called to order by its President, and upon roll being called, the following members were:

PRESENT:
ABSENT:

The attached Resolution, which was offered by Thomas Francisco and seconded by Gerard Murello at the said meeting, was approved by a unanimous vote of the Board of Education.

[*if the vote was not unanimous, list each member and their vote*]

The attached Resolution, which was offered by _____ and seconded by _____ at the said meeting, was approved by a vote of the Board of Education as follows:

Member Name:	Aye/Nay/Absent:
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Dated: October 15, 2025

Pamela J. Weis
District Clerk
Laurens Central School District

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME BELOW **October 15, 2025**

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1. Anthony Casey
2. Maralina Furlan
3. Alexis Furlan
4. Frank Furlan
5. Jennifer Sander
6. Derek Rondeau
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