

Draft MINUTES
Laurens Central School
Board of Education
FACS Room 115 - 7:30 PM
September 20, 2023

Opening of Meeting

I. OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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

Others Present: B. Dorritie, Superintendent; J. Mushtare, Building Principal; P. Weir, District Clerk; A. Schlee, District Treasurer; J. Kessler, Head of Transportation; B & G, Steve West; 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- 8/16/23

Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by M. Wikoff to approve the minutes. 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
 - Opening of school
 - COVID cases
 - Congratulations to Girls' Varsity Soccer team on winning the Stamford Mayor's Cup tournament
 - Homecoming Parade & Dance next week
 - American Legion Schoolmaster's Banquet
 - ONC BOCES Board of Education presentation
 - ARP (American Rescue Plan) Funding Update
 - Some staff attending Active Shooter Drill/Training
2. Report from Building Principal – J. Mushtare
 - POW/MIA Assembly this week
 - 10/4 Nick "Sunshine" Tokman coming to LCS – Motivational Speaker from TV show Deadliest Catch
 - Open Houses – Sept. 21 & 28
 - SchoolTool Trainings
 - SchoolTool Parent Portal
 - Sandy Hook Promise meeting at BOCES
 - Fall Concert – October 19th
 - Flex Time
 - Positive Behavior Report form

- 3 Report from Supervisor Transportation – J. Kessler
-Things going fairly smooth
-New Driver
-NYS DMV changed their process
4. Report from Supervisor Buildings & Ground – S. West
-PA system upgrade
-Dept. of Health Lead in Water – new requirements
-Capital Outlay lighting project – set to begin 10/9

Correspondence

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

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 M. Wikoff, seconded by G. Murello to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 4-0-0.

- B. Other Reports (No Approval Required)
 1. Warrants
Warrant #7 A Fund \$58,032.01 (General)
Warrant # C Fund \$0 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #3 F Fund \$53,775.83 (Special)
Warrant # T Fund \$0 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant #3 H Fund \$16,287.11 (Capital)
Warrant #2 TE Fund \$6,000.00 (Trust & Scholarship)
Warrant # L Fund \$0 (Library)
Warrant #6 P Fund \$61,358.90 (Payroll)
Warrant #9 A Fund \$179,141.02 (General)
Warrant # C Fund \$0 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #4 F Fund \$19,189.59 (Special)
Warrant #3 T Fund \$359.62 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant #4 H Fund \$184.00 (Capital)
Warrant #3 TE Fund \$6,050.00 (Trust & Scholarship)
Warrant # L Fund \$0 (Library)
Warrant #8 P Fund \$51,377.67 (Payroll)
Warrant #10 P Fund \$75,285.49 (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:

S. Bolton Teacher Mentor

1. The appointment of Scott Bolton as Teacher Mentor for the 2023-2024 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.

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

2023-2024 Substitutes

2. The appointment of the following individuals as substitutes for the 2023-2024 School year.

Non-Certified Teachers - \$95.00 per day

Morgan Hoyt
Elisa Macias

Teacher Aides - \$14.20 per hour

Brenda Long
Madison Himes

Cafeteria - \$14.20 per hour

Brenda Long

Custodian - \$14.20 per hour

Brenda Long

Any Laurens Central School District employee, as needed

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

CROP Peer Tutors

3. The appointment of the following as CROP Peer Tutors for the 2023-2024 school year. The salary will be \$14.20 per hour.

Harley Loudon
Trent DeBoer
Orion James
Ethan Smith
Kyla Saggese

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

2023-2024 Advisors

4. The appointment of the following advisors for the 2023-2024 school year. Salaries are per the Extracurricular salary schedule.

Safety Patrol – Scott Bolton & Kayla Welsh
Strategy & Tabletop Club – Markus Ling
7th Grade (2029) – Mica Holleran & Jon Powers

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

C. Watson Resignation

5. The resignation of Christine Watson as a Teacher Aide effective September 5, 2023.

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

S. Brockway Resignation

6. The resignation of Stephanie Brockway as a Teacher Aide effective September 1, 2023.

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

J. Mushtare Resignation

7. The resignation of Jackson Mushtare as a Teacher Aide effective September 13, 2023.

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

J. Welsh Volunteer

8. Jacob Welsh as a volunteer Supervisor of the Community Basketball program. There is no salary associated with this position.

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

R. Wikoff Salary Change

9. The change in salary for Rose Wikoff as a Bus Monitor to \$16.75 per hour.

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

M. Brodie Salary Correction

10. The correction in salary for Malinda Brodie, Microcomputer Specialist, from \$28,711 to \$31,200 for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

L. Gifford Agreement

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

B. NEW BUSINESS

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

Surplus

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

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

M. Cleveland Contract

2. The attached contract between Michelle Cleveland and Laurens Central School for School Counselor Consulting services for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Out of District Student

3. The approval of one (1) out of District student, (employee's child) to attend Laurens Central School Tuition free for the 2023-2024 school year as per Board of Education Policy #7130, Admission of Non-Resident Students.

Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by M. Wikoff to approve the above Out of District student. Motion carried 4-0-0.

BOE Policy

4. To waive the first reading and approve/reapprove the attached Board policy #7200.7 – Eligibility Policy for Participation in Extracurricular Activities Grades 7-12.

Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by M. Wikoff to approve the above Board policy. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Resolution for Vaping Litigation

5. The attached resolution authorizing partial settlement of vaping litigation.

Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by G. Murello to approve the above resolution. 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: 10980, 21199

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 – August 2023

Meetings

XII. MEETINGS

1. September 21, 2023 7:00 pm – High School Open House
2. September 28, 2023 7:00 pm – Elementary Open House
3. October 18, 2023 7:30 PM – BOE Meeting

Open Comment

XIII. OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

-Parent K. Capraro relayed a question for her husband T. Capraro about whether we have a farm to school program – B. Dorritie responded that we can look into it

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

The Board adjourned to executive session at 8:01 pm to discuss Personnel issues. Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by G. Murello. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Final Adjournment

XV. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from executive session at 8:40 pm. Motion made by T. Francisco, seconded by G. Murello. Motion carried 4-0-0.

The Board adjourned, without further discussion at 8:42 pm. Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by G. Murello. Motion carried 4-0-0.

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME BELOW

September 20, 2023

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| 1. Beverly Munch | 13. |
| 2. Fred Carbonara | 14. |
| 3. Kendra Bears Caprao | 15. |
| 4. Jen Lewis | 16. |
| 5. Cindy McLaughy | 17. |
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