

*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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> – 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. Condrón Cleaner**
8. The probationary appointment of Jennifer Condrón 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 Stary, holds a valid New York State Certificate in the aforesaid tenure area and it further having been shown that the probationary period of Aaron Stary to work in the area expires on October 12, 2024, the Laurens Central School District does hereby grant tenure and appoint to tenure Aaron Stary 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.**

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September 18, 2024

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| 1. Jen Lewis        | 13. |
| 2. Beverly Murch    | 14. |
| 3. Allison Williams | 15. |
| 4. Shanna Stevens   | 16. |
| 5. Mike Stevens     | 17. |
| 6. Ross Graneher    | 18. |
| 7. Aaron Stay       | 19. |
| 8. April Ekson      | 20. |
| 9. Jacqueline Perry | 21. |
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