

**Thursday, October 15, 2015**  
**LaFayette Central School Board of Education Regular Meeting**

**Location: Onondaga Nation School**

**5:30 pm**

**I. Opening**

- A. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. Present were President Matt Dodge, Trustees Keefe, D. Dodge, Scofield, Whitney, Frieda Superintendent Lavine, School Business Official Turner, District Clerk Kasey McHale, Administrators Diane Ellsworth, Jim Chupaila. Also in attendance were Jerry Kelly
- B. Pledge of Allegiance -
- C. Tour of Onondaga Nation School
- D. Opening Remarks

**II. Approval of Minutes**

- A. Regular Minutes - October 8, 2015

1st: jk            2nd: dd

Vote: Yes - 3 No- 0 Abstain- 2 Absent-2

**III. District Presentations and Reports**

- A. Presentations
- B. Oral Communications - Board Member Updates - President Dodge said Apple Fest was a big success, well attended.

**IV. Old Business**

**V. New Business**

**VI. Superintendent's Report** - First family Session for parents that want to learn about common core (Karen Ocque), Another new appr system meeting, administrators met about indicators and most were in agreement, what constitutes professional development? discussion at Admin. meeting, starting herringbone bus pattern at the high school on monday, jim chupaila will send out a school messenger to parents. email from optimist parent about big picture involvement at apple fest, very pleased with students involved. capital project - had a few meetings with contractors regarding what is or isn't working among staff, changes have been made, things are being worked on. superintendent's conference day on Friday, positive feedback being heard about it, personally had PD with TA's, they were very appreciative and involved, monthly super. meeting at boces, update from district super. new ed. commissioner is looking for 5 things that districts want her to address, all compromised a list and that will be presented to her for the meeting next thursday, 6,7,8 graders of ONS are interested in taking a trip to NYC in June, Mackenzie McElhannon has put together an agenda for it, just informing the Board. there is a trip every 3 years, last one was to D.C.

**VII. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Board Action Items
  - 1. 2016-17 School Budget Calendar
  - 2. Health and Welfare Services - Syracuse City School District
  - 3. Health and Welfare Services - Auburn City School District
  - 4. 504, CSE and CPSE Recommendations
  - 5. Treasurer's Reports-September 2015

1st: JK 2nd: TS

Vote: Yes -5 No-0 Abstain-0 Absent-2

## B. Approval of Personnel Items

1. Annual Appointment 2015-2016
2. Non-Instructional Appointments 2015-2016
3. Interscholastic Appointments 2015-2016

1st: JK 2nd: DD

Vote: Yes -5 No-0 Abstain-0 Absent-2

Jerry Kelly: winter and spring positions were posted and advertised, when you go outside for hiring coaches you lose a personal touch and connection to the students, when an outside person comes in will only be there to coach and not see them every day. received calls when the posting went out inquiring about his position with basket ball and expressing the opinion that lafayette has a respected athletic program for section III. the personal touch of a present coach is very important to him. we have good coaches, can always improve no matter what.

Mark Johnson arrived at 5:47 pm.

## **VIII. Board Non-Action Items**

A. Strategic Plan Update - a discussion at admin meeting regarding course offerings, LTA was present, Enterprise America (mallory charpentier), business-based course possible course to be offered, has been around for a while. Jim Chupaila: WCNY is a big supporter of the program, they have a "town" set up so the students in the course go to this "town" and simulate the running of it as mayor, shop owner, etc. project-based learning experience, involves social studies, english and math and is based in FACS. 7th and 8th grade level. will be offering a scheduling information night in January for parents gr. 7-11 so they can hear about the process of scheduling and course offerings. similar program offered in may to current 6th graders as they think about coming to 7th grade. Mr. Chupaila discussed how a course schedule is built, the cost of a new course, curriculum development, etc. Trustee Whitney inquired about creating courses for both this spring and developing for the Fall, when electives were cut before it came as a shock. Superintendent Lavine - Student Leadership - senior lounge, possible spaces for it, supervision, possible suggestion is the "horse shoe" area, in the open, seniors are willing to explore a senior lounge concept, but are more excited about a senior privilege pass if student is in good academic and discipline standing, also are very interested in principal's council, they suggested meeting every 5 weeks to communicate and discuss ideas. also discussed was having elections for student representatives should be in the spring, not in the fall, so student leaders can be prepared and meeting with advisors for big events, talked with sean zehner about making elections electronic, students very excited about earlier elections. Jerry Kelly- if elections are in the spring, this allows meetings to happen over the summer with development for student leadership and should make it easier for staff advisors to know what leaders are in each grade level.

## **IX. Communications**

### **X. Calendar Review**

A. Upcoming Events - Commissioner visit next Thursday-4 board members

### **XI. Financial Reports-FYI**

- A. Claims Auditor Report and Warrants - September 2015
- B. Cash Flow - September 2015
- C. Budget Status - September 2015

### **XII. Closing Remarks**

- A. Public Communications to the Board - (send anne courtwright commissioner meeting schedule)  
Tour of ONS facility

**XIII. Executive Session**

A. Enter into Executive Session - discussion with LTA executive council and student discipline

1st: ts 2nd: mj

Vote: Yes - No- Abstain- Absent-

B. Reconvene into Open Session

1st: Scofield 2nd: Keefe

Vote: Yes - No- Abstain- Absent-

Time: 8:57 p.m.

**XIV. Adjournment**

A. Adjourn the Meeting

1st: Scofield 2nd: Johnson

Vote: Yes - No- Abstain- Absent-

Time: 8:58 p.m.