

LaFayette Central School District  
Board of Education - Regular Meeting  
Location:The Big Picture School Commons Area  
3122 US Route 11 North  
LaFayette, New York 13084  
March 29, 2018

- I. Opening
  - A. Call to Order - The regular Board of Education meeting for the LaFayette Central School District was called to order at 5:32pm by President Dow. In attendance were Trustees C. Dwyer, J. Gates, J. LeBlanc, G. Oelkers, Superintendent Jeremy Belfield, Assistant Superintendent for Business Tiffany Turner, District Clerk Vanessa Tryon, Alessandra Erickson, Jim Kesler, Meagan Jean, Jennifer Blossey, John Gizzi, Simone Thornton, Tess Miller, Virgil Braverock, Crystal Morel, Kari Walker, Maria Edwards, Sue Bang, Tom LaRose, Joe Fox, Craig Atlas. Absent were trustees R. S. Reyburn, and M. Whitney.
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Dow at 5:32pm.
  - C. Opening Remarks - Welcome everybody.
- II. District Presentations and Reports
  - A. Meagan Jean - Susan Wasserman Young Professional Memorial Award - Meagan Jean, 2nd Grade Teacher was honored at the New York State Council of Social Studies Conference in Albany.
  - B. 2018-19 Budget Presentation - Assistant Superintendent for Business Tiffany Turner presented the proposed 2018-19 school district budget. Superintendent Belfield thanked all of the budget committee members, Assistant Superintendent Turner, the administrative team and school district staff for their work on the district budget.
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Regular Minutes - March 15, 2018 - Tabled until April 12, 2018  
**Motion: 1st:C.Dwyer 2nd:J.Gates**  
**Vote: Yes:3 No: Abstain:2 (G.Oelkers, J.LeBlanc) Absent:2 (M.Whitney, R.S.Reyburn)**
- IV. Old Business
  - A. Student Safety - The district recently worked with Armoured One to provide a security audit of our school facilities. The information from this audit will be used to plan a security themed capital project for consideration by the voters in the fall. The district is also working with officials at the New York State Education Department to perform a security audit at the Onondaga Nation School. The district will provide a safety training for students at the Jr/Sr High and Big Picture School on April 20th. The district is also subscribing to a school safety application called Navigate. The app is a great communication and training tool for emergency responders, staff and students.
  - B. Online Safety and Security - The board will be provided with full update on the corrective action plan at the April 12th meeting by Technology Coordinator Sean Zehner and Network Administrator Pat Sandusky. Sean Zehner recently conducted an email phishing test with the District Office staff and everyone passed.
- V. Communications
  - A. Board Member Updates -
- VI. New Business

VII. Superintendent's Report

- A. Mr. Belfield read the story *Grace Hopper: Queen of Computer Code* to Ms. Kolebeck's second grade class at Grimshaw. Ms. Kolebeck's class has been studying biographies and plans to host a living wax museum to showcase the different biography reports they have been creating.
- B. Mr. Belfield recently attended the 14th annual Rock Fest. The event is held in memory of Matt Nastasi, former LaFayette CSD student who died in 2005. Mr. Belfield thanked Ms. Edwards, Mr. Fox, and the students and staff for their efforts to make the event a huge success. Proceeds from the event provide for a scholarship to LaFayette CSD students.
- C. Mr. Belfield recently participated in the St. Baldrick's fundraiser at Kitty Hoynes in Syracuse. Proceeds from the fundraiser are used to fund pediatric cancer research studies. Mr. Belfield's team shaved their heads in honor of LaFayette CSD student Amanda Wilson who is in remission after battling non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Thank you to everyone who donated to the cause.
- D. On Monday, Mr. Belfield attended the OCM BOCES McEvoy Center Spring Talent Show. Four LaFayette students attend student programs at the McEvoy center. The students performed musical selections, created silent movies, or show cased other talents. Thank you to our students and their families for coming out to support this event.
- E. The district has been working with the Smart Watt program to reduce energy usage by upgrading to LED lights in the district office, transportation office, bus garage, and maintenance area. The estimated annual energy savings to the district on our energy bill is approximately \$2,432 and the district is reducing energy consumption by 21,870 kilowatt hours. This energy savings also reduces our carbon footprint by reducing greenhouse gases by 8,612 pounds. Thank you to Jim Kesler and Tiffany Turner for bringing this item opportunity to the district and thank you to the board for approving this small capital improvement.
- F. Mr. Belfield, Jason Ryan, Kelly Fredericks, and Karen Ocque recently attended a workshop on addressing suspension rates for students with special needs. The district is looking to reduce student suspensions and encourage students to engage in positive behavior.
- G. Mr. Belfield attended the talent show at the Onondaga Nation School. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Seitz for organizing the talent show and to our students who took the time to showcase their talents.
- H. Mr. Belfield stopped by the Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off at Grimshaw Elementary. Students at Grimshaw will be raising money to fund research to prevent heart disease. If students reach their goal, they will get the chance to dump green slime on Mr. Belfield's head.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Board Action Items
  - 1. CPSE, CSE, and 504 Recommendations
  - 2. Salary Credit for Hours
  - 3. Board of Education Policy Review - Second Reading and resolution

4. Memorandum of Understanding - Summer Hours
5. Treasurer's Reports - February 2018
6. 2018 ADA-PEP Contract
7. Health and Welfare Service Agreement - West Genesee Central School District
8. Employee Resolution
9. Budget Transfer - March 29, 2018
10. 2018-2019 Budget Adoption, Property Tax Report Card, Proposition Resolutions and Legal Notice

B. Approval of Personnel Items

1. Substitute Appointment
2. Resignation
3. Leave of Absence
4. Non-Instructional Appointment

**Motion:Carried    1st:C.Dwyer 2nd:J.Gates**

Discussion regarding the pending release of a new NYSED Property Tax Report Card format and a vote on it at the April 12, 2018 board meeting.

**Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent:2 (M.Whitney, R.S.Reyburn)**

IX. Board Non-Action Items

A. Strategic Plan Update -

1. Grimshaw mid-year update - Jennifer Blossey gave a presentation on Grimshaw's school year and progress relative to the district's strategic plan goals. Ms. Blossey invited board members to attend the 2nd grade wax museum on April 18th 1:30-2.
2. Onondaga Nation mid-year update - John Gizzi & Simone Thornton gave a presentation about academic programs, improving communication, and attendance at the Onondaga Nation School.

X. Calendar Review

- A. March 30th - No School for all staff and students
- B. April 2nd - Grimshaw GAPS 6:30pm
- C. April 3rd - Grimshaw Dollar Dog Day
- D. April 9th - Grimshaw Merry go round - The Chicken Thing
- E. April 11th - ELA TESTING
- F. April 11th - BP Open House
- G. April 12th - ELA TESTING
- H. April 12th - BOE Meeting @5:30 in BP Commons

XI. Financial Reports - FYI

- A. Cash flow - February 2018
- B. Claims Auditor Reports and Warrants - February 2018
- C. Financials - February 2018

XII. Closing Remarks

- A. Public Communications to the Board  
Discussion regarding security near the cafeteria in the morning at Jr/Sr High School.

XIII. Proposed Executive Session

- A. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of medical and employment history of a particular individual and contract negotiations at 7:02 p.m. to include School Attorney Craig Atlas.

**Motion:        1st: C.Dwyer        2nd: J.LeBlanc**

**Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent: 2 (M. Whitney, R.S. Reyburn)**

Craig Atlas left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

B. Reconvene into Open Session at 9:25 pm.

**Motion: 1st:C.Dwyer 2nd:J.Gates**

**Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent: 2 (M. Whitney, R.S. Reyburn)**

XIV. Adjournment

A. Adjourn the Meeting 9:26 pm.

**Motion: 1st:G.Oelkers 2nd:J. LeBlanc**

**Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent: 2 (M. Whitney, R.S. Reyburn)**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vanessa Tryon