

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
April 12, 2018

- I. Opening
 - A. Call to Order - The regular Board of Education meeting for the LaFayette Central School District was called to order at 5:31 pm by President Dow. In attendance were Trustees C. Dwyer, J. Gates, J. LeBlanc, G. Oelkers, R. S. Reyburn, and M. Whitney, Superintendent Jeremy Belfield, Assistant Superintendent for Business Tiffany Turner, District Clerk Vanessa Tryon, Alessandra Erickson, Susan Osborne, Sue Bang, Sean Zehner, Patricia Sandusky, Nancy Redmore, Erin Virnoche, Jeff Virnoche, Erin Oristian, Nancy Legra-Garcia, Tiana Poplawski, Tom LaRose, Mr. Schaefer
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Dow at 5:32 pm.
 - C. Opening Remarks
- II. District Presentations and Reports
 - A. Art Scholastic Awards - Heidi Carr and Danielle Robinson recognized students who submitted artwork for the Central New York Scholastic Art Awards. Ms. Carr shared that Adam Schaefer went on to achieve a national recognition for his work. Students were presented with certificates of recognition.
 - B. Student Award - Carolyn Redmore - English teacher Maura Daly-Picotti recognized Carolyn who recently earned 2,000,000 points on Vocabulary.com and mastered 675 new words.
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Regular Minutes - March 15, 2018

Motion:Carried 1st: C. Dwyer 2nd:R.S. Reyburn
Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain:2 (G. Oelkers, J. Leblanc) Absent:0
 - B. Regular Minutes - March 29, 2018

Motion:Carried 1st:G. Oelkers 2nd:J. Gates
Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain:2 (M. Whitney, R.S. Reyburn) Absent:0
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Student Safety - Superintendent Belfield gave an update on student safety. The district has reviewed safety plans, conducted a security assessment, sought input from the public on ways to improve security, subscribed to an application to assist with safety training and response, increased time for Onondaga County Sheriff deputies, and reviewed supports for students with our mental health committee. The district has also been working with our architects to plan a redesign of the main entrance at the Onondaga Nation School along with replacement of the exterior doors.
 - B. Online Safety and Security - Sean Zehner and Patricia Sandusky provided a general update for the board on items relative to the corrective action plan. Pat has been reviewing and reconfiguring firewall access. Sean Zehner provided awareness training for staff during opening day. Also, Mr. Zehner has conducted a phishing email test with staff. Mr. Zehner serves on the professional development committee and is looking to provide more training on ways that staff can protect data. The technology department has installed five digital displays at the Onondaga Nation School. Also, we are looking at a four year replacement cycle for Chromebooks. The district is also using a new inventory management program available through CiTi BOCES.

Teacher desktop computers will be replaced with laptops. Desktop computers at Grimshaw are ready to be replaced this summer. The district has moved most servers off-site. Mr. Zehner also updated the board on computer based testing: Grimshaw is done and the HS has one more day of testing. There were a few challenges with computer based testing which included a cyberattack on BOCES. In the upcoming future, the district will continue to develop policies and procedures to mitigate risk with data access and control.

V. Communications

A. Board Member Updates -

VI. New Business

VII. Superintendent's Report

- A. Mr. Belfield updated the board on the New York State budget and school aid for LaFayette. The district is receiving the additional revenue that was anticipated at budget adoption compared to the executive budget proposal. Our 2018-19 budget will continue to support our programs here at LaFayette and provide the following enhancements: additional school security officer time, expand opportunities for high school students to earn college credits, continue our 1:1 technology initiative, continue our maintenance equipment replacement plan, keep our tax levy increase under the cap, maintain one of the lowest school tax rates in Onondaga County, and improve the financial condition of the district from fiscally stressed to financially sound.
- B. Mr. Belfield updated the board on recent school counseling requirements passed by the New York State Board of Regents which requires all students K-12 to have access to a school counselor. With the retirement of Bob Risavi, Social Worker at Grimshaw, the social worker position at Grimshaw will be changed to a school counselor. This will bring the district in compliance with these new requirements.
- C. The New York State Board of Regents recently approved changes to the requirements for school calendars. The changes allow districts to have increased flexibility to offer more shortened days of instruction. Mr. Belfield distributed a draft calendar to the board and stated that the calendar would be placed on the next board agenda for formal consideration by the board. Mr. Belfield thanked the members of the district planning committee for their work with developing the 2018-19 school calendar.
- D. Mr. Belfield updated the board on New York State English Language Arts Testing for students in grades 3-8. Students at the Onondaga Nation School showed increased participation in with the exams. Students at Grimshaw and the Junior-Senior High participated in computer-based testing. Mr. Belfield thanked the students and staff for their participation and patience during ELA testing.
- E. Mr. Belfield shared that students in Ms. Jean's classroom recently welcomed baby chickens as part of their study of the life cycle of chickens. Be sure to stop by Ms. Jean's classroom to see the cute new arrivals.

VIII. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Board Action Items

- 1. East Syracuse Minoa School District Health and Wellness Contract and Invoice - 2017-2018
- 2. CSE, CPSE, and 504 Recommendations
- 3. Surplus Vehicle
- 4. Shared Employee Agreement
- 5. Private/Parochial Transportation 2018-2019
- 6. Syracuse City School District Health and Wellness Contract and Invoice - 2017-2018

7. Board of Education Policy Review - First Reading to include change to second paragraph of Policy 6150 to change "workplace" to "school property (example: buildings, fields and vehicles" and adding "school sponsored trips"
8. Civil Rights Compliance Officer Appointment
9. Position Resolution
10. Updated Property Tax Report Card

B. Approval of Personnel Items

1. Resignation
2. Substitute Appointment
3. Supervisor Appointment 2018-2019

Motion: 1st: R.S. Reyburn 2nd: C. Dwyer

Discussion regarding changing policy 6150 should say on school property instead of workplace and adding school sponsored trips. Discussion changing student policy to reflect definition of school property as well.

Vote: Yes:7 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent:0

IX. Board Non-Action Items

- A. Strategic Plan Update - Big Picture is leading the schools in our district with a dramatic increase in student attendance. We continue to celebrate the academic achievements of our students. Ms. Tryon is working on posters for the new mission, vision, and tag line along with a page on the website.

X. Calendar Review

- A. 4/13/2018
 1. Big Picture Film Festival
 2. End of 30 Week Period
 3. Grimshaw has Literacy Night @ 7:00pm
- B. 4/17/2018
 1. Grimshaw - Dollar Dog Day
- C. 4/19/2018
 1. Grimshaw - Merry go round - Career Workshop
 2. Highschool - Jr High Career Fair
 3. Highschool - Jr High Honor Society Induction
- D. 4/20/2018
 1. ONS - Spring Dinner
- E. 4/15/2018-4/21/2018
 1. Native American Heritage Week
- F. 4/23/2018-4/27/2018
 1. Spring Recess
- G. 5/1/2018
 1. Grimshaw - 1st grade goes to hospital land
 2. Grimshaw - Dollar Dog Day
 3. Highschool - Spanish I class going to the ZOO
 4. NYS Math Assessments
- H. 5/2/2018
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2. NYS Math Assessments

I. 5/3/2018

1. Grimshaw - 1st grade goes to hospital land
2. BOE Meeting @5:30pm in Big Picture Commons Area

XI. Closing Remarks

A. Public Communications to the Board

1. Tom LaRose - update on jump rope for heart - reached goal so Superintendent Belfield can prepare for slimming.

XII. Proposed Executive Session

- A. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of collective bargaining and personnel medical history of certain individuals discussions to include Tiana Poplawski and Nancy Legra-Garcia clerical union representatives at 6:24 pm.

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

Vote: Yes:7 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent:0

Tiana Poplawski and Nancy Legra-Garcia left the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Tiffany Turner left the meeting at 8:49 pm

- B. Reconvene into Open Session at 9:26pm..

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

Vote: Yes:7 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent:

XIII. Adjournment

- A. Adjourn the Meeting 9:28 pm.

Motion: 1st: J. Gates2nd: J. LeBlanc

Vote: Yes:7 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent:

Respectfully Submitted,
Vanessa Tryon