

LaFayette Central School District  
Board of Education - Regular Meeting  
Location: Jr/Sr High School Auditorium  
3122 US Route 11  
LaFayette, New York 13084  
July 20, 2017

I. Opening

- A. Call to Order - The regular Board of Education meeting for the LaFayette Central School District was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Dow. In attendance are Trustees G. Oelkers, C. Dwyer, J. Gates, J. LeBlanc, S. Reyburn, Superintendent Jeremy Belfield, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Deputy District Clerk Tiffany Turner, Jason Ryan, Dr. Karen Ocque, Joseph Fox, Tiana Poplawski, Jerry Kelly, Tom LaRose, Joe Heath, Sarah Moses, Jenna Macaulay, Anne Courtwright, Kristin Angello, Esther Wanlass, Mackenzie McElhannon, Nancy Powless, Wendy Gonyea, Awenheeyoh Powless, Sue Bang, Tadodaho Sid Hill, Edye Waterman, Lorena Coulm, Steve Thomas, Olson Gibson, Kristeen Cool, Renata, Yvonne Henhawk.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Dow at 5:31 pm.
- C. Opening Remarks

II. Administration of Oath to Elected Board Members

- A. Administration of Oath of Elected Board Members - Deputy District Clerk Turner administered Oaths of Office for Trustees Carole Dwyer and Ronald Shawn Reyburn.

III. Election of Officers

- A. Vice President - It was recommended that Trustee Oelkers be appointed to the position of vice-president of the board of education.

**Motion: 1st: J. LeBlanc 2nd: C. Dwyer**  
**Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 (M. Whitney)**

IV. Proposed Executive Session - **POSTPONED UNTIL THE END.**

V. Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Minutes - July 6, 2017
- B. Reorganizational Meeting Minutes - July 6, 2017

**Motion: Carried 1st: J. Gates 2nd: J. LeBlanc**  
**Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 2 (C. Dwyer, G. Oelkers) Absent: 1 (M. Whitney)**

VI. District Presentations and Reports

- A. Gawennahawi's - Onondaga Nation Education Advisory Committee - Awenheeho Powless read the mission statement of the Onondaga Nation Education Advisory Committee and purpose. She then read a statement in regards to the relationship between the Onondaga Nation community and the LaFayette Central School District. President Dow thanked the Committee and stated that the Board recognizes you would like more control in the school and the District is reviewing its options.

VII. Old Business

- A. Capital Project Update- Assistant Superintendent Turner discussed that the District has had a couple of meeting with architects to kickoff the schematic design for the new capital project. It is anticipated that the design work will go through Fall of 2017 and completion of construction

documents in January 2018 with SED submission. It is anticipated that the submission will be approved during the summer of 2018 and the majority of construction will take place during the summer of 2019.

It was discussed that the project would be funded with State aid.

- B. Online Safety and Security - Phone conference scheduled for Monday, July 24th with Greycastle and SMP to discuss the next phase and onsite interviews of control owners in August.

VIII. Communications

- A. Board Member Updates

IX. New Business

X. Superintendent's Report

- A. Update on the Onondaga Nation School - Mr. Belfield welcomed members from the Onondaga Nation Education Advisory Committee and shared that he would like to meet with the committee as soon as possible. Mr. Belfield suggested some ideas to assist the district and the Onondaga Nation community in preparing for the opening of the 2017-18 school year. The district has been reaching out to prospective interim principal candidates. Mr. Belfield would like to meet with the Onondaga Nation Education Advisory Committee to discuss a possible interim principal candidate. Ms. Linda Llewellyn, retired Assistant Superintendent from Homer, is interested in serving as interim principal. Mr. Belfield has also suggested that additional administrative support be provided to the Onondaga Nation School community to assist in building a more positive relationship. The district has suggested adding an Educational Coordinator for Onondaga Language and Culture. This individual would work with the district, the Onondaga Nation Education Advisory Committee, and the Onondaga Nation leadership to address the needs of the school community. New York State Education department is aware of the request for this position and is looking to provide additional funding for this position to the Onondaga Nation School fund.
- B. Update on NYS Every Student Succeeds Act - Mr. Belfield provided the board with an update on the NYS Every Student Succeeds Act. There are many positive changes that are coming for schools in New York State.
- C. Board Retreat - The Board Retreat will be held on August 3, 2017 at the University Sheridan Hotel. The district has invited members from the LaFayette Teachers' Association for a discussion on proposed district goals. After our discussion with the teachers' association, Colleen Heindrich, School Attorney, will present on "Clear and Direct Communication Between the Board and the Superintendent".

XI. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Board Action Items
  1. CSE, CPSE, and 504 Recommendations
  2. Policy 3280 - Community Use of School Facilities, Materials, and Equipment - Third and Final Reading
  3. Policy 3210 - Visitors to the School - Third and Final Reading
  4. Policy 5660 - School Food Service Program (Lunch and Breakfast)/ School District Nutrition Advisory Committee - Second Reading

5. Gift from Merry Go Round Playhouse
6. Health and Welfare Contract 2017-2018 - Fayetteville Manlius

B. Approval of Personnel Items

1. Interscholastic Appointment 2017-2018
2. Non Instructional Appointment 2017-2018
3. Co-Curricular Appointments 2017-2018

**Motion:Carried    1st: G. Oelkers    2nd: J. Gates**

Trustee Dwyer asked if a time limit for notification could be interjected into Policy 3210. Superintendent Belfield stated that it could be included in the Policy or the Regulation. It was decided to update the regulations after the policy update.

**Vote: Yes:6 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent: 1 (M. Whitney)**

XII. Board Non-Action Items

- A. Strategic Plan Update - The theme for the district strategic plan is Achieving Excellence. District administrators are currently reviewing attendance and academic data. The retreat with the administrative team will focus on establishing SMART goals to improve overall student performance.
- B. Communication - Mr. Belfield has been creating weekly updates are posted on the school website in the section labeled - From the Desk of the Superintendent. There is also a survey for the community to allow staff, students, and community members to share ideas on what makes LaFayette great and how we can make it even better. As of July 19th, the district has received 27 responses to the survey.

XIII. Calendar Review

- A. Upcoming Events - President Dow reviewed the following upcoming events:  
July 24 - July 26: Social Studies Summer Work  
July 27 - Professional Development Committee Summer Work  
July 31 - August 2: Art, Culture, Language, Music, Technology, FACS, Health, Physical Education Summer Work  
August 3: Board of Education Summer Retreat  
August 7 & 8: Administration Retreat  
August 10: Board of Education Meeting

XIV. Financial Reports - None

XV. Closing Remarks

- A. Public Communications to the Board - The Board of Education has set aside this time as an opportunity for the community to address the Board. Comments should be related to school matters, and be limited to three (3) minutes. The Board President will indicate when your time has expired. When recognized, address your concerns to the Board and not the audience. Your comments may not address specific staff or students as this presents privacy concerns. Individuals wishing to raise such concerns should do so in accordance with the chain of command guidelines. In addition, such concerns may be communicated to the Board in writing.

1. Nancy Powless asked what was the reason for the newly created Education Coordinator position and what is the difference between the Home School Liaison position and the newly created position. Superintendent Belfield stated that he had been in contact with the State Education Department and found that other Native American Schools have similar positions of educational coordinators and this position would be a resource to both the district and the nation community to identify areas of mutual concern and form a positive relationships. He has gathered a job description from other districts. The Home School Liaison position works with students and families directly, whereas the Education Coordinator position would work with the leadership of the Onondaga Nation and the leadership of the District. There was a suggestion to post the new position in Native American communities.
2. Renata - Discussed the mission statement of the District. She then discussed the ISLLC Standards and highly effective leaders. She discussed improving and maintaining a positive culture for learning to meet the learning needs of all students. She expressed her concern for a continued contract between LaFayette Central School District and the State Education Department.
3. Yvonne Henhawk - Discussed the new position and the interim position.
4. Assistant Superintendent for Business Turner - clarified that the funding for the capital project was a combination of state aid and expiring debt from prior projects.
5. Awenheeyo Poweless - Discussed the importance of having someone who is going to educate themselves about the Onondaga Nation Culture.

XVI. Proposed Executive Session

- A. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of contract negotiations and personnel at 6:16pm.

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

**Vote: Yes: 6 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent: 1 (M. Whitney)**

Jerry Kelly left executive session at 7:41 p.m.

Jason Ryan left executive session at 8:22 p.m.

- B. Reconvene into Open Session at 8:58 pm.

**Motion:Carried 1st: R. Reyburn 2nd: J. Gates**

**Vote: Yes:6 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent: 1 (M. Whitney)**

Oath of Office for Vice-President of the Board of Education was administered to Trustee Gary Oelkers.

XVII. Adjournment

- A. Adjourn the Meeting 9:03 pm.

**Motion:Carried 1st: R. Reyburn 2nd: J. Gates**

**Vote: Yes:6 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent: 1(M. Whitney)**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tiffany Turner