

**LA FAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION: District Office Conference Room
5955 US Route 20, West
LaFayette, New York 13084
September 8, 2016**

I. Opening

- A. Call to Order - The Regular Board of Education meeting for LaFayette Central School District was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Johnson. In attendance were Trustees M. LaCava, M. Whitney, G. Oelkers, J. LeBlanc, T. Scofield, S. Dow, Superintendent Laura Lavine, Assistant Superintendent of Business Tiffany Turner, District Clerk Vanessa Tryon, Kim Reppi, Diane Ellsworth, Jim Kesler, Brittany Cole, Alessandra Erickson, Jerry Kelly, Jim Kesler, Jenn Blosssey, Jason Ryan, Sue Bang, Karen Ocque, Matt Dodge, and Denise Dodge.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Johnson at 5:30 pm
- C. Opening Remarks - President Johnson opened our meeting with a moment of silence for Eliza Bailey's husband and Zoila Romeu's Mother.

II. Proposed Executive Session - **Postponed until the end of the night**

- A. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of _____ at ____:____ pm.
- B. Reconvene into Open Session at ____:____ pm.

III. New Business

- A. Sportsmanship at Athletic Contests - Mr. Whitney mentioned that at many of our athletic activities, we provide a code of conduct. Other schools also do this and make an announcement before the competition as to how spectators should behave he asked if that announcement could be made at all of our contest. Mr. Kelly replied that we can but it would be difficult to get everyone's attention at outside events. Mr. Kelly also shared his opinion that we do well at handling unsportsmanlike conduct which does not occur often. Superintendent Lavine said that for years LaFayette has had a reputation for class and sportsmanship which she attributed to Mr. Kelly's leadership. Mr. Kelly said he would check with Section III about looking into the rules and policies of unsportsmanship like conduct.
- B. Awards Ceremony - Mr. Whitney suggested that the Awards ceremony were more efficient it wouldn't take as long. Superintendent Lavine and Principal Ryan will address the concern.
- C. Discussion about Possible Rural Schools Association Visit - Superintendent Lavine discussed our subscription to Rural School Association and suggested that RSA be invited to a board meeting. The board indicated their approval.
- D. Central Business Office Discussion - Superintendent Lavine met with a local business owner which led to a discussion about how we handle Accounts Payable, she recommended that we explore returning to having our own accounts payable person in district instead of using the BOCES service starting in the 17-18 school year. The board indicated their approval.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Minutes - August 25, 2016

Motion:Carried 1st: M.LaCava 2nd:S.Dow

Vote: Yes:4 No:0 Abstain:3 (M.Whitney, M.Johnson, G.Oelkers) Absent:0

V. District Presentations and Reports

- A. Internal Claims Auditor - Mrs. Reppi gave a brief overview of her role and responsibilities with regard to internal claims auditing. She reminded the board about her monthly report to them. There were no questions.

VI. Old Business

- A. Capital Project Update - Mr. Kesler met with Mr. Griffin last week to discuss punchlist items, many electrical items have been completed. We are moving forward with final payments. Tonight's rain revealed a couple of leaks in the High School roof. Mr. Kesler will contact the roofing company. The corridor is 99% complete. We are waiting for a light and adjusting shelves. The new lettering is up on Grimshaw and the new sign is up at the District Office. Mr. Kesler mentioned lead and copper testing. We are one of a few schools using wells, therefore, we are considered a distributor. The governor signed a bill requiring us to complete additional testing. Mr. Kesler is compiling a list of areas that need to be tested every five years. Grimshaw has more than 100 sources that need to be tested. This means instead of the small cooler we usually send away, it will be a truck carrying all of the samples.
- B. Online Safety and Security - Superintendent Lavine delivered the report to Mr. Whitney who some background on it. He indicated that he wants all vulnerabilities.

VII. Communications

- A. Board Member Updates

- VIII. Superintendent's Report - The opening of school went extremely well. Our student enrollment has increased to 919. We have not had more than 900 students in approximately five years. Twenty nine of those students are paying tuition. Two great days opening for students. Enrollment is growing. Ms. Blossey will be at 391 by monday, approaching 400. Total enrollment is at 919. We haven't been in the 900 range in 5 years. 29 of those students are paying tuition to come here. The 5:30pm bus run has started. Mr. Scofield Indicated LaFayette Hall of Fame is moving at lightening speed, invitations have been mailed, the event will be at the marriott downtown. we will host at Marriott downtown. We are still working on sponsorships. The Hall of Fame will cost approximately \$12,000 a year, we are looking to get three large sponsors who will support us for three years to ensure that the cost is covered. We are waiting for final Biographies to complete the program.

- A. The new sound system for the football field is in place and sounds wonderful. Great opening overall.

IX. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Board Action Items
1. Move Board Meeting Date
 2. Budget Transfers - September 8, 2016
 3. CPSE, CSE, and 504 Recommendations
- B. Approval of Personnel Items
1. Substitute Appointments 2016-2017
 2. Instructional Appointment 2016-2017
 3. Interscholastic Appointment 2016-2017
 4. Clerical Appointment 2016-2017
 5. Resignation 2016-2017
 6. Non-Instructional Appointment 2016-2017

Motion: Carried 1st: M.LaCava 2nd: J.LeBlanc

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

- X. Board Non-Action Items
- A. Strategic Plan Update - Superintendent Lavine handed out the draft of the revised Strategic Plan. The trustees indicated that it is accurate.
 - B. Board Policy Updates - Superintendent Lavine explained her recommendation for having Erie 1 BOCES revise our entire board policy manual. The total cost would be approximately \$8,400 dollars over 2+ years with 70% aide-able. Mr. Whitney asked if we could get a lower cost. Superintendent Lavine indicated she would try. Trustees agree it is worth moving forward.
- XI. Calendar Review
- A. Upcoming Events
 1. GAPS Meeting on September 12th at 6:30pm
 2. Picture Day on September 15th
 3. GS Curriculum night and Band Night on September 15th
 4. Pep Rally and Homecoming on September 16th
 5. Welcome Back dinner and Open House at ONS on September 20th
 6. Next BOE Meeting on WEDNESDAY 21st will be at BP Commons
- XII. Financial Reports-FYI - No updates tonight, will be at the next meeting.
- XIII. Closing Remarks
- A. Public Communications to the Board - Matt Dodge made a comment to the Board Thanking them for taking care of employees during the food service transition making sure everyone was taking care of.
- XIV. Proposed Executive Session
- A. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel at 6:33 pm.

Motion:Carried 1st:M.LaCava 2nd:G.Oelkers

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

Superintendent Lavine and Assistant Superintendent for Business Turner were excused from Executive Session at 8:33 p.m.

- B. Reconvene into Open Session at 9:44 pm.

Motion:Carried 1st:M.LaCava 2nd:G.Oelkers

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

- XV. Adjournment

- A. Adjourn the Meeting at 9:45 pm.

Motion:Carried 1st: M.LaCava 2nd: J.LeBlanc

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Vanessa Tryon

District Clerk