

food pantry. During the last week of March, Grimshaw students participated in a pajama day fundraiser. Students paid \$1 to wear their pajamas with the proceeds going to Arise and Ski in honor of a Grimshaw student who is diagnosed with cerebral palsy. Arise and Ski is an adaptive winter sports program that provides ski lessons to individuals with a variety of disabilities. The Grimshaw staff also helped Mr. Belfield and others raise money for pediatric cancer awareness. Grimshaw staff members participated in a Minute to Win It competition. Competitors paid \$5 to participate with the proceeds benefiting the Lancers vs Cancer St. Baldrick's team. The staff raised over \$250 to help Mr. Belfield, Melissa McElroy-Elve from ONS, and several others who participated in the St. Baldrick's event in March at Kitty Hoynes. Thank you to our Grimshaw family for a great month of giving back.

- B. Rock Fest- On Friday March 29th, the Jr/Sr High hosted the 2019 Rock Fest. Proceeds from the event benefit the Matt Nastasi Memorial Scholarship Fund. This year's event raised \$1,500 for the scholarship. Students from all grade levels enjoyed a unique musical experience. Thank you to Mr. Fox and Ms. Edwards for all of their efforts for this great cause.
- C. Maple Syrup Education Project at ONS - Faith Keeper Parker Booth, Mr. Gizzi, and Ms. Gonyea have been busy with updating the Maple Syrup Education Program at the Onondaga Nation School. The school was in need of a new maple syrup boiler and evaporator. We worked with the Onondaga Nation Education Board and the New York State Education Department to use supplemental funds provided through the contract with the state to purchase a new maple syrup boiler and evaporator. Faith Keeper Parker Booth, Nation work crews, and several others have assisted with getting the new equipment up and running. Maple Syrup is important to the Onondaga Nation community not only as a cultural tradition, but it is also used as a common sweetener for many traditional foods, celebrated through various ceremonies and used as a traditional medicine. Thank you to Faith Keeper Parker Booth, Gaweñnahawi's, NYSED, and the ONS administration for keeping this important tradition going.
- D. NYS ELA Exam Participation- Students in grades 3-8 took the NYS ELA exam at the beginning of April. While several other schools across the state experienced issues with Computer Based Testing, our schools in LaFayette were spared these issues because we delayed administration of the exams. Our students and staff did a great job with exam administration and we saw big increases in test participation. 99% of students at Grimshaw took the exam, 98% of students at the Jr/Sr High participated, and 85% of our students at ONS took the NYS ELA exam. For students who chose not to take the state exam, we did offer a locally developed assessment so that the district could gain information on how these students are performing on standardized testing measurers. Thank you to our students and staff for all of their efforts relative to the NYS ELA Exam. We are looking forward to continued improvement and success with our academic program and we will use these exam results to help identify any student needs or professional development needs for our staff. As we look ahead to the Math tests at the beginning of May, we will continue to encourage students to take the state exam and offer an alternative exam for those students who choose not to take the state test.

VIII. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Board Action Items

1. LaFayette Central School Board of Education Policy Review - First reading for policies 7610, 7611, 7612, 7613, 7614, 7615, 7616, 7617, 7620, 7621, 7631, 7632, 7640, 7641, 7642, 7643, 7650, 7660, 7670, 7680 and 7690
 2. CSE, CPSE, and 504 Recommendations
 3. Budget Vote Clerks
 4. Property Tax Report Card
- B. Approval of Personnel Items
1. Non-Instructional Appointment 2018-2019
 2. Substitute Appointment 2018-2019
 3. Resignation 2018-2019

Motion:Carried 1st:R. S. Reyburn 2nd:C. Dwyer
Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent:2 (M. Whitney, G. Oelkers)

IX. Board Non-Action Items

- A. Strategic Plan Update - The district is in the process of distributing school climate surveys to staff, students, and parents to gain feedback on ways that we can enhance the school experience for all stakeholders. Our building principals at the Jr/Sr High and ONS are soliciting members to serve on their school improvement teams. The district is also putting together a school improvement team and soliciting membership from school staff, students, parents, and we would welcome participation from our board members. The dates for the district-wide improvement plan meeting are as follows: DCIP: May 6th, May 20th, June 3rd - 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Jr Sr HS
 If you are interested in participating, please contact the district office.

X. Calendar

- A. 4/15/19 through 4/19/19 - Spring Break for all staff and students
- B. 4/22/19 - Board of Education Meeting 5:30pm @ Big Picture Commons

XI. Closing Remarks

- A. Public Communications to the Board

XII. Proposed Executive Session

- A. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Employee history of certain individuals, update from the Clerical unit and contract negotiations at 6:06 pm.

Motion:Carried 1st:J. Gates 2nd: C. Dwyer
Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent:2 (M. Whitney, G. Oelkers)

- B. Reconvene into Open Session at 8:15 pm.

Motion: Carried 1st:J. Gates 2nd: C. Dwyer
Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent:2 (M. Whitney, G. Oelkers)

XIII. Adjournment

- A. Adjourn the Meeting at 8:15 pm.

Motion: Carried 1st:J. Gates 2nd: J. LeBlanc
Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent:2 (M. Whitney, G. Oelkers)

Respectfully Submitted,
Vanessa Tryon