

**LA FAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL
LaFayette, New York 13084**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Board Meeting
January 9, 2014 Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, January 9, 2014, at the District Office. President Scofield called the meeting to order at approximately 7:02 p.m. Present were: Trustees Whitney, Akl and Dodge. Also in attendance were Superintendent Tigh, School Business Official Nesbitt, Non-Voting Onondaga Representative Jacques and Board Clerk Munnell. Others in attendance were: Charles Borgognoni and Donald Dodge.

Vice President Keefe and Trustee Sofranko were excused for the meeting.

II. Opening Remarks – President Scofield said that tonight's meeting was a regular meeting of the Board with a presentation from CNYSBA President Borgognoni.

III. Executive Session – None

IV. District Presentations and Reports

A. Presentation

CNYSBA President Charles Borgognoni thanked the Board for allowing him to present. He handed out information with regard to open community forums that have been set up to get communities involved with their legislators. The forums are designed to educate, motivate and for the community to be an effective advocate for our kids, our schools, and our future. They are designed to help understand fiscal language. Mr. Borgognoni is asking school districts to bring 20 community members to the meeting.

B. Oral Communications

Don Dodge inquired to the Board about an investigation that was held over the summer. He said he heard nothing has been decided. Superintendent Tigh said he would call Mr. Dodge on Friday to talk to him about it. Mr. Dodge also asked about the building project vote that was held in October and why was it moved to the Grimshaw School and not held in the usual location and day. He also wanted to inform the Board that he would be running for a Board seat in April.

Community Connections – President Scofield notified the Board that former music teacher, Jean Suters, passed away on Wednesday, January 8. She was a beloved teacher for many years. Jean will be missed by the LaFayette community. Superintendent Tigh apprised the Board of an article in the CNY magazine that published an article about Ada Jacques, an accomplished artist in the Onondaga Nation community and Freida Jacques' mother.

V. Approval of Minutes

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A motion by Trustee Whitney and seconded by Trustee Dodge

Motion carried: Yes – 4 No – 0

Trustee LaCava arrived at 7:22 p.m.

VI. Old Business

A. Review Policy 7132-Admission of Non-Resident Students – The Board is in favor of setting up a committee to further discuss Policy 7132 before bringing it back to the Board for readings. Trustee Akl volunteered to chair, along with Trustee LaCava and President Scofield.

- B. Archery Program – Superintendent Tigh said Paula Cowling, Director of Curriculum and Instruction has been working on getting additional information regarding an archery program initiated by Trustee Dodge. She gave Mr. Tigh information from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Onondaga Central School District is interested and they have a training session scheduled for next month.
- C. School Resource Officer – Trustee Whitney asked if there is an update. Trustee LaCava is working on research and the report is not complete. He suggests forming a committee to discuss further.

VII. New Business

- A. Superintendent Tigh distributed a hand-out from BOCES regarding an upcoming facilities vote that encompasses 23 component districts. Everyone can vote on the proposal on January 23, 2014. Information has been posted on the district website.
- B. School Business Official Nesbitt told the Board about new legislation regarding tax exemptions for veterans. The Board would need to have a hearing and adopt a resolution.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, a motion by Trustee LaCava and seconded by Trustee Whitney to approve Item A1-6 and B 1-2:

- A. Board Action Items - Consent
 - 1. Approve Treasurer's Report – November 2013
 - 2. Approve Architectural Contract
 - 3. Approve Disposal of Educational Materials – ONS
 - 4. Approve Title IV and Section 504 Compliance Officer
 - 5. Approve Laura Lavine as a Lead Evaluator
 - 6. Approve CSE Committee Recommendations
- B. Personnel
 - 1. Resignation – 2013-2014
 - a. Instructional -#6
 - b. Non-Instructional - #6
 - 2. Appointment – 2013-2014
 - a. Non-Instructional - #10
 - b. Interscholastic - #4

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

- C. Board Non-Action Items
- D. Communications
- E. Calendar Review

Next Board meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the District Office. A pre-meeting with the LTA is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

IX. Financial Reports - FYI

- A. Budget Status – as of November 2013
- B. Cash Flow – as of November 2013
- C. Claims Auditor Report – November 2013
- D. Warrants - #1H, 3F, 5R, 14A

X. Closing Remarks

Oral Communications

- A. Trustee Whitney asked for an update of Mr. and Mrs. Verzosa's request for veteran representation in the school district. Superintendent Tigh responded by telling the Board that he spoke with a high school teacher who has a son that is a veteran and would be excited to undertake this venture. He also said the district has taken a step by identifying military families with the building principals.

XI. Request for Executive Session

XII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Trustee Akl and seconded by Trustee Whitney at approximately 8:35 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes - 5 No – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Munnell
District Clerk