

LA FAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL
LaFayette, New York 13084

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting - Amended
December 11, 2014 Minutes

1) Opening

A. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, December 11, 2014, at the Onondaga Nation School Library. President Dodge called the meeting to order at approximately 5:34 p.m. Present were: Trustees Scofield, Whitney, Johnson, LaCava, and D. Dodge. Also in attendance were Superintendent Lavine, Board Clerk Munnell, and Onondaga Nation Representative Jacques. Others in attendance were: Administrators Greg Bump, Karen Ocque and Diane Ellsworth; James Dow, Khan Tran, Tiana Poplawski, Paula Thompson, Simone Thornton, Jim Kesler, Laura Calla, and Linda Lamson.

Excused were: Trustee Keefe and School Business Official Turner.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

President Dodge led the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Opening Remarks

President Dodge said there would be a brief Executive Session at the beginning of the meeting.

2) Executive Session

A. On the recommendation of President Dodge to enter into Executive Session to include representatives of the Clerical Unit, a motion to discuss Part f. of Policy 1730-the medical, financial, credit or employment history of any particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of any particular person or corporation was made by Trustee Scofield, seconded by Trustee LaCava to enter into Executive Session at 5:35 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0 Absent – 2 (Whitney, Keefe)

B. Reconvene into Open Session

A motion to come out of Executive Session by Trustee Scofield and seconded by Trustee LaCava at approximately 6:01 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes - 5 No – 0 Absent – 2 (Whitney, Keefe)

Trustee Whitney arrived at 6:07 p.m.

3) Approval of Minutes

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Motion by Trustee Scofield, Seconded by Trustee LaCava

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0 Absent – 1 (Keefe) Abstain – 1 (D. Dodge)

4) District Presentation and Reports

Onondaga Nation Teacher Simone Thornton reported on her conference for NCTE (National Council of Teachers of English) in Washington, D.C. The title of her presentation was: The Impact of Oral Storytelling at the Onondaga Nation School. The participants created their own stories out of beads and shared their stories. Mrs. Thornton made connections with schools in Arizona and Wisconsin, and professors from SUNY Oswego. She also acquired free books that she plans on sharing with teachers.

She plans on meeting with teachers who are interested in learning more about the workshops that were offered.

Superintendent Lavine remarked that it is a high honor to be selected to present a national conference and is testimony to Mrs. Thornton's hard work and dedication.

A. Oral Communications – Community Connections

President Dodge mentioned that school was out of session the past two days because of the snow. Trustee Scofield said that Lyle Thompson was named "Person of the Year" in the latest issue of Lacrosse Magazine. The Board acknowledged Mr. Kesler, Mr. Sawkins and their staff for the great work in attempting to get the school buildings and parking lots clear so school could re-open.

5) Old Business

None

6) New Business

None

7) Superintendent Report

A. Superintendent Updates Board

- Superintendent Lavine talked about the steps she took in order to close school on both Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday was an obvious call for the snow day but Thursday was a difficult decision. Although the roads were clear and Mr. Greeley, LaFayette Town Supervisor, said the roads were okay, Mr. Kesler said that snow was blocking the exit doors and the parking lots were not cleared enough for the employees to park.
- Ms. Lavine met with the parent group. The dialogue was open and positive.
- A Professional Development day was planned for Friday, December 12 but due to the two snow days, it was cancelled and student had a full-day of instruction.
- Ms. Jacques, Trustee Scofield and Ms. Lavine attended the OMSBA's (Onondaga-Madison School Boards Association) Annual Meeting on Thursday, December 4, featuring a presentation on the Innovation Tech High School located in Liverpool. It is a cutting-edge resource that is focused on preparing our students with the 21st Century skills for life and work in an ever-changing world.
- Ms. Lavine met with the District's Nurses. She thanked Mrs. Bush for her leadership in preparing and agenda and researching the topic. Mrs. Gates, our new nurse at the High School is doing well in her new position. She is quickly learning the staff and students' names.
- Mr. Mike Davis, network administrator, is leaving to go to work in the Hannibal School District. Ms. Lavine met Mr. Carlos Ferrer, BOCES Network Administrator, who will start on December 22.
- Mr. Greg Bump has taken a Superintendent position at Mount Morris School District. He will be leaving at the end of January. He will be greatly missed.
- Ms. Lavine received an email from a Big Picture parent that she shared with the Board. Ms. Lavine commented that its always a gift when someone writes their appreciation.
- Ms. Lavine gave the Board a quick update on the newsletter. The District, in the past, printed and mailed approximately 2,700 copies. Now we are mailing around 105. That is a significant difference and a huge savings for the District.
- Mrs. Turner is returning from maternity leave on Monday, December 15.

On the recommendation of Superintendent Lavine to approve items 8 B, C, D a motion was made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Whitney:

- 8) Consent Agenda – Board Action Items
 - A. Approval of Board Action Items
 - B. Approve Treasurer’s Report - October
 - C. Approve Budget Transfers as of November
 - D. Approve Policy 7132-Admission of Non-Resident Students – 1st Reading

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 (Keefe)

There was discussion about D. Approve Policy 7132-Admission of Non-Resident Students-1st Reading and is subject to revision.

On the recommendation of Superintendent Lavine to approve items 9 B – E, a motion was made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee D. Dodge:

- 9) Consent Agenda – Personnel Items
 - A. Approval of Personnel Items
 - B. Resignation – Administrator #1 2014-2015
 - C. Retirement – Instructional #4 2014-2015
 - D. Appointment – Non-Instructional #10 2014-2015
 - E. Appointment – Substitute #7 2014-2015

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 (Keefe)

- 10) Board Non-Action Items
None

- 11) Communications
None

- 12) Calendar Review
 - A. Upcoming Events – President Dodge stated next Board of Education meeting will be on Thursday, January 8 at the C. Grant Grimshaw Elementary School-Library with a tour of Grimshaw at 6:00 and the regular meeting will begin at 6:30.

President Dodge acknowledged the following events: December 15 Jr./Sr. High School-Winter Concert; December 17 Onondaga Nation School-Winter Concert; December 13 From the Earth Arts & Crafts Festival at ONS; December 24-Christmas Break; January 5-School Re-Opens.

- 13) Financial Reports
None

- 14) Closing Remarks
 - A. Public Communications to the Board

- 15) Executive Session
 - A. Enter into Executive Session
On the recommendation of President Dodge, a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting to enter into Executive Session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of any particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of any particular person or corporation was made by Trustee Whitney, seconded by Trustee Dodge at 7:07 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 (Keefe)

B. Reconvene into Open Session

A motion to come out of Executive Session by Trustee Scofield and seconded by Trustee D. Dodge at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes - 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 (Keefe)

16) Adjournment

A. Adjourn the meeting

A motion to adjourn by Trustee LaCava and seconded by Trustee Whitney at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes - 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 (Keefe)

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Munnell, Board Clerk