

LaFayette Central School District
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Location:The Big Picture School Commons Area
3122 US Route 11 North
LaFayette, New York 13084
January 11, 2018

I. Opening

- A. The regular Board of Education meeting for the LaFayette Central School District was called to order at 5:33 pm by President S. Dow. In attendance were Trustees G. Oelkers, C. Dwyer, J. Gates, J. LeBlanc(entered at 5:39 pm), R. S. Reyburn, M. Whitney, Superintendent Jeremy Belfield, Assistant Superintendent for Business Tiffany Turner, District Clerk Vanessa Tryon, Alessandra Erickson, Ron Cooper, Jim Kesler, Pat Sandusky, Sean Zehner, Jason Ryan, Susan Osborn, Sue Bang, Sue Soares, David Stablin, Mary Conover, Cole Mirizio, Cailin Beebe, Tom LaRose, Anne Mosher, Matt Vonden, and Sheila Mirizio .
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Dow at 5:33 PM
- C. Opening Remarks

II. Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Minutes - December 7, 2017

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

Vote: Yes:4 No:0 Abstain:2 (S.Dow, C.Dwyer) Absent:1 (J. LeBlanc)

III. District Presentations and Reports

- A. Trip to Washington D.C. - Big Picture students Mary Conover, Cole Mirizio, Cailin Beebe presented to the board about a recent trip to Washington DC to attend the Education Reimagined conference. The conference focused on schools that specialize in personalized learning.
- B. Supervisor Update - Ron Cooper, Jim Kesler, and Pat Sandusky.
 - 1. Ron Cooper gave update on the Transportation Department. Mr. Cooper shared about updates to routing software, safety improvements to the buses, and training for the transportation staff.
 - 2. Jim Kesler updated the board on Maintenance & Operations. Mr. Kesler's team has been hard at work completing fire inspections and updating our facilities. Mr. Kesler has been assisting Mr. Belfield and Ms. Turner with the upcoming Capital Project.
 - 3. Pat Sandusky gave an update on technology throughout the district. The district currently has an electronic device for every student in the district. Ms. Sandusky has improved the helpdesk ticketing system to minimize disruptions to our network.
 - 4. Reed Hawke Adult Contributor Award - Jerry Kelly was recently acknowledged for the Believe to Achieve Reed Hawke Adult Contributor Award for his positive contributions to the local athletic community. Mr. Kelly was unable to attend this evening.
 - 5. Recognition of Sue Soares and Ron Cooper - Mr. Cooper and Ms. Soares recently assisted the LaFayette Fire Department. The fire chief asked for a bus to keep fire fighters warm while battling a fire on RT 11 that occurred when we were experience sub-zero temperatures. The board recognized and thanked Sue and Ron for coming to the assistance of our local emergency responders.

President Stephanie Dow left meeting at 6:26pm.

IV. Old Business

- A. Online Safety and Security - Assistant Superintendent Turner discussed that the District is in the process of gathering quotes for penetration and vulnerability testing of IT and has a follow up phone call with the Central New York Regional Information Center regarding security controls and access to technology programs on January 18, 2018.

V. Communications

A. Board Member Updates -

1. M Whitney - There is a throwback basketball game this Sunday, January 14th at 3:30pm at Lemoyne.
2. Stephanie Dow and Gary Oelkers attended the National Honor Society Induction. Twenty-one students were inducted. Trustee Oelkers thanked advisor Maria Edwards and all involved for a nice ceremony.

VI. New Business

VII. Superintendent's Report

- A. Mr. Belfield thanked and recognized the students and staff at the Jr/Sr High and Big Picture who participated in the Day of Giving on December 22nd. Students in grades 9-12 had the chance to travel to different locations and spend time helping others. Students traveled to Grimshaw Elementary, the Onondaga Nation School and volunteered in classrooms. Students traveled to several community sites: Head Start, Good Samaritan, Meals on Wheels, Rescue Mission, Van Duyn, and the Food Bank. Students in grades 7 & 8 had the make microwaveable heating pads for the elderly, dresses for girls in developing countries, cards for soldiers overseas, and bookmarks for their classmates.
- B. Mr. Belfield updated the board on outstanding payments from the New York State Education Department for Native American student tuition aid, transportation aid, and reimbursement for operating the Onondaga Nation School for 2016-17. Since the last board meeting, NYSED has paid the district \$808,000 in outstanding Native American transportation aid for 2016-17. The district is still waiting on payments of \$1.5 million for Native American tuition aid and \$2.6 million in reimbursement for operating the Onondaga Nation School for 2016-17. Mr. Belfield and Assistant Superintendent Turner are in regular communication with NYSED regarding these outstanding payments. The business is closely monitoring how these outstanding payments are impacting cash flow.
- C. On December 19th, Assistant Superintendent Turner presented the 2017-18 operating budget for the Onondaga Nation School fund, and the supplemental budgets for ONS and the Jr/Sr High to representatives from the Onondaga Nation leadership and Onondaga Nation Education Board. The presentation was well received, the audience asked many great questions, and shared great ideas for the budgets.
- D. The New York State Education Department has released proposed changes for school calendars. Schools will still be required to be in session for 180 days. The proposed regulations would allow school districts greater flexibility in scheduling shortened student contact days as long as schools meet for a minimum number of hours per school year. Also, NYSED released the assessment calendar for 2018-19. Based on the assessment calendar, NYSED has established rating day, which is the last day of the 2018-19 school year, as June 26, 2018.

- E. Mr. Belfield updated the board on the new school website design which will be released on January 29, 2018.
- F. Mr. Belfield congratulated the recent inductees for the National Honor Society. Mr. Belfield thanked the staff involved in the selection of the NHS candidates and the families who came out for the induction ceremony.
- G. Mr. Belfield updated the board on the submission of the capital project. Based on the detailed design estimate, the project is currently over budget. Mr. Belfield, Assistant Superintendent Turner, and Mr. Kesler will meet with our architects and construction manager on January 19, 2018 at 8:30 AM in the district office to review modifications to the design in order to bring the project back within budget. Board members are welcome to attend the meeting.
- H. On January 8, 2018, Assistant Superintendent Turner held the first community budget meeting for the 2018-19 budget. Budget committee members are reviewing the current 2017-18 budget and generating questions for our next committee meeting to be held on January 22, 2018 at 5:00 PM in Big Picture Commons. Committee members will also review proposed building and department budgets at the next meeting.

VIII. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Board Action Items

- 1. CSE, CPSE, and 504 Recommendations
- 2. Treasurer's Reports - November 2017
- 3. Amendment to ONS Contract - Roof
- 4. Records Retention Management Resolution
- 5. Memorandum of Understanding - **Removed MOU Liberty Partnership Program**
- 6. Board of Education Policy Review and Update - First Reading
- 7. Surplus of Bus #137

B. Approval of Personnel Items

- 1. Substitute Appointment 2017-2018
- 2. Non-Instructional Appointment 2017-2018

Motion:Carried 1st:CD 2nd:RSR

Vote: Yes:6 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent:1 (S. Dow)

5. Memorandum of Understanding - Liberty Partnership Program

Discussion: Trustee Whitney expressed concern that agreement reflects a goal of a 95% graduation rate and stated that this goal is inconsistent with our goal of a 100% graduation rate. This does not reflect our goal of making excellence part of everything we do. Our district goal is a 100% graduation rate.

Motion:Carried 1st:RSR 2nd:JG

Vote: Yes:5 No:1 (M.Whitney) Abstain:0 Absent:1 (S. Dow)

IX. Board Non-Action Items

- A. Strategic Plan Update - Mr. Belfield updated the board on the work so far for revising the district's mission statement and creating a new vision statement, core beliefs, and tagline. Mr. Belfield and the district administrators will be providing more opportunities for public input at upcoming school events and through a revised community survey. The goal is to create a

concise mission and vision statement that will help everyone identify our purpose and our goal as an organization. Also Mr. Belfield shared that students are completing benchmark assessments in ELA and Math this month. Mr. Belfield will update the board on the academic progress of our students at the February board meeting.

- X. Calendar Review
 - A. January 12th - Grimshaw Production of Honk at 7:00pm
 - B. January 15th - No School for all staff and students for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 - C. January 16th - Grimshaw Dollar Dog Day
 - D. January 22nd - January 26th - Regents Week at High School
 - E. January 25th - BOE Meeting at 6:30pm
- XI. Financial Reports - FYI - Tiffany Turner gave update on financial situation, waiting on payment from New York Statement any day now to help with cash flow.
 - A. Claims Auditor Report and Warrants - November 2017
 - B. Financials - November 2017
 - C. Cash Flow - November 2017
- XII. Closing Remarks
 - A. Public Communications to the Board
- XIII. Proposed Executive Session
 - A. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel at 7:14pm.
 - Motion:Carried 1st:R.S. Reyburn 2nd:C.Dwyer**
 - Vote: Yes: 6 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent:1 (S. Dow)**

President Dow entered the meeting at 7:58 pm.

- B. Reconvene into Open Session at 8:50 pm.

Motion:Carried 1st: C.Dwyer 2nd:G. Oelkers

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

- XIV. Adjournment

- A. Adjourn the Meeting 8:51 pm.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Vanessa Tryon