

**LaFayette Central School District**  
**Board of Education - Regular Meeting**  
**Location: The LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School Library**  
**3122 US Route 11 North**  
**LaFayette, New York 13084**  
**January 9, 2020**

I. Opening

- A. Call to Order The regular Board of Education meeting for the LaFayette Central School District was called to order at 5:33 pm by Vice President Whitney. In attendance were Trustees R. Reyburn, C. Dwyer, and M. Walker, Superintendent Jeremy Belfield, School Business Manager/ District Clerk Cindy Daley. Visitors: Lenny Oppedisano, Briana LaRocca, Cassandra Romeo, Olivia Virnoche and Allison Keough.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Whitney at 5:33 PM.
- C. Opening Remarks

II. Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Minutes - December 12, 2019

**Motion:**      **1st: R. Reyburn**      **2nd: M. Whitney**  
**Vote: Yes:4 No:0 Abstain:0**      **Absent: J. LeBlanc, J. Gates, S. Dow**

III. District Presentations

- A. Legend of Learning - Lenny Oppedisano- Congratulations to Lenny Oppedisano who is the January 2020 Legend of Learning!
- B. Construction Update - Turner Construction - Tom Carter from Turner Construction and Jim Kesler, Clerk of the Works, updated the Board of Education on construction to date on the \$5.4 million dollar capital improvement project at Grimshaw Elementary and LaFayette High School. During the month of December, contractors worked on punch list items, finished the installation of new skylights, and began installation of casework in the cafeteria and a flexible seating feature in the athletic lobby. The fitness center construction is nearly complete and the district is coordinating the delivery of new fitness equipment. Mr. Kesler shared that representatives from the New York State Education Department and Office of General Services provided a schedule for the roof replacement at ONS for this summer. It is planned to go to bid soon with work to be done this summer. NYSED and OGS are also completing bid documents for security upgrades to the main entrance, doors, and camera system at ONS. The state is also conducting a fire alarm study at ONS. Superintendent Belfield thanked Mr. Carter and Mr. Kesler for all of their efforts with our capital improvement projects.

IV. Old Business

- A. Student Safety- The district held a second lock down emergency drill on December 17th. Staff used NaviGate Prepared to account for students during the drill. Thank you to our students and staff for their active participation during our most recent drill. The district will hold the next health and safety meeting on Wednesday January 15th at 3:30 Pm in the District Office

Conference Room. Thank you to Trustee Reyburn for offering to serve on this committee as the board representative.

- B. Online Safety & Security- Superintendent Belfield stated that the Central New York Regional Information Center sent out a warning of potential cyberattacks from foreign agents given the recent events in the Middle East. Superintendent Belfield forwarded the information to our technology staff, administrative staff, and district office staff. Superintendent Belfield shared that these tips included the following: district network users should create unique passwords, avoid using the same password in multiple places, be wary of requests for information from employees and to verify the identity of those requesting information, avoid providing confidential information via phone or email, avoid sharing personal information on social networking websites, avoid writing down passwords in easily accessible locations, avoid visiting websites not directly related to work or school assignments, never install software on your work computer, and inform IT staff of any suspicious activity.

## V. Communications

### A. Board Member Updates

## VI. New Business

- A. Vice President Whitney shared that President Trump just authorized federal funding for indigenous language programs and inquired if the district would be pursuing this funding. Superintendent Belfield shared that he saw the news article and will explore this grant opportunity once the grant opportunity is published in the federal register.

## VII. Superintendent's Report

- A. The School Employees Credit Union of Central New York recently presented the LaFayette Sports Boosters Club with a donation check as part of the SEED loan program, which offers charitable contributions to an organization designated by SECNY members. The check was presented during the basketball game vs. Onondaga Central on Friday December 13th. SECNY provides a student run bank branch in the main office at LaFayette High School and Onondaga Central High School. Thank you to SECNY for their continued support of our school community.
- B. Superintendent Belfield attended the winter band and chorus concert at LaFayette High School on Tuesday December 17th. Congratulations to our students, Mr. Czyz, and Ms. Cole on an outstanding performance.
- C. Superintendent Belfield attended the social dance held at Onondaga Nation School on Friday December 20th. Students participated in a stomp dance, duck dance, and enjoyed traditional Onondaga singing and dancing led by Regis Cook, Kenneth Cook, and several students. Thank you to our staff, students, and community members for participating in this important cultural event.
- D. Students at Grimshaw Elementary are participating in a school-wide reading of the book Kenny and the Dragon. All students were given a copy of the book and they can participate in a virtual read-aloud by visiting the Grimshaw School website. Guest readers recorded different chapters of the book to read aloud to students. Superintendent Belfield recorded the preface of the book for students to enjoy. Thank you to Jennifer MacDonald- Library Media Specialist at Grimshaw, the Reading Room at Grimshaw, and all of our guest readers.
- E. Optimist Basketball Tournament- Superintendent Belfield thanked the LaFayette Optimist Club for hosting a successful basketball tournament. The Optimists raised funds to support Sam

Rosokoff's battle with thyroid cancer. Thank you to the Optimists and community members for always looking to better our school community.

- F. Wyatt Weil - Superintendent Belfield shared that Wyatt Weil, LaFayette Big Picture Alumni from 2019, has been battling leukemia following his successful completion of boot camp for the Marine Corps. We have designated Friday January 17th for staff and students to wear red, white, and blue to honor Wyatt, his service to our country, and show support during his battle with cancer.
- G. Superintendent Belfield and representatives from Gawennhawiis recently met with State Senator Rachel May to advocate for adequate school funding for all students in LaFayette and to remind the state of the various facility needs at the Onondaga Nation School, which is a state owned building. Senator May's office assisted LaFayette by securing an additional \$100,000 in capital aid to be spent on district owned assets. The district has identified several scoreboards in need of replacement and the softball field currently does not have a scoreboard. Mr. Kesler and our construction team are working on securing pricing and submitting the necessary paperwork to the New York State Dormitory Authority to secure this additional funding. Thank you to Senator May for being a great advocate for students in LaFayette. Superintendent Belfield will be meeting with Assembly members Pamela Hunter and Gary Finch later this month and next month to advocate for additional state funding as part of the NYS Budget Process.

#### VIII. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Board Action Items
  - 1. CSE, CPSE, and 504 Recommendations
  - 2. Surplus Equipment
  - 3. Change Orders - 2017 Capital Project
  - 4. Contract Adjustment - Ashley McGraw Architects - additional design work for removal of old Grimshaw freezer/cooler
- B. Approval of Personnel Items
  - 1. Resignations
  - 2. Leave of Absence
  - 3. Instructional Appointments
  - 4. Substitute Appointments
  - 5. Annual Appointments

**Motion: 1st: R. Reyburn 2nd: M. Walker**  
**Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: S. Dow, J. Gates, J. LeBlanc**

#### IX. Board Non-Action Items

- A. Strategic Plan Update - As part of the district's efforts to engage parents, the district will be hosting our first Parent Advisory Group meeting on Wednesday January 22nd at 6:30 PM in Big Picture Commons. Our first meeting will focus on reviewing the school climate survey administered during the 2018-19 school year and reviewing current efforts to improve our school climate.

#### X. Calendar

- A. Upcoming Events
  - 1. Early Release Every Monday for Professional Learning Communities - 1:45 GS/ONS and 2:00 PM for HS/BP
  - 2. Wednesday January 15, 2020 - District Health and Safety Committee at 3:30 PM- DO

3. Monday January 20, 2020 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No school for all students
4. Tuesday January 21, 2020 - Thursday January 23, 2020 Regents Exams
5. Wednesday January 22, 2020 - Community Budget Meeting 5:00 PM - Big Picture
6. Wednesday January 22, 2020 - Parent Advisory Council 6:30 PM - Big Picture
7. Thursday January 23, 2020 - Board of Education Meeting - Big Picture 5:30 PM

XI. Closing Remarks

- A. Public Communications to the Board

XII. Proposed Executive Session

- A. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of contractual negotiations with the Non-Instructional Unit and to discuss the employment history of particular individuals at 6:05 pm.

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- B. Reconvene into Open Session at 9:33 pm.

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XIII. Adjournment

- A. Adjourn the Meeting at 9:33 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Daley