

LaFayette Central School District
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Location: LaFayette Jr/Sr High School - Auditorium
3122 US Route 11 North
LaFayette, New York 13084
April 19, 2021

I. Opening

A. Call to Order - the regular Board of Education meeting for the Lafayette Central School district was called to order at 5:30pm by President Reyburn. In attendance were Trustee J. LeBlanc, C. Dwyer, M. Walker, M. Whitney, J. Gates, A. Ryan-Roe, Superintendent Jeremy Belfield, School Business Manager and Deputy Clerk Cindy Daley.

1. Guests in Attendance - Patricia McElhannon, Jen Blossey, Karen Ocque, Sue Osborn, Simone Gonyea, James McKenna
2. Virtual Guests - Ashley Kolbeck, Devin Baker, Madison Baker

B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Reyburn at 5:30 pm.

C. Opening Remarks - R. S. Reyburn informed the audiences about how to address the Board as a whole. There was a moment of silence held in honor of Mr. John Russell, retired maintenance worker for LaFayette CSD, who passed away on Sunday.

II. Approval of Minutes - Ryan under digital audience is misspelled

A. Regular Minutes - March 25, 2021

Motion: Carried **1st:** A. Ryan-Roe **2nd:** J. LeBlanc
Vote: Yes: 7 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 0

III. District Presentation

A. Legend of learning - Kymberly Weil- The board recognized Kym Weil, Secretary at the LaFayette Big Picture School, as the Legend of Learning for the month of April. Kym was not able to attend due to a college visit for her son. Kym is a tremendous asset and a key part at Big Picture.

IV. Proposed Executive Session - Subject to Board Approval

A. Enter into the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the pending appointment of a particular individual and to meet with the Clerical Union at 5:35 pm.

Motion: Carried **1st:** C. Dwyer **2nd:** J. Gates
Vote: Yes: 7 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 0

B. Reconvene into Open Session at 6:24 pm

Motion: Carried **1st:** M. Walker **2nd:** J. LeBlanc
Vote: Yes: 7 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 0

V. Presentation

- A. OCM BOCES Administrative and Capital Budget- Superintendent Belfield shared highlights from the OCM BOCES Annual meeting - [click here](#). The board will consider the administrative and capital portions of the OCM BOCES budget tonight. LaFayette's share of the administrative and capital budgets is projected to decrease by \$961. This is due to the purchase of Crown Road. The program portions of the BOCES budget are determined based on the services that the district signs up for. Superintendent Belfield thanked the team at OCM BOCES for their continued support of our students.
- B. Financial Report - Fund Balance and State Budget- School Business Manager Cindy Daley provided an update for the board on year end fund balance projections and details on recent federal funds made available - the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act American Rescue Plan. [Presentation Slides](#)

Trustee Dwyer asked why some local schools saw as much as 35% from Foundation Aid while LaFayette saw 3%. Ms. Daley responded, it is due to an enrollment and wealth ratio formula - rural schools vs. larger schools. Funding should be up where it should be in three years.

VI. Old Business

- A. Student Safety - Superintendent Belfield updated the board on the most recent District Health and Safety meeting that was held last week - Mr. Kesler chaired the meeting. The committee reviewed the news of upcoming capital projects: Emergency Bus Lift Replacement, Proposed Capital Outlay project, and the \$8.6M project approved by the voters in December. The committee will be discussing any updates to the 2021-2022 emergency response plan at the next meeting scheduled for June 9, 2021. The committee discussed the recent changes in the NYS Department of Health reopening guidance for schools, which include:
- Schools/districts may choose to reduce physical distancing to no less than three feet between students during academic instruction, however:
 - Schools/districts must follow CDC recommendations for physical distancing depending upon community transmission rates and grade levels.
 - Schools must adhere to the exceptions where a minimum of six feet of distance must be maintained including:

- Six feet is always the required distancing between adults (teachers, staff, visitors) and between students and adults.
- Six feet of distance is required when eating meals or snacks, or drinking, or other times masks must be removed. This may mean that meals cannot be eaten in classrooms that have been converted to three feet of physical distance during instruction time.
- Individuals participating in activities that require projecting the voice (e.g., singing) or playing a wind instrument must be six feet apart and there must be six feet of distance between the performers and the audience during performances and concerts
 - Six feet of physical distance must be maintained in common areas and outside of classrooms (e.g. lobbies, auditoriums, gymnasiums, cafeterias, and hallways), where possible.
- All schools/districts must have a mandatory face mask policy.
 - Additional guidance on ventilation and filtration is provided including recommendations for both classrooms that have mechanical ventilation and those that do not.
 - Physical barriers are no longer recommended by CDC.
 - Schools/districts should, at a minimum, follow CDC recommendations on testing in schools. Schools/districts moving to physical distancing of less than six feet should strongly consider implementing screening testing protocols to ensure monitoring.

The district is in the process of updating our reopening plan and will share an updated version with parents and staff members soon.

B. Online Safety & Security - Superintendent Belfield continues to work with the Central New York Regional Information Center, Shantel Corbin, on quotes for an updated risk assessment. CNYRIC shared a few statistics on their continued efforts to protect our wide area network:

1. Last year the spam filter blocked 7,683,682 spam messages and stopped 77,925 viruses. The anti-virus software detected 1,201 threats in the past 90 days. The protection measure in place for DDoS attacks thwarts on average 10 DDoS attacks per month. CNYRIC is also in the process of conducting an updated risk assessment and preparing for their next SOC audit.

VII. Communications

A. Board Member Updates

1. CNYISBA Board Liaison Report from March 20, 2021

VIII. New Business - No New Business

IX. Superintendent Report

- A. Superintendent Belfield welcomed Mr. James McKenna who is being recommended for the Assistant Principal/Athletic Director position. Mr. McKenna is a special education and social studies teacher in the Mexico Central School District. Mr. McKenna is completing his administrative internship as a teacher on special assignment at Mexico High School. Mr. McKenna coaches Varsity Soccer and coached soccer for Niagara University where he was the starting goalie.
- B. Superintendent Belfield shared a proposal from Onondaga County to expand school-based supports. The program is looking to provide different levels of support to students based on needs. Each school will host county personnel to support students and families with counseling and accessing family support services. Clinicians will also work with our district-wide mental health PLC to coordinate and complement current efforts. The majority of the cost of implementing this program will be covered by Onondaga County. There is a cost of \$38,435 for a 1.0 FTE Access Liaison assigned to our district.
- C. Superintendent Belfield and Principal Gonyea have hosted two meetings for Onondaga Nation Council members to discuss the reopening of the Onondaga Nation School. Council decided back in January to keep the school closed for the remainder of the year; however, the school district has asked the leadership to revisit the decision based on progress made with reducing infections and hospitalizations in the community. The Nation community has done an excellent job offering vaccines to eligible community members. Council will meet tomorrow in the longhouse to discuss the request from the school. We will respect and support their decision.
- D. LaFayette CSD will host a COVID Vaccine clinic for eligible students, staff, and family members on Wednesday April 21, 2021. This clinic will include students and staff from the following high schools: LaFayette, Tully, Fabius-Pompey and Onondaga Central. Superintendent Belfield thanked our partners at Onondaga County for their continued support during this challenging time.
- E. Superintendent Belfield shared that the proposed board calendar for the 2021-2022 school year is included on the agenda. The calendar features a reduction in the number of business meetings. If board members would like to schedule board workshops/study sessions on certain topics of interest for next school year, please feel free to contact the Board President or Superintendent.
- F. Superintendent Belfield thanked the ONS Language and Culture Department for organizing an Indigenous Spirit Week. Throughout the week, students at ONS will have the chance to participate in seed sorting, learning how to plant a three sisters garden, rock your mocks day, wear

your ribbon shirt/dress/skirt day, wear your Native bling day, and wear your Native inspired clothing day.

X. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Board Action Items

1. Approval of Transportation Requests
2. CSE, CPSE and 504 Recommendations
3. OCM BOCES Administrative and Capital Budget Vote
4. BOE Meeting Dates 2021 - 2022
5. Resolution to Support the PILOT Agreement with CS Sentinel Heights Project
6. Refunding Bond Resolution and Exhibit A - Refunding Financial Plan
7. Combining Contract Faith Heritage and LaFayette Male Baseball
8. Syracuse City School District Health and Welfare
9. Bank Account Closure
10. Appointment of Election Poll Workers
11. Resolution for Teachers Appreciation

B. Approval of Personnel Items

1. Non-Instructional LOA
2. Spring Coach Recommendation
3. Substitute Appointment
4. Administrative Recommendation

Motion: Carried **1st:** C. Dwyer **2nd:** A. Ryan-Roe
Vote: Yes: **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 0

XI. Board Non-Action Items

- A. Strategic Plan Update- Superintendent Belfield thanked the board for their support of our new English Language Arts curriculum and learning materials. At the March 25th meeting, the board adopted the Expeditionary Learning program which will be implemented in grades K-8. Dr. Ocque has been working with the publisher and with Better Lesson to setup training opportunities for administrators and teachers. The district is looking to provide training during the spring, summer and fall months for staff.

XII. Calendar Review

A. Upcoming Events

- Early Dismissal for PLCs every Monday - 1:45 GS/ONS; 2:00 HS/BP
 1. April 19th - 23rd - Indigenous Spirit Week
 2. April 20th - ELA 3 - 8 Grade Assessment (Part I only)

3. April 21st - PSAT Periods 1 - 5 in the Library - Sophomore
4. April 21st - COVID Vaccine Clinic - LaFayette Jr/Sr High 10:00-1:00 in the back gym
5. April 22nd -Sports testing for Football and Cheer (all levels)
6. April 26th & May 3rd - Early Dismissal
7. May 4th - NYS Math Testing Grades 3 - 8
8. May 5th - National Junior Honor Society Virtual Induction Ceremony 7:00 pm - 8 pm
9. May 6th - BOE Meeting at the Big Picture Commons at 5:30 pm

XIII. Public Comments

- A. Public Communications to the Board -

XIV. Proposed Executive Session - Subject to Board Approval

- A. Enter into the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals at 7:05 pm.

Motion: Carried **1st:** J. Gates **2nd:** J. LeBlanc
Vote: Yes: 7 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 0

- B. Reconvene into Open Session at 9:02 pm

Motion: Carried **1st:** J. Gates **2nd:** J. LeBlanc
Vote: Yes: 7 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 0

XV. Adjournment

- A. Adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm

Motion: Carried **1st:** M. Walker **2nd:** C. Dwyer
Vote: Yes: 7 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 0

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Hibbert