

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
May 18, 2021

I. Opening

A. Call to Order - the regular Board of Education meeting for the Lafayette Central School district was called to order at 5:31 pm by President Reyburn. In attendance were Trustee J. LeBlanc, C. Dwyer, M. Whitney, Amy Ryan-Roe,. Superintendent Jeremy Belfield and School Business Manager and Deputy Clerk Cindy Daley. Trustee Walker attended the meeting virtually. Trustee Gates was absent.

1. Virtual Audience - Dawn Pulverenti, Elaina Saba
2. Guests in Attendance - Rusty Haas, Susan Osborn, Rosalie Whipple, Hollis Rotella, Jessica Giordano, Lisa Chapman, Tess Miller, Kym Gosselin, Erin Virnoche, Beth Gawinski, Daphne Reyburn and Paula Bertlesman.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Reyburn at 5:31 pm

C. Opening Remarks - Trustee Reyburn spoke on how to address the Board as whole.

II. Approval of Minutes - Approved with no Changes

A. Regular Minutes - May 6, 2021

III. District Presentation

A. Tenure Recommendations and Presentations - Superintendent Belfield introduces the following candidates for tenure: Beth Gawinski, Daphne Reyburn, Paula Bertlesman, Kym Gosselin, Rosalie Whipple, Jessica Giordano, Hollis Rotella, Erin Virnoche. Tenure candidates presented highlights from their probationary term. These highlights touched on implementing structured learning activities, student - teacher - parent relationships and students' achievements. Superintendent Belfield thanked the candidates for supporting academic excellence in our students and in our schools.

A1. Roll Call Votes for Tenure

IV. Communications

A. Board Member Updates - No Updates

V. New Business - No new business

VI. Superintendent Report

- A. Capital Project Design Meetings- Superintendent Belfield updated the board on recent capital project design meetings. The team at Ashley McGraw and IPD Engineering are working on the detailed design and submission of plans to the New York State Education Department. The team will present at an upcoming board of education meeting prior to submission to the state. The goal is to have approved plans back from the state and have the project out to bid during the winter months so that construction can start in the spring/summer of 2022.
- B. Update on Spectator Attendance at Athletics- Superintendent Belfield shared that the New York State Health Department recently authorized an increase in spectators at outdoor school athletic events. Previous guidance during the pandemic allowed two spectators per athlete. The updated guidance allows up to 500 spectators at outdoor athletic events. Superintendent Belfield shared the news with the school community yesterday and reminded spectators to follow the safety protocols that remain in place for schools during the pandemic.
- C. Update on Federal Funds- Superintendent Belfield and School Business Manager Cindy Daley have been working with our administrators and non-instructional supervisors to identify needs that can be addressed using the variety of federal funds available to the school district. Federal funds passed in December and March by Congress can be used to address learning loss and costs incurred during the pandemic. The district will also receive three school improvement grants to target improvement plan goals. The team is finalizing a draft proposal for the use of funds to address learning loss, assist with costs associated with the pandemic, support for the social/emotional/mental health needs of our students, and instructional support for students and staff. Here are some major areas that will be targeted:
 - a. Summer programs and afterschool programs to address learning loss
 - b. Social worker support
 - c. Professional development for staff
 - d. Cleaning supplies
 - e. Improved air filters and air filtration units in certain spaces
 - f. Instructional Specialists to assist with the new ELA program and curriculum implementation. These staff members would serve as turn key trainers for LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) and provide support to staff implementing the Expeditionary Learning ELA program.
 - g. Classroom furniture upgrades

VII. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Board Action Items
 - 1. ONS Donation Grades 6-8
 - 2. CSE, CPSE, and 504 Recommendations
 - 3. Approval of Agreement for Emergency Bus Lift
 - 4. SEQRA for Emergency Water Heater Replacement at Grimshaw
 - 5. Treasurer's Report - March 2021

6. Budget Transfers - march 2021
 7. OCC College Now MOU
 8. RAN Resolution Perpetual
- B. Approval of Personnel Items
1. Non-Instructional Resignation
 2. Substitute Appointment

Motion: Carried **1st:** Trustee LeBlanc **2nd:** Trustee Dwyer
Vote: Yes: 6 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Trustee Gates

VIII. Board Non-Action Items

- A. Strategic Plan Update- Superintendent Belfield reported that the New York State Education Department has released the templates for the district comprehensive improvement plan and school comprehensive education plans. We hope to have an update for the board at either the June or July board meeting. Our district administrators recently worked with Aaron Hansen, author of How to Develop PLCs for Singletons and Small Schools. Aaron encouraged us to look at the work of David Conley, author of College Knowledge: What It Really Takes for Students to Succeed and What We Can Do to Get Them Ready. We are planning to spend time this summer reinvigorating our PLCs and spending time identifying the most important skills that we want our students to be able to do prior to graduation.

IX. Financials - FYI

1. Warrants and Claims - March 2021
2. Financials - March 2021
3. Cash Flow - March 2021

We received \$4,000,000 from Native American Aid. \$2.5 million transferred to a new NYCLASS account. No agreement on reserves and the state owes \$300,000 for ONS.

X. Calendar Review

A. Upcoming Events

- Early Dismissal for PLCs every Monday - 1:45 GS/ONS; 2:00 HS/BP
 1. May 24th - Sports COVID testing (not mandatory) 9:30am-10:30am in the main office conference room.
 2. May 24th - Early dismissal
 3. May 27th - Senior class breakfast during 1st period
 4. May 28th - No School - Snow Day
 5. May 31st - No School - Memorial Day
 6. June 7th - Early dismissal
 7. June 8th - Kindergarten Olympics live stream - Rain date for this event
June 10th
Written Science Test - Grades 4 and 8
 8. June 10 - Säsgéhah / Säshehah Long days short nights
BOE Meeting at the Big Picture Commons at 5:30 pm

- XI. Public Comments
 - A. Public Communications to the Board - No Public Communications
- XII. Proposed Executive Session - Subject to Board Approval
 - A. Enter into the Executive Session for the purpose of meeting with the audit committee, contract negotiations with the clerical unit and to discuss the employment history of particular individuals at 7:04 pm.

Motion: Carried **1st:** Trustee LeBlanc **2nd:** Trustee Roe
Vote: **Yes:** 6 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Trustee Gates

- B. Reconvene into Open Session at 9:18 pm

Motion: Carried **1st:** Trustee Dwyer **2nd:** Trustee Roe
Vote: **Yes:** 6 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Trustee Gates

The meeting was moved to the Jr. High front entry where the School Budget Vote and Election results were ratified.

- XIII. Ratification of School Budget Vote 2020-2021, Propositions, and Board Election

Certificate of Inspectors of Election LCSD

PROPOSITION NO. 1- Budget Vote

Votes cast in favor of the proposition	<u>213</u>
Votes cast against the proposition	<u>40</u>

PROPOSITION NO. 2 - Transportation

Votes cast in favor of the proposition	<u>203</u>
Votes cast against the proposition	<u>51</u>

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

Votes cast for Amy Roe	<u>113</u>
Votes cast for Ronald S. Reyburn	<u>137</u>
Votes cast for Nicholaas Moltion	<u>88</u>
Votes cast for Jennifer Ortlieb	<u>97</u>

Votes cast for Rusty Haas 85

Votes cast for Sarah Stanton 122

Write-in candidates:

Name: Peter J. Kirby votes cast: 1

Name: Jackie Roorda votes cast: 1

Name: Laurie Lamson votes cast: 1

Name: Ed Castleman votes cast: 1

Name: Jerry Kelly votes cast: 1

Name: Burke Fitzpatrick votes cast: 1

Name: Dave Prince votes cast: 1

WHOLLY VOID AND BLANK BALLOTS RETURNED

The Chief Election Inspector, in collaboration with the Assistant Clerk/Election Inspectors, determined that the following numbers of ballots were wholly blank or void, enclosed them in an envelope, endorsed the envelope as containing void and blank ballots, and placed the envelope in the ballot box:

Number of Blank Ballots: 0

Number of Void Ballots: 4

At 9:42 pm the School Budget Vote and Election was ratified as follows:

Motion: Carried **1st:** Trustee LeBlanc **2nd:** Trustee Roe
Vote: **Yes:** 6 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Gates

XIII. Adjournment

A. Adjourn the meeting at 9:43 pm

Motion: Carried **1st:** Trustee Dwyer **2nd:** Trustee LeBlanc
Vote: **Yes:** 6 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Gates

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Hibbert