

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 6, 2021

I. Opening

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

Trustee Whitney entered at 5:31 pm

1. Guests in attendance - Kim Reppi, Sarah Stanton, Jen Ortlieb, Rusty Haas, Heather Libihoul, Jason P. Ryan
 2. Virtual Guests - Colleen Cameron, Jennifer Blossey, Denise Dodge, Heather Flaxman, Simone Gonyea, Wendy Haas, Chrystal Morel, Karen Ocque
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Reyburn at 5:31 pm
- C. Opening Remarks - Welcome Heather Libohoul - New Science Teacher. Trustee Reyburn gave directions on how to address the Board.

II. Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Minutes - Monday April 19, 2021 - No Changes

III. District Presentation

- A. Legend of Learning - May 2021- Joanne Powless - The board recognized Ms. Joanne Powless. The individual who nominated Ms. Powless as the Legend of Learning shared the following: JoAnne is a 5th grade teacher at the Onondaga Nation School . She earned a BA in Elementary Education at Lemoyne College and her MA in Special Education at Syracuse University. She has been in our school for many years and started under the leadership of Carol Erb. JoAnne has expertise in many areas and started at ONS as a Computer Technology Specialist where she did many cross curricular projects incorporating technology and publishing with classroom teachers. She is presently the 5th/6th ELA teacher. Joanne is teaching in a slightly different venue as her expertise in reading and writing has propelled her to do great things with her classes of 5th and 6th grade students. She has participated in many workshops with Lucy Calkins and has embraced the Units of Study model to teach reading and

writing. JoAnne is an exciting teacher who encourages and inspires her students to find their voice when they write. Recently JoAnne was asked to present on a panel of Native writers at the NCTE Annual Convention in Maryland. It was a great honor and she was a great representative of our Haudenosaunee people. JoAnne is an accomplished photographer and has been commissioned for many weddings and portrait sittings.

- B. Budget Hearing and Board of Education [Meet the Candidates](#) - School Business Manager Cindy Daley reviewed the proposed budget for the 2021-2022 school year. The budget retains all district programs for students, provides resources to address the social/emotional/mental health needs of our students, supports the visual and performing arts, and remains compliant with the property tax cap. The budget vote and board of education election will take place on Tuesday May 18, 2021 from 1:00-9:00 PM at the LaFayette Jr/Sr High School. The following individuals are running for three open seats (two three year terms and a one year term): Amy Roe-Ryan, Ronald Shawn Reyburn, Nicholaas Moltion, Jennifer Ortlieb, Rusty Haas, and Sarah Stanton. All, except Nicholaas Moltion, were present and expressed their cause for running. Here is the [budget hearing presentation](#).
- C. Claims Auditor Report - Ms. Kim Reppi, Claims Auditor for the LaFayette Central School District, shared an update with the board on the status of the claims auditing process. Kim reported that things are going really well and Sarah is doing a good job in accounts payable.
- D. Athletics Update - moved to the June 10th meeting due to a coaching commitment for Mr. Kelly.

IV. Old Business

- A. Student Safety - Superintendent Belfield updated the board on the completion of required safety drills. Transportation staff and our students completed our last round of bus safety drills for the school year. Superintendent Belfield thanked Mr. Cooper, the bus drivers, and students for their team work during this important safety drill. Students and staff will participate in one final lock down drill for the school year. Due to the pandemic, lockdown drills look slightly different to accommodate for social distancing requirements. Staff members practice locking the classroom door and reviewing the procedure with students for moving to a safe location in the classroom.
- B. Online Safety & Security - The district recently met with a second vendor and representatives from the Central New York Regional Information Center to obtain a quote for an updated risk assessment and technical testing of our local area network. The vendor will provide a scope of work and a quote for the proposed services. The district is working on a third quote through another vendor.

V. Communications

A. Board Member Updates - No Updates

B. Board Discussion

1. Onondaga Madison School Board Association- President Reyburn shared that the Onondaga Madison School Board Association reached out regarding a vacant seat on the board of trustees. LaFayette has the chance to serve in the vacant seat on the board of directors.

VI. New Business - No new business

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VII. Superintendent Report

A. End of Year Celebrations- Superintendent Belfield updated the board on upcoming end of year celebrations.

- a. June 8th - Kindergarten Olympics - Grimshaw* (rain date June 10)
- b. June 15 - Grades 1-6 Olympics - Grimshaw* (rain date June 17)
- c. June 18 - ONS 8th Grade Graduation Parade
- d. June 21st - Drive-Thru Kindergarten Graduation 9:00 AM- Grimshaw* (rain date June 22)
- e. June 23rd - Big Picture Graduation 6:00 PM
- f. June 25th - High School Graduation 6:00 PM

Jr/Sr High School Principal Jason Ryan shared a draft calendar for the last two weeks of the school year for the High School and provided additional details regarding the prom.

B. My Brother's Keeper Symposium- Superintendent Belfield thanked students Arrow Booth and Melania Potak for opening the My Brother's Keeper Symposium on Thursday April 22nd with the Thanksgiving Address. Several presenters throughout the conference remarked about how amazing it was to see our Native students opening and welcoming conference participants with this message of thanksgiving in Onondaga.

C. CNYRPB CNY Broadband Study- The Central New York Regional Planning Board is distributing online and paper surveys to communities throughout Central New York regarding the availability and affordability of high speed internet services- [click here](#). Onondaga County is looking to commit resources to assist communities without access to affordable high speed internet access. The survey data from families will be paired with information collected through a recent field study to help improve access throughout our county and our region.

D. Vaccine Equity Task Force- Superintendent Belfield updated the board on the work of the Central New York COVID Vaccine Equity Task Force. The task force is looking to make sure that clear, consistent, and accurate information regarding the COVID vaccine is shared throughout Central New York and that residents have equitable access to the vaccine. The school district hosted a vaccine clinic for students and families on Wednesday April 21st for a first dose of the Pfizer vaccine. Students from

OCS, Fabius Pompey, and Tully also participated in the clinic. The students will receive their second dose on Wednesday May 12th. The vaccine equity task force requested assistance with encouraging students to consider getting vaccinated. Superintendent Belfield reached out to the students to see if students would provide written testimonials to encourage those that might be hesitant about the vaccine to consider getting vaccinated. For any students that contact Superintendent Belfield, parents will also be contacted. While we recognize that not everyone is eligible, able, or wanting to get vaccinated against COVID, the goal of this campaign is to encourage those that are considering the vaccine but have some hesitations.

- E. OCC Advantage - Superintendent Belfield and Jr/Sr High Principal Jason Ryan attended an OCC Advantage event at the OCC campus last night. Our ninth grade students had the chance to tour the campus, get a complimentary meal from a local food truck vendor, and learn more about the opportunities of the OCC Advantage program. LaFayette CSD is a partner school with the OCC Advantage program which provides a college scholarship for current LaFayette students in grades 9, 10, and 11. Superintendent Belfield thanked Principal Ryan, School Counselor Rebecca Brown, OCC President Dr. Casey Crabil and the OCC Advantage staff for their continued support of our students.
- F. Emergency Hot Water Tank Replacement - Superintendent Belfield updated the board on two hot water tanks that required immediate replacement. Our maintenance staff and Blake Mechanical attempted to repair the tanks; however, due to the age and condition of the tanks, it was determined that a full replacement was necessary. Superintendent Belfield will recommend that the board adopt an emergency projection resolution at the May 18th board meeting so that the project can be considered for New York State Building Aid. If the emergency project is approved by the New York State Education Department, the project would be eligible for reimbursement over a 15 year period at LaFayette's approved building aid percentage, which is currently 78% aided by New York State.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Board Action Items
 1. CSE, CPSE and 504 Recommendations
 2. Appointment of Election Poll Workers
 3. Transportation Request
 4. NYLAF resolution to Join the Fund
 5. Contract for Health and Welfare Services - East Irondequoit Central School District
 6. Contract for Health and Welfare Services - Syracuse City School District

- B. Approval of Personnel Items
1. Instructional Appointment
 2. Substitute Appointment
 3. Non-Instructional LOA
 4. Non-Instructional Recommendation

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

IX. Board Non-Action Items

- A. Strategic Plan Update- Superintendent Belfield updated the board on recent and upcoming training on the new ELA program, Expeditionary Learning, approved by the board earlier this year. Our ELA Curriculum Review Team and administrators participated in an overview training. Teachers in grades PK-12 are participating in training after school hours. Additional training opportunities will continue throughout the summer and fall months. The program builds on several core elements that are familiar to LaFayette educators: 1) Using Learning Targets 2) Checking for Understanding 3) Employing Total Participation Techniques 4) Fostering a Culture of Grappling 5) Using Questions to Promote (not just assess) Student Learning 6) Engaging Students with Protocols 7) Deeping Student Discourse 8) Co-constructing Anchor Charts with Students

X. Calendar Review

A. Upcoming Events

- Early Dismissal for PLCs every Monday - 1:45 GS/ONS; 2:00 HS/BP
 1. May 6th - HS marking period 5 ends
 2. May 10th - Early Dismissal
 3. May 11th - Big Picture Open House 5:30 PM
 4. May 11th - Ohyaihgó•nah / Ohyaihgo:nah Great ripening of berries
 5. May 12th - BIMAS administered 2nd period for grades 7, 9 & 11
 6. May 13th - BIMAS administered 2nd period for grades 8, 10, 12 - Social and Emotional Learning
 7. May 14th - Marking period 5 report card mailing
 8. May 17th - Early Dismissal
 9. May 18th - BOE Meeting at the Big Picture Commons at 5:30 pm
Budget Vote at the Jr. Sr. High Foyer 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm

XI. Public Comments

A. Public Communications to the Board

XII. Proposed Executive Session - Subject to Board Approval

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

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

- B. Reconvene into Open Session at 8:29 pm

Motion: Carried **1st:** Trustee Dwyer **2nd:** Trustee
LeBlanc
Vote: Yes: 7 **No: 0** **Abstain: 0** **Absent: 0**

XIII. Adjournment

- A. Adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm

Motion: Carried **1st:** Ryan-Roe **2nd:** Gates
Vote: Yes: 7 **No: 0** **Abstain: 0** **Absent: 0**

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Hibbert