

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
June 16, 2020

I. Opening

- A. Call to Order The regular Board of Education meeting for the LaFayette Central School District was called to order at 5:36 pm by President S. Dow. In attendance were Trustees
J. Gates, J. LeBlanc, M. Walker and C. Dwyer, Superintendent Jeremy Belfield, School Business Manager and Deputy Clerk Cindy Daley.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President S. Dow at 5:36 PM.
- C. Opening Remarks

II. Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Minutes - May 28, 2020

Motion: 1st: J. LaBlanc 2nd: M. Walker
Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: S. Dow Absent: M. Whitney & R. Reyburn

III. District Presentations

- A. Construction Update - Tom Carter from Turner Construction updated the board on the closeout of the 2017 Capital Project which includes the replacement of the tank pumps at Grimshaw Elementary, placement of finishes, and completion of punch list items. Tom also provided updates on the construction phase of the 2019 Security Project. Construction crews are completing demolition of doors and installation of new stairs at Grimshaw Elementary. Toth Sports is installing the new scoreboard at Grimshaw Elementary and training will occur next week. Electricians are wiring for the installation of the campus notification system and security cameras.
- B. Legend of Learning - June 2020 - John Gizzi - Superintendent Belfield congratulated Mr. John Gizzi. Mr. Gizzi is currently an administrator at LaFayette Jr/Sr High School and previously served as the Principal at the Onondaga Nation School. Mr. Gizzi is being recognized for being an advocate for students and his work with staff and community members to help celebrate the rich cultural heritage of our students.

IV. Old Business

- A. Student Safety- Superintendent Belfield updated the board on the district's efforts to plan for the reopening of schools in the fall in light of the recent pandemic. The district committee is composed of 50 staff members, parents and community members. To date, the committee has reviewed the reopening of district offices and the return of administrative staff. The district has also partnered with our architects to help teachers reimagine their classrooms and approaches to learning in light of guidance that encourages social distancing. Our district administrative team will spend time during our summer planning sessions reviewing federal guidance. The district is still waiting on guidance from state agencies. Superintendent Belfield and Jennifer Gates, Head Nurse

for LaFayette, have been selected to participate in the NYSED Regional Reopening Committee and the first meeting will take place on June 17th. Superintendent Belfield also shared that the district is updating our emergency response plan and there will be a public hearing at the July 2nd board meeting to review updates prior to board adoption at the August 15th board meeting.

- B. Online Safety & Security- Superintendent Belfield shared that the New York State Education Department has published a 16 page document with information on approved software vendors that have agreements in place to protect student and staff data. The district is also finalizing awareness training for the fall and working with representatives from the Central New York Regional Information Center to vet contractors for network penetration testing.

V. Communications

- A. Board Member Updates

VI. New Business

VII. Superintendent's Report

- A. Superintendent Belfield updated the board on the budget vote and board election. On May 1st, the district was notified by Executive Order that all voting would occur by absentee ballot and that the district would need to mail an absentee ballot to the household for each registered voter. A notice was published on our website and the district worked diligently to meet the May 12th deadline for printing ballots and envelopes, and finalizing the list of voters from the more than 27,000 names supplied by the Onondaga County Board of Elections. District Clerk Paula Hibbert also mailed additional copies of voting materials to district residents who called to request additional ballots. Superintendent Belfield thanked Trustee Gates for assisting with the delivery of absentee ballots to voters. Unfortunately, the district was made aware of an error with the vehicle reserve proposition (proposition number four), after ballots had already been mailed. Superintendent Belfield apologized for this error and is recommending that the proposition be withdrawn from the ballot due to improper wording. Superintendent Belfield thanked the more than 570 voters who returned ballots. This is our highest number of voter responses within the last 20 years.
- B. Superintendent Belfield updated the board on proposed graduation plans. On Sunday June 8th, Governor Cuomo announced that school districts could host in person graduation ceremonies with up to 150 participants starting June 26th. Our High School and Big Picture School principals have been in touch with our students and we are altering our graduation plans based on this new guidance. Principal Jason Ryan updated the board on the proposed plan for High School graduation.
- C. Superintendent Belfield attended the Onondaga Nation School 8th Grade Graduation Parade and congratulated ONS students. Superintendent Belfield also attended the 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony at Grimshaw Elementary and thanked the parents, community members and staff members from Grimshaw and the Jr High who cheered on the students.
- D. Superintendent Belfield updated the board on a new capital project that the district is in the midst of planning. The district has been working with our construction team to review our last building condition survey and visual inspection. Our team has also met with administrators and board members to identify program and facility needs. Our

construction team will be providing an update at future board meetings on proposed renovation plans and a potential capital project vote planned for next school year. Superintendent Belfield thanked Trustee Gates, district administrators, Athletic Coordinator Jerry Kelly, and our architects and construction managers for their efforts to make sure that our students have safe facilities that address the larger educational needs of our student body.

VIII. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Board Action Items

1. Rescind Proposition #4 - Capital Reserve for Vehicles June 9, 2020
2. CSE, CPSE, and 504 Recommendations
3. MOU Between OCC and LaFayette CSD
4. Amendment to the Professional Svc. Agreement - AIA Doc. G802-2017
5. Pre-referendum agreement with Ashley McGraw Architects
6. Approval of 2020-2021 ONS School Calendar
7. Approval of Change Orders

B. Approval of Personnel Items

1. Summer Appointment/Recommendation
2. Administrative Recommendation
3. Non-Instructional Resignation
4. Non-Instructional Recommendation
5. Resolution for District Manager - Contract
6. Business Manager's Goals Resolution
7. Appointment of Election Poll Workers
8. Resolution Authorizing Superintendent to Approve Budget Transfers through 6/30/20.

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IX. Board Non-Action Items

A. Strategic Plan Update

X. Calendar Review

- A. All Schools Are Closed Due to COVID 19
- B. Grimshaw Staff Summer Send Off - 10:00 AM June 18, 2020
- C. Last day for students June 18, 2020
- D. Last day for staff June 19, 2020
- E. Tentative date for High School Graduation - June 26, 2020 at 6:00 PM
- F. Tentative date for Big Picture Graduation - June 27, 2020 at 10:00 AM
- G. Thursday July 2, 2020 5:30 PM Reorganizational and Regular Board Meeting - 5:30 PM High School Auditorium

XI. Public Comments

A. Public Comments to the Board

XII. 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 6:32 PM.

Motion: 1st: M. Walker 2nd: C. Dwyer
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- B. Reconvene into Open Session at 6:35 pm.

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Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: Absent: M. Whitney & R. Reyburn

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

Certificate of Inspectors of Election LCSD

- A. Unopened Ballot Count Summary - No Unopened Ballots
- B. Absentee Ballot Return
1. Number of envelopes unsigned - 39
 2. Objection Review:
 - a. Number of envelopes signed, and objection raised & sustained - 10
 - b. Number of envelopes signed and were no objections - 582
 - c. Number of envelopes for which there was no absentee ballot present - 5
 - d. Number of absentee ballots counted - 582
- C. Budget Vote
1. Votes cast in favor of the budget - 454
 2. Votes cast against the budget - 125
- D. Proposition No. 1 - Budget Resolution
1. Votes cast in favor of the proposition - 454
 2. Votes cast against the proposition - 125
- E. Proposition No. 2 - Transportation
1. Votes cast in favor of the proposition - 418
 2. Votes cast against the proposition - 162
- F. Proposition No. 3 - Capital Reserve - Construction
1. Votes cast in favor of the proposition - 438
 2. Votes cast against the proposition - 141
- G. School Board Members Election
1. Votes cast for Carole Dwyer - 445
 2. Votes cast for Jody Gates - 456
 3. Votes cast for Janine LaBlanc - 453
 4. Votes cast for Write-in candidates:
 - a. Don Kellogg - 1
 - b. Mickey Mouse - 1
 - c. Lisa J. Kurtz - 1

- d. Ashley Brown - 1
- e. Jennifer Gates - 1
- f. Sue Marzo - 1
- g. Paul Skeva - 1
- h. Sabzina Harmatuk - 2

H. Void and Blank Ballots Returned

- 1. Number of Blank Absentee Ballots - 0
- 2. Number of Void absentee Ballots - 54

Motion: 1st: J. LeBlanc 2nd: J. Gates
Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain: Absent: M. Whitney & R. Reyburn

XIV. Adjournment

- A. Adjourn the Meeting at 7:38 pm.

Motion: 1st: C. Dwyer 2nd: J. Gates
Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain: Absent: M. Whitney & R. Reyburn

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Hibbert