

**LA FAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING  
LOCATION: LaFayette Central District Office  
5955 US Route 11  
LaFayette, New York 13084  
July 28, 2016**

I. Opening

- A. Call to Order - The Regular Board of Education meeting for LaFayette Central School District was called to order at 5:25 pm by President Johnson. In attendance were Trustees T. Scofield, M. LaCava, M. Whitney, S. Dow, J. LeBlanc, G. Oelkers, Superintendent Laura Lavine, Assistant Superintendent of Business Tiffany Turner, District Clerk Vanessa Tryon, Jim Kesler, Jason Ryan, Karen Ocque, Diane Ellsworth, and Toni Gerry.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Johnson at 5:26pm
- C. Opening Remarks - President Johnson thanked everyone for coming out.

II. Proposed Executive Session

- A. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Parental Appeal at 5:36 pm.

**Motion:Carried      1st:M. LaCava      2nd:T. Scofield**

**Vote: Yes:7 No:0 Abstain:0      Absent:0**

- B. Reconvene into Open Session at 6:02 pm.

**Motion:Carried      1st:T. Scofield      2nd:J.LeBlanc**

**Vote: Yes:7 No:0 Abstain:0      Absent:0**

III. Administration of Oath

- A. Administration of Oath of Elected Board Member - Deputy District Clerk Tiffany Turner Administered Oath to Gary Oelkers.

IV. Old Business

- A. Capital Project Update - Mr. Kesler reported that they are working on punch list items from the original project. The Athletic Corridor is going well. The new floor matches the existing very well. The electricians did some work. The Case work has been delayed but they have assured us it will be on time. If by the middle of next week we still do not have the cabinets, we will come up with a different plan.
- B. Snow removal - We typically contract our snow removal each year. Over the years we have tried to reduce the cost by cutting back on what our contractors do for us. We now feel that our maintenance employees can do with our own tools saving approximately \$3,000. The board asked that details be provided at the next meeting.
- C. Online Safety and Security - no report

V. Communications

- A. Board Member Updates - Ms. LeBlanc shared that recent graduates Jack Ramey, Lucas Frigon, and Jacob LeBlanc visited ClearPath for Veterans in Chittenango to present a donation of nearly \$1,200 that they raised. A 1967 Graduate who some think might have been Pat Edwards of LaFayette, and who served in the Marines in Vietnam was there and indicated that we was very touched by the donation. Ms. LeBlanc indicated that she will send photographs that we will use on our social media.

- VI. New Business - President Johnson called for a moment of silence for one of our 2003 graduates, Ryan Cunningham who died recently.
- VII. Superintendent's Report -
- A. Ms. Carrie Evans, a parent in the district, brought a colleague from the the Literacy program to discuss conducting an evaluation of our Imagination Library Program.
  - B. Superintendent Lavine went to NYSED with District Superintendent Jody Manning, where they got to meet with Christina Caughlin in the education services management department and with Clarissa Rohraback-Jacobs the new Native American Liaison. Topics under discussion included families who refuse to have their children take the 3-8 state assessments and a renovation for ONS. Later that day they had a telephone conference with 2 other people from NYSED to discuss the requirement to complete a Local Assistance Plan for ONS.
  - C. Food Service Contract with OCS - Superintendent Lavine reminded the Board that the contract to provide food service to the Onondaga Central School District expired on June 30th and that, because the program continues to put us into a deficit, the Board had agreed that it is not prudent to renew the contract. It appears that the West Genesee has interest in providing the service to OCS.
  - D. Superintendent Lavine indicated that Principal Ryan analyzed numbers relating to class size and indicated that she would like to see this as a discussion item on the next board meeting agenda as it relates to the 17-18 school year.
  - E. Administrators and several teachers attended a conference regarding student engagement with poverty in mind. Superintendent Lavine indicated her appreciation to Ms. Sopchak, Ms. Lewis, and Ms. Thornton for requesting that they be allowed to attend.
  - F. Project Challenge students had another great summer thanks to the effort of LaFayette and Tully teachers, our thanks go to the Tully school district for hosting the program.
  - G. The summer program at Onondaga Nation School and our STEP in the Big Picture school are both exceedingly with great success.
  - H. Dr. Ocque has been developing screening procedures for new entrants along with her continuing curriculum development this summer.
  - I. Michelle Stolicker from EAP met with Superintendent Lavine and Ms. Turner to provide the annual report on our use of EAP. We will continue to offer the services next year.
  - J. Mr. Amidon has initiated a recycling and composting program with the help of several 10th graders. The district will do everything it can to support their efforts.
  - K. Internet site restriction - we use Light Speed through BOCES and GoGuardian in district. We will look into updating our Board policies on this topic.
  - L. We are pleased that CNYSBA wants to use our High School for its October conference.
- VIII. Consent Agenda
- A. Approval of Board Action Items
    - 1. CSE, CPSE, and 504 Recommendations
    - 2. Wellness Policy #5661 Revision - Second Reading
    - 3. Resolution for Xerox Project #70902P
    - 4. School Safety Plans Policy#5681 Revision - First Reading
    - 5. Fire and Emergency Drills, Bomb Threats, and Bus Emergency Drills Policy #5683 Revision - First Reading
    - 6. Creation of the Robert Cross Foundation

**Motion:Carried 1st:M.LaCava 2nd:T.Scofield**

**Vote: Yes:7 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent:0**

IX. Board Non-Action Items

- A. Strategic Plan Update - We have two retreat days this month. Attorney Ben Ferrara will be here on August 9th. On August 18th the Board retreat will include the administrators. The purpose of the Board/Administration retreat is to establish priorities for the coming school year.

X. Calendar Review

- A. Upcoming Events -
- a. 8-9 Retreat with Mr. Ferrara
  - b. 8-11 Regular Meeting
  - c. 8-18 Retreat with Administration
  - d. 8-25 Regular Meeting

- XI. Financial Reports-FYI - The Auditors were in today (7/28/16) to close the books and payroll.

XII. Closing Remarks

- A. Public Communications to the Board - Community member Toni Gary who is the Director of Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital Community Relations, praised Grimshaw Elementary School for doing a terrific job fundraising over \$11,000- there will be a naming in the Golisano Hospital for C.Grant Grimshaw. There is a Lacrosse game this Saturday 7/30/2016. Alumni Lacrosse game is August 13th.

XIII. Proposed Executive Session

- A. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Contract at 7:19 pm.

**Motion:Carried 1st:M.LaCava 2nd:T.Scofield**

**Vote: Yes:7 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent:0**

- M. Johnson left executive session at 8:01 PM.

- B. Reconvene into Open Session at 8:18 pm.

**Motion:Carried 1st:M.LaCava 2nd:J.LeBlanc**

**Vote: Yes:6 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent:1(M.Johnson)**

XIV. Adjournment

- A. Adjourn the Meeting at 8:19 pm.

**Motion:Carried 1st:T.Scofield 2nd:J.LeBlanc**

**Vote: Yes:6 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent:1 (M.Johnson)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Vanessa Tryon

District Clerk