

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
August 13, 2020

I. Opening

- A. Call to Order The regular Board of Education meeting for the LaFayette Central School District was called to order at 5:30 pm by President S. Dow. In attendance were Trustees J. LeBlanc, C. Dwyer, S. Dow, R. Reyburn, M. Walker, Superintendent Jeremy Belfield, School Business Manager and Deputy Clerk Cindy Daley. **Trustee M. Whitney entered at 5:34 pm**
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Dow at 5:30 pm.
- C. Opening Remarks - Welcome everyone

II. Approval of Minutes

- A. Reorganization Minutes - July 2, 2020
- B. Regular Minutes - July 2, 2020

Motion: Carried 1st: Trustee Reyburn 2nd: J. LeBlanc
Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: M. Walker for July 2, 2020 Absent: J. Gates

- C. Special Meeting - Reopening Minutes - July 30, 2020

Motion: 1st: M. Walker 2nd: J. LeBlanc
Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: Absent:

III. District Presentations

- A. Construction Update - Tom Carter - Turner Construction - Superintendent Belfield introduced Tom Carter from Turner Construction and Jim Kesler, Clerk of the Works. Mr. Carter updated the board on the 2019 Capital Project which includes a number of security upgrades (installation of new classroom doors and locks at Grimshaw, installation of the campus notification system in all district owned buildings, installation of additional security cameras, new scoreboard at Grimshaw, and several building condition survey items). Installation of shades was added to the agenda and board approved. Contractors have been making steady progress. The Capital Project punch list is complete. Mr. Kesler updated the board on progress at the Onondaga Nation School with the roof replacement. Superintendent Belfield updated the board on the district's plans for a future capital project. Our design team met with technology teachers at the high school, school administrators, and administrators from BOCES to review current space allocation. Given some new ideas and information, we are reviewing the proposed scope for this new capital project and there will be an update for the board at the September 10th board meeting.
- B. LCSD DCIP, PL, RTI, SP. Ed., & Guidance Plans - Karen Ocque, Director of Instruction and Pupil Services, presented the District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP), Professional Learning Plan (PL), Special Education Plan, and Guidance Plans. Superintendent Belfield thanked Dr. Ocque and all of the staff members who assisted with the creation of these plans.

IV. Old Business

- A. Student Safety- Superintendent Belfield thanked Mr. Kesler and the district safety team for their involvement with updating the district safety plan. The district held a public hearing at the July 2nd board meeting. Once the safety plans are approved by the board, the plans will be submitted to the New York State Education Department. All staff members will receive updated training on the safety plans at the start of the school year. The district is revising district emergency drills to comply with social distancing guidelines to prevent the transmission of illness.
- B. Online Safety & Security - Superintendent Belfield updated the board on the district's efforts to improve bandwidth access. Given the number of staff members and students who will be participating in lessons via video conferencing, the district is upgrading bandwidth access through the installation of a new server and network filtering software. This software will help to dissuade distributed denial of service (DDOS) attacks which attempt to disrupt routine network traffic. Superintendent Belfield thanked Patricia Sandusky, Network Administrator, and Sean Zehner, Technology Coordinator for their continued efforts to address network security. Superintendent Belfield updated the board that the district will not be able to run the computer coding course at the high school. The course relied heavily on the use of a website, code.org, which would not agree to sign the required agreement to protect student data. There were only four students signed up for the course. The district will continue to explore other alternatives for teaching computer coding to our high school students.

V. Communications

- A. Board Member Updates

VI. New Business

VII. Superintendent's Report

- A. Superintendent Belfield updated the board on the status of the district reopening plans that were submitted on July 30th to the New York State Education Department and New York State Department of Health. On Friday August 7th, Governor Cuomo announced that schools could reopen for in-person learning. Dr. Nanavati has also given the thumbs up. The district has not received any formal feedback from state agencies on our reopening plan. We continue to engage with staff and students on plans to provide in person instruction, five days a week, for all students who are able to attend school in the fall. The district is also providing a digital learning option for students who are not comfortable or able to return to in person learning. Superintendent Belfield will meet with staff members on Monday August 17th to discuss any questions or concerns relative to our reopening plans. Superintendent Belfield thanked the board, the Reopen LaFayette Task Force, LaFayette administrators and staff members for all of their feedback on our reopening plans. Superintendent Belfield will also offer the following opportunities for parents to learn more about our reopening plans:

1. Monday 8/17 6:00 PM - Parent Meeting #1 via Google Meets - <https://meet.google.com/yhj-gzqq-zdh>
2. Tuesday 8/18 6:00 PM - Parent Meeting #2 via Google Meets - <https://meet.google.com/tnr-ybhx-uhr>
3. Wednesday 8/19 4:00 PM - Reopen LaFayette CSD Task Force Meeting - <https://meet.google.com/jjf-iyqq-ujt>
4. Thursday 8/20 6:00 PM - Parent Meeting #3 via Google Meets - <https://meet.google.com/ddq-eagd-xgd>

Currently, we have received commitments from 75% of our families regarding their instructional preference for this fall. 68.2% of our students (401 students) are planning

to return for in person instruction. 31.8% of our students will be participating via digital/remote learning in the fall. The district has secured 100 unlimited hotspots for internet service for families who do not have access to the internet.

Additionally, the district is looking to have a phased-in start to the school year to assist with training students and staff on important safety precautions. The district is looking to have the following grade levels in attendance on Tuesday September 8th -1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11. The following grade levels will be in attendance on Wednesday September 9th - PK, K, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12. The purpose of this staggered start to the school year is to train students on mask wearing, social distancing, screening procedures, and other important safety precautions. All students will be in attendance starting on Thursday September 10th. The district has also updated our Reopening plans based on new requirements from Governor Andrew Cuomo. Our updated reopening plan includes details on how the district plans on coordinating with Onondaga County Health Department to conduct diagnostic testing for students and teachers; how the district will coordinate with Onondaga County Health Department for contact tracing if someone tests positive; and how the district will plan to do remote learning.

- B. Superintendent Belfield thanked LaFayette staff members for their continued commitment to professional development during the summer months. We have had excellent participation on a variety of topics including: English Language Arts curriculum review, several book studies (topics include: executive functioning, trauma informed perspectives, cultural competence, professional learning communities, literacy instruction), non-violent crisis intervention, and training for PLC facilitators. The district has also provided opportunities to help teachers prepare for a return to in person learning through work with Ashley McGraw Architects (planned for later in August) and participate in instructional coaching through Better Lesson. Thank you again to our staff members for their commitment and dedication to professional learning during the summer months.

VIII. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Board Action Items

1. Approval of District Safety Plan
2. Approval of LCSD DCIP, PL, RTI, Sp. Ed., & Guidance Plans
3. Approval of CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations
4. Tax Warrant Approval
5. Private/Parochial Transportation Request 20-21
6. SCSD Health and Welfare
7. MOU Tompkins Cortland Community College - College Credit Now
8. MOU Onondaga Community College - College Credit Now
9. OCM BOCES Transportation Agreement
10. OCM BOCES Initial AS-7 Contract 2020-21
11. BOCES Agreement of Facility Use and Provision of Ancillary Services
12. JD Health and Welfare Invoice for 2019 - 2020
13. Capital Project Change Orders
14. Interscholastic Combining Contracts - Wrestling, Indoor Track, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Mod. Girls Soccer
15. Surplus Items
16. 18021 LaFayette Security Project Contract Amendment #7
17. Fire Inspector Recommendation
18. Donation of Thermometers
19. Installation of Shades

B. Approval of Personnel

1. Non-Instructional Retirement
2. Non-Instructional Medical Leave
3. Instructional Appointment
4. Non-Instructional Appointment

Motion: Carried **1st:** J. LeBlanc **2nd:** Matt Walker
Vote: Yes: 6 No:0 Abstain: Absent:

IX. Board Non-Action Items

- A. Strategic Plan Update - Superintendent Belfield thanked Dr. Ocque for presenting highlights from our District Comprehensive Improvement Plan.

X. Calendar Review

A. Upcoming Events

- a. Tuesday September 1, 2020 - First Day for Staff - Staff Development Day
- b. Wednesday September 2, 2020 - Staff Development Day
- c. Thursday September 3, 2020 - Staff Development Day
- d. Tuesday September 8, 2020 - First Day for In Person Instruction Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11
- e. Wednesday September 9, 2020 - First Day for In Person Instruction Grades PK, K, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12
- f. Thursday September 10, 2020- First Day for Students in All Grades/Digital Learning Starts
- g. Thursday September 10, 2020 - Board of Education Meeting - LaFayette Jr/Sr High School Auditorium - 5:30 PM

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 medical history of particular individuals at 6:34 PM.

Motion: Carried **1st:** C. Dwyer **2nd:** M. Walker
Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: Absent: J. Gates

Trustee Walker left the meeting at 6:55 PM.

- B. Reconvene into Open Session at 7:58 PM.

Motion: Carried **1st:** R. Reyburn **2nd:** C. Dwyer
Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: Absent: J. Gates, M. Walker

XIII. Adjournment

- A. Adjourn the Meeting at 7:58 pm.

Motion: Carried **1st:** R. Reyburn **2nd:** J. LeBlanc
Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: Absent: J. Gates, M. Walker

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Hibbert