

LaFayette Central School District  
Board of Education - Regular Meeting  
Location:Onondaga Nation School Library  
Route 11A RR #51 Box 270  
Nedrow, New York 13120  
September 14, 2017

- I. Opening
  - A. Call to Order - The regular Board of Education meeting for the LaFayette Central School District was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Vice-President Oelkers. In attendance were Trustees C. Dwyer, J. LeBlanc, S. Reyburn, M. Whitney, District Clerk Vanessa Tryon, Superintendent Jeremy Belfield, Assistant Superintendent for Business Tiffany Turner, Alessandra Erickson, Jim Kesler, Nicole Schuster, Sean Griffin, Denise Waterman, Simone Thornton, Sue Parsons, John Gizzi, Ashley Bennett, Sue Bang, Regis Cook, Wendy Gonyea, Michael Abrams, Jason Ryan, Erin Orisitian, Sue Eiholzer, Paul Eiholzer, Steve Thomas, Jozetta Skye, and Lorina Cone.
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-President G. Oelkers at 5:36pm.
  - C. Opening Remarks - Regis Cook delivered a traditional greeting in Onondaga and explained the meaning.
  - D. Tour of Onondaga Nation School - remove from agenda as it was completed before the meeting.
- II. Proposed Executive Session - POSTPONED UNTIL THE END
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Regular Minutes - August 24, 2017

**Motion: Carried 1st: C. Dwyer 2nd:J. LeBlanc**  
**Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent:2 (S.Dow, J.Gates)**
- IV. District Presentations and Reports
  - A. Capital Project Schematic Design - Ashley McGraw - Nicole Schuster and Scott Perry - Nichole gave update on the new capital project approved by the voters this past May.
  - B. Onondaga Nation School Opening Day/Master Schedule - John Gizzi and Simone Thornton - Opening day at the Onondaga Nation School began with families meeting at longhouse and walking students back to school. Ms. Thornton and Mr. Gizzi revised the school's master schedule with input from staff.
- V. Old Business
  - A. Online Safety and Security - Assistant Superintendent Turner reported that with the help of GreyCastle and SMP the district reviewed 274 information and security control standards. The companies also reviewed standards with with the Central New York Regional Information Center. The review process identified areas where the district is in compliance and areas where the district needs to consider updating practices. There will be a comprehensive report once the review process is completed.
- VI. Communications
  - A. Board Member Updates - Trustee LeBlanc reported that after opening day, she received notification from staff that they had had the best opening day they have seen in quite a few years.
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Superintendent's Report

- A. Mr. Belfield provided the board with a list of improvements made at the Onondaga Nation School during the summer and thanked Assistant Superintendent Turner, Jim Kesler, and the custodial staff for their efforts to prepare the school for the return of students. Mr. Belfield also provided a list of improvements to be made at the school thanks to funds made available by the New York State Education Department. The school is still in need of a capital project, which Mr. Belfield has been in contact with local legislators and NYSED officials.
- B. Mr. Belfield stated that LaFayette had a great opening day with staff on August 31, 2017. Staff members had the chance to hear from motivational speaker and author Tim Conners. Tim, who is a blind cancer survivor, shared an inspiring message about how to accomplish goals in the midst of challenging circumstances.
- C. On September 6, 2017, LaFayette welcomed all students for the beginning of the 2017-18 school year. Mr. Belfield was able to classrooms in each school to welcome students back to school.
- D. Mr. Belfield stated that the New York State Board of Regents has adopted new learning standards for English Language Arts, Mathematics, and the Arts. The Next Generation Learning Standards will replace the Common Core Learning Standards in 2020. Teachers from across New York State were involved in creating these new standards.
- E. Mr. Belfield shared that he had the chance to attend a variety of sporting events during the month of September.
- F. Mr. Belfield attended the Shared Services Panel vote on Wednesday and voted in favor of the Shared Services Panel recommendation for Onondaga County. The plan will allow municipalities throughout the county to opt-in to shared services. The state will provide matching grant funds for any tax dollars saved. Recommendations from the shared service panel recognized the benefits that BOCES provides to school districts for sharing services.
- G. Consent Agenda
- H. Approval of Board Action Items
  - 1. CSE, CPSE, and 504 Recommendations
  - 2. Westhill School District Contract
  - 3. Board of Education Policy Review and Update for 2017-2018 School Year
  - 4. 2017-2018 School Tax Roll Correction
  - 5. Memorandum of Understanding - Onondaga Community College

**Motion: Carried 1st:M.Whitney 2nd:R.S.Reyburn**  
**Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent: (S.Dow, J.Gates)**
- I. Approval of Personnel Items
  - 1. Leave of Absence
  - 2. Interscholastic Appointment
  - 3. Substitute Appointment
  - 4. Non-Instructional Appointment
  - 5. Instructional Appointment
  - 6. Annual Appointment
  - 7. Clerical Appointment

Discussion regarding certified and non-certified substitute teachers and how the substitute teacher calling process and it can be based on teacher preference, certification, and availability of substitutes. There is a statewide shortage of certified substitutes.

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**Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent: (S.Dow, J.Gates)**

- IX. Board Non-Action Items
  - A. Strategic Plan Update - meeting with principals each week.
- X. Calendar Review
  - A. GET CALENDAR DATES
  - B. 9/14 and 9/15 Big Picture overnight camping trip
  - C. 9/20 - curriculum night at grimshaw.
  - D. 9/21 - High School Open House 6:00pm
  - E. 9/25 - High School Picture Day
  - F. 9/27 - half day students/professional development day
  - G. 9/28 - Board of Education Meeting
- XI. Financial Reports - None
- XII. Closing Remarks - Vice president G. Oelkers read statement welcoming comments.
  - A. Public Communications to the Board
    - 1. E. Oristian - thanked the board for approval for third year for substitute. Also, asking for note to be removed saying library only, she has assisted and covered in other areas.
    - 2. S. Parsons - thanked BOE for accepting invitation to host BOE meeting at ONS.
    - 3. J. Lewis - thanked everyone for a good start to the school year.
- XIII. Proposed Executive Session
  - A. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose to discuss the medical and employment history of a particular individual at 6:29 pm.
    - Motion: Carried 1st:C. Dwyer 2nd: J. LeBlanc**
    - Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent: (S. Dow, J. Gates)**
  - B. Reconvene into Open Session at 7:28 pm.
    - Motion: Carried 1st: R.S. Reyburn 2nd:M. Whitney**
    - Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent: (S. Dow, J. Gates)**
- XIV. Adjournment
  - A. Adjourn the Meeting 7:29 pm.
    - Motion: Carried 1st:J. LeBlanc 2nd: R.S. Reyburn**
    - Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent: (S.Dow, J.Gates)**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vanessa Tryon