

LaFayette Central School District  
Board of Education - Regular Meeting  
Location:C. Grant Grimshaw School Library  
US Route 20  
LaFayette, New York 13084  
September 27, 2017

- I. Opening
  - A. Call to Order - The regular Board of Education meeting for the LaFayette Central School District was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Dow. In attendance were Trustees C. Dwyer, J. Gates, J. LeBlanc, S. Reyburn, M. Whitney, District Clerk Vanessa Tryon, Superintendent Jeremy Belfield, Assistant Superintendent for Business Tiffany Turner, Alessandra Erickson, Jim Kesler, Jennifer McDonald, Tom LaRose, Kevin Morel, Molly Fitzpatrick, Erin Oristian, Jason Ryan, and John Gizzi.
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Dow at 6:03 p.m.
  - C. Opening Remarks
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Regular Minutes - September 14, 2017

**Motion:Carried 1st:S. Reyburn 2nd:C. Dwyer**  
**Vote: Yes:4 No:0 Abstain:2 (S. Dow, J. Gates) Absent:1 (G. Oelkers)**
- III. District Presentations and Reports
  - A. Google Field Trip - Kevin Morel, Math teacher, presented with student Molly Fitzpatrick on a proposed field trip for the OCC Business Class to Google headquarters in NYC. The trip is planned for November 9, 2017. The students are fundraising to earn the money to pay for transportation.
- IV. Old Business
- V. Communications
  - A. Board Member Updates
- VI. New Business
- VII. Superintendent's Report
  - 1. Mr. Belfield updated the board on water testing throughout the district. Water testing results are posted in the Green Sheet and on the district website.
  - 2. Mr. Belfield updated the board on his recent visit to the BOCES Career and Technical Education Center at the Thompson Road campus.
  - 3. Mr. Belfield held Listening Sessions at Grimshaw and LaFayette Jr/Sr High prior to Curriculum Night/Open House. Thank you to the parents and students who were able to attend the listening sessions.
  - 4. Mr. Belfield updated the board on the New York State Council of School Superintendents Conference.
  - 5. Mr. Belfield updated the board on a gas leak that occurred at Grimshaw Elementary. Great job to the staff and students during the evacuation to the high school.
  - 6. Mr. Belfield updated the board on the Professional Development Day that occurred on Wednesday, September 27th
- VIII. Consent Agenda
  - A. Approval of Board Action Items -
    - 1. CSE, CPSE, and 504 Recommendations

2. Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement - 2017 Capital Project
3. Resolution to Fund Reserves
4. 2017-2018 School Tax Roll Correction
5. Treasurer's Reports - July 2017
6. Budget Transfers - June 30, 2017 and September 28, 2017
7. Board of Education Policy Review and Update - Second Reading - for 2017-2018 School Year
8. Surplus of Equipment and Vehicles

B. Approval of Personnel Items

1. Leave of Absence
2. Interscholastic Appointment
3. Non Instructional Appointment
4. Substitute Appointment
5. Resignation 2016-2017
6. Clerical Appointment
7. Co-Curricular Appointment

Trustee Dwyer inquired about the Professional Services Agreement and how is the contract cost derived. Assistant Superintendent Turner clarified that the contract is part the design architect's contract which allows the architect to subcontract specialists for designs, if they do not have a specialist on staff.

Trustee Dwyer inquired about board policy 1210. There was discussion regarding the legal requirement for board candidates to have 25 signatures or a percentage of voters on their petitions.

**Motion: Carried    1st: M. Whitney    2nd: J.Gates**  
**Vote: Yes:6 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent: 1 (G. Oelkers)**

IX. Board Non-Action Items

- A. Strategic Plan Update - The district will be working with PLC Associates to provide training and support relative to our strategic plan and district comprehensive improvement plan. PLC Associates will provide a program for our administrators called Leverage Leadership.
- B. There was a discussion regarding the reasons parents/students are opting out. The district will make efforts to inform parents and students about recent changes made to state assessments to help encourage participation (shorter exams, more access to testing accommodations, etc.).

X. Calendar Review

- A. 10/2/17 - GAPS at Grimshaw 6:30pm
- B. 10/5/17 - End of 5 week
- C. 0/5/17 - Financial Aid Night at HS.
- D. 10/5/17 - Movie Night Fundraiser
- E. 10/6/17 - Professional Development day - no school for students
- F. 10/9/17 - No School for Staff and Students
- G. 10/11/17 - Back to school night at ONS - 5:00 - Listening Session with Superintendent Jeremy Belfield; 5:30 - Dinner and 6:30 - Open House
- H. 10/12/17 - BOE Meeting

XI. Financial Reports - FYI - Assistant Superintendent for Business discussed the cash flow report and the claims auditor report.

- A. Budget Status Reports - July 2017

B. Cash Flow - July 2017

C. Claims and Auditor Report and Warrants - July 2017

XII. Closing Remarks

A. Public Communications to the Board

1. Erin Oristian - Sue Connors, presenter on tourette's syndrome, visited Big Picture and JSHS on 9/27/17. Erin offered handouts and a DVD to Board members.
2. Trustee Whitney asked about Graduation DVD's - Mr. Ryan and Assistant Superintendent Turner answered that the vendor is sending them out today and we will be sending them home as soon as they are received.
3. Kevin Morel offered a compliment regarding the administration's response to the gas leak at Grimshaw and adjusting athletic games and practices due to the heat. The messages were clear and concise.
4. Tom LaRose commented that the staff and students handled the gas leak at Grimshaw very well.
5. Tom LaRose provided an update to the board on the Athletic Hall of Fame event which will be held on October 29th in Cazenovia.

XIII. Proposed Executive Session

- A. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discuss employment and medical history of a particular employee at 6:57 pm.

**Motion:Carried 1st: C. Dwyer 2nd:J. LeBlanc**

**Vote: Yes:6 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent: 1 (G. Oelkers)**

- B. Reconvene into Open Session at 8:25 pm.

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

**Vote: Yes: No: Abstain: Absent: 1 (G. Oelkers)**

XIV. Adjournment

- A. Adjourn the Meeting 8:26 pm.

**Motion:Carried 1st: C.Dwyer 2nd: S. Dow**

**Vote: Yes: No: Abstain: Absent: 1 (G. Oelkers)**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vanessa Tryon