

LaFayette Central School District  
Board of Education - Regular Meeting  
Location: The Big Picture Commons  
Address: 3122 US Route 11  
LaFayette, NY 13084  
April 17, 2024

I. Opening

A. Call to Order - The Board of Education meeting for the Lafayette Central School district was called to order at 5:31 pm by President Reyburn. In attendance were Trustee J. Gates, S. Stanton, A. Moore, A. Roe-Ryan, M. La Cava, L. Podsiedlik, Superintendent Jeremy Belfield, School Business Official and Deputy Clerk Laurie Holtsbery.

1. Guests in attendance - Tom La Rose
2. Virtual Guests - Susan Hart, Jennifer Mc Donald, Teresa Miller, Jason Ryan

B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Reyburn at 5:31 pm

C. Opening Remarks - Robert's Rules was included in President Reyburn's opening remarks.

II. Approval of Minutes -

A. Regular Minutes - March 27, 2024 - Trustee Moore and Trustee Podsiedlik were not present.

**Motion:** Carried      **1st:** Trustee LaCava      **2nd:** Trustee Gates  
**Vote: Yes:** 5      **No:** 0      **Abstain:** 2      **Absent:** 0

III. District Presentation

A. Legend of Learning - Teresa Miller - Superintendent Belfield honored the one and only, the legendary, the one that asks all the questions on behalf of Grimshaw elementary.....Ms. Tess Miller. She goes above and beyond to meet the needs of the students and staff. She did a fantastic job as the coordinator of the summer program last summer, and as the after school program coordinator throughout this school year. The District is grateful to Ms. Miller for all that she does for the students and staff at Grimshaw.

B. OCM BOCES Administrative and Capital Budget Vote

1. Roll Call Vote - There was a meeting in Cortland with the OCM BOCES constituents. A vote was held on the administrative part of the BOCES budget. Mr. Belfield shared information on the BOCES model used to attract candidates to the section III leadership positions. Mr. Reyburn spoke about the BOCES annual report. Mr. Belfield and Mr. Reyburn gave an overview of the courses at BOCES available to students. The Board will vote on the administration and capital portion of the BOCES budget. Mr. Belfield gave details of the vote and shared that he is grateful to be a part of what's happening at OCM BOCES.

IV. Policy Discussion

A. LaFayette Board of Education Policy Review

1. First Reading for Policy 5710, 5711, 5720, 5730, 5731, 5740, 5741 and Policy 1640

**Motion:** Carried      **1st:** Trustee Roe-Ryan      **2nd:** Trustee Podsiedlik  
**Vote: Yes:** 7      **No:** 0      **Abstain:** 0      **Absent:** 0

V. Communications

- A. Board Member Updates - Mr. Reyburn attended the National Technical Honor Society Induction at the SRC Arena. There were six LaFayette students that were inducted. Trustee LaCava commented on Mr. McKenna's communication to the community in regards to sport events.
- B. NYSSBA 2024 Events Policy Workshop and More - Mr. Belfield reviewed upcoming opportunities for Board members. There will be a local opportunity in August of this year.

- VI. Superintendent Report - Tess Miller popped in virtually. There was a redo of the nice things previously mentioned about Ms. Miller. Mr. Belfield gave an update on the Onondaga Nation School screening process. State University of New York at University of Albany was in touch with the junior high, senior high school and the Big Picture school, interviewing staff and talking to parents and highlighting the good work. The LaFayette Jr. Sr. High school and the BP school are out-performing similar schools, when it comes to graduation. Battle of the Books did a fantastic job preparing to compete. Mr. Belfield thanked Sue Bang and Jen McDonald for all their hard work organizing the event. Mr. Belfield visited the STEAM school advisory team. He is the regional representative for schools outside the city. Mr. Belfield gave an update on the STEAM school progress, and Student participation in NYS ELA and Math.

VII. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Board Action Items

Item # 2 - Board Meeting Dates - was voted on separately for a discussion on everyone's availability for the meeting in July 2024.

**Motion:** Carried      **1st:** Trustee LaCava      **2nd:** Trustee Podsiedlik  
**Vote: Yes:** 7      **No:** 0      **Abstain:** 0      **Absent:** 0

The July 3rd meeting date will be amended. The meeting date will be July 10th at 5:30 pm at the District Office.

**Motion:** Carried      **1st:** Trustee LaCava      **2nd:** Trustee Podsiedlik  
**Vote: Yes:** 7      **No:** 0      **Abstain:** 0      **Absent:** 0

1. CSE, CPSE, 504 Recommendations
2. Board Meeting Dates
3. Telecommunications Multi-Year Service Agreement - Resolution
4. Treasurer's Report - March 2024
5. Budget Transfers - March 2024
6. Emergency Project Hot Water Heaters Replacement 2024
7. Transportation Requests School Year 24-25
8. Tuition - Syracuse Academy of Science 23-24
9. Approval of Non-Instructional Contract 2024-2028

**Motion:** Carried      **1st:** Trustee LaCava      **2nd:** Trustee Gates  
**Vote: Yes:** 7      **No:** 0      **Abstain:** 0      **Absent:** 0

B. Approval of Personnel Items

1. Resignation
2. Substitute Recommendation
3. Non-Instructional Recommendations

**Motion:** Carried      **1st:** Trustee LaCava      **2nd:** Trustee Stanton  
**Vote: Yes:** 7      **No:** 0      **Abstain:** 0      **Absent:** 0

VIII. Financials - FYI - Ms. Holtsbery gave the financial update. Everything is going well - cash flow is pretty good. Ms. Holtsbery shared the fund's locations - the funds are in the Chase account when it is not being invested, and the account is getting a good return. Ms. Holtbery spoke on the R fund. Mr. Belfield shared how and why funds are being used and invested. There was a discussion about transportation aid.

- A. Warrants and Claims March 2024
- B. Financials March 2024
- C. Cash Flow March 2024

IX. Calendar Review

A. Upcoming Events

- Early Dismissal for PLCs every Monday - 1:45 GS/ONS; 2:00 HS/BP
- Co-Curricular Club meets during the week 2:45 pm - 3:15 pm - Refer to the District Calendar for specific club meeting dates.

1. April 18th - School Bus Drill
2. April 19th - Deadline for Poetry Contest
3. April 22nd - 26th - Spring Break
4. May 1st - 10th Grade College-Career Readiness at OCC
5. May 4th - SAT Exam
6. May 6th - GAPS Meeting
7. May 8th - Regular BOE Meeting at the Jr. Sr. High School Library

X. Public Comments

- A. Public Communications to the Board - No Public Communications

XI. Proposed Executive Session - Subject to Board Approval

- A. Enter into the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, contract negotiations, and employees at 6:14 pm.

**Motion:** Carried      **1st:** Trustee LaCava      **2nd:** Trustee Stanton  
**Vote: Yes:** 7      **No:** 0      **Abstain:** 0      **Absent:** 0

- B. Reconvene into Open Session at 9:04 pm

**Motion:** Carried      **1st:** Trustee Podsiedlik      **2nd:** Trustee Gates  
**Vote: Yes:** 7      **No:** 0      **Abstain:** 0      **Absent:** 0

XII. Adjournment

- A. Adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm

**Motion:** Carried      **1st:** Trustee LaCava      **2nd:** Trustee Stanton  
**Vote: Yes:** 7      **No:** 0      **Abstain:** 0      **Absent:** 0

Respectfully Submitted,

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