

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

I. Opening

A. Call to Order - The Board of Education meeting for the Lafayette Central School district was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Reyburn. In attendance were Trustee J. Gates, S. Stanton, A. Roe-Ryan, M. LaCava, Superintendent Jeremy Belfield, School Business Official and Deputy Clerk Laurie Holtsbery. Trustee Moore and Trustee Podsiedlik were not present. Trustee Gates left the meeting at 6:52 pm.

1. Guests in attendance - Tom LaRose, Sean Zehner, Dr. Manning, Christine Finch, Ron Cooper, Brian Wells, Brandon Reppi, Dale Shinneman, Gregg Shinneman, Pat Wilson, Rob Kennedy, Anthony Vadala, Karen Meaney
2. Virtual Guests - James McKenna, Jason P. Ryan

B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Reyburn at 5:30 pm

C. Opening Remarks - President Reyburn thanked everyone for attending. Meeting conducts, policies and guidance were reviewed.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Minutes - December 13, 2023

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

B. Special Meeting Minutes - January 3, 2024

Trustee LaCava, Trustee Moore and Trustee Podsiedlik were not present for the January 3rd meeting.

Motion: Carried **1st:** Trustee Gates **2nd:** Trustee Roe-Ryan
Vote: Yes: 4 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 1 **Absent:** 2

III. District Presentation

A. Legend of Learning for January is Tom LaRose - Superintendent Belfield introduced Tom LaRose as the January Legend of Learning and also shared his favorite nomination for Mr. LaRose. A video was shared. A photo was taken and Mr. Belfield thanked Mr. LaRose for all that he has done for the kids. Mr. LaRose shared memories he will cherish.

B. STEAM School Presentation 2024 - Mr. Belfield introduced Dr. Jody Manning, the STEAM school consultant. Dr. Manning spoke about the Syracuse City School District STEAM School projected to open in 2025. The concept came about in 2018. 60% of students will be from the SCDD the other 40% will be from surrounding schools. Mr. Manning shared the purpose of the school, the opportunities, the employability and the contribution to local economic Development. After graduation students will have acquired the credentials to enter the workforce above what's required. Students will receive certification to control Robots and have more than 30 college credits. There will be opportunities for early graduation and dual majors. Dr. Manning shared a video. Mr. Reyburn had a question about the student's portfolio, about semiconductors and about the clean room. Dr. Manning answered. Mr. Belfield thanked Dr. Jody Manning for coming out and providing the information.

C. Supervisors' Update

1. Transportation - Christine Finch gave an update on activities in the transportation department this school year. Ron Cooper continued with what's ahead and shared his experience with securing employees.
2. Facilities/Ground - Ron Cooper gave the Facilities and Grounds update. The District Plan is currently being revised. Mr. Cooper is coordinating with BOCES in regards to classes to keep employees updated on training. Keeping compliant with signage is important in the department. Mr. Reyburn asked if employees are trained to use narcans. It is not mandatory however training was offered to employees. Trustee LaCava questioned the number of AEDs in the District. There are approximately 10 AEDs in the District.
3. Food Services - Rob Kennedy gave the Food Services update. Meals are free for all students due to the Community Eligibility Provision program. Staffing is still challenging. Meal counts are up. Mr. Kennedy is communicating with Ms. Petranchuk about breakfast in the classroom next school year. Trustee Roe-Ryan commented on breakfast in the classroom. There was a conversation about utensils. The Board thanked Mr. Kennedy.
4. Technology - Brandon Reppi, Brian Wells, Sean Zehner - Mr. Belfield introduced the IT team. Brian is new to the team this year. Brandon Reppi shared a few items that the team worked on this year. Access points in all buildings were replaced for better connection for students and staff. The department is also working on inventory to supply both students and staff. They are also working on Mimecast security. Mr. Wells shared that the team is working on closing holes in the network. Technology changes daily so the team is always working to keep the system up-to-date and secure. Mr. Reyburn asked about Mimecast. It is still in the works to be fully installed. There is a meeting scheduled to meet with Mimecast.

D. Budget Update/Bus Purchase - Ms. Holtsbery gave the updates which included the 2024-2025 Budget Environment Update. The budget is currently in review. Ms. Holtsbery met with admins to find out the needs for next school year. February 7th is the Community Budget Committee meeting. Workshop starts on February 14th. Things to consider for the budget are foundation aid and the end of federal funding. The District is in need of three new buses. Currently the District has only one spare bus for the fleet. Superintendent Belfield spoke in detail about the need for new buses. Other things to consider are contractual obligations, the Employees Retirement System, the Teachers Retirement systems, health insurance and the demands of special education.

E. Budget Environment Update 2024-2025

IV. Communications

A. Board Member Updates - Superintendent Belfield shared upcoming events. There will be a presentation on Saturday by CNYSBA and also an in-person Annual Legislative Forum on Saturday, February 3rd. This is a great opportunity for Board members to meet with elected officials. Trustee Roe-Ryan shared take-away from attending a Parent Night Workshop. The topic was Supporting Resilient Teens.

V. Policy Discussion

A. LaFayette Board of Education Policy Review

1. Second Reading for Policy 5550, 5570, 5572, 5620

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

2. First Reading for Policy 5610, 5630, 5631, 5632, 5633, 5640, 5650, 5660, 5661

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

3. First reading with a motion to waive the second reading for Policy 6190 - Workplace Violence Prevention

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

Superintendent Belfield thanked the Board for considering waiving the second reading of policy 6190 and shared information on the policy and the plan to be in compliance.

VI. Superintendent Report - Superintendent Belfield thanked the Board for a great December retreat. Thanks also to the Skä•noñh tour guides. Thanks to Mr. Ryan and Mr. Zehner and all the staff at the high school for the “What I Need Period”. Thanks also to Mr. Kennedy for adjusting the cafeteria schedule to accommodate this new period. Mr. Belfield spoke on the Legislative Forum and all who are involved in securing resources for the District. The District building condition survey was updated two years ago. Some items of priority for future projects are the cost of renovating the stadium area, replacing the gym divider, adding AC to the auxiliary gym, locker room renovation, wrestling room renovation, installation of AC at the HS and GS, removing the existing wastewater plant, upgrading the phone system through BOCES, upgrade IT and security, the energy management system, fire alarm system that are out of date, repairing the concrete sidewalk at GS - the kindergarten wing - replace the playground - cafeteria ceiling - bathroom ada compliance. The wish list may not all fit within the budget but it will be approached by priority and creativity. There was a discussion on the fields in the District.

Trustee Gates left the meeting at 6:52 pm.

VII. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Board Action Items

1. CSE, CPSE, 504 Recommendations
2. Budget Transfers - November-December 2023
3. Treasurer’s Report - November-December 2023
4. 2022-2023 Single Audit Report & Extra Classroom Audit Report and Corrective Action Plan
5. Extra Classroom Account for Art Entrepreneurship
6. Updated 2024-2025 Budget Calendar
7. Donation to Big Picture
8. Workplace Violence Prevention Program

Motion: Carried **1st:** Trustee LaCava **2nd:** Trustee Stanton
Vote: Yes: 4 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 3

B. Approval of Personnel Items

1. Resignation
2. After School Program Instructional Recommendations GS
3. Substitute Recommendations

Motion: Carried **1st:** Trustee Roe-Ryran **2nd:** Trustee Stanton
Vote: Yes: 4 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 3

VIII. Financials - FYI

- A. Warrants and Claims November-December 2023
- B. Financials November-December 2023
- C. Cash Flow November-December 2023

Ms. Holtsbery gave an overview of the financials. There was a meeting in October with the Extraclassroom Advisors and Treasurers to establish reporting procedures and dissolve clubs as needed.

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. Jan. 22 - IXL testing in the morning - 1st Period Classrooms
 2. Jan. 23 - 25 - Regents Exams - HS Conference Room
 3. Jan. 25 - 7th Grade Math Simulation 1st period in the Cafeteria
 4. Jan. 26 - Half Day for Students - Department Business
 - End of HS Marking Period 3 and Semester 1
 - Robotics Competition @ Chittenango HS 4pm-10pm
 5. Jan. 27 - Senior High math League County Meet 8:00am-12:30pm
 6. Jan. 31 - BOE Special meeting at the District Office at 4:30 pm
 7. Feb. 13 - Grimshaw 6th Grade Field Trip to Skaneateles Community Center 9:30 am - 12:30pm
 8. Feb. 14 - BOE Regular meeting @ the BP Commons 5:30pm

X. Public Comments

A. Public Communications to the Board

Gregg Schinneman had a question about the size of the senior class.

Mr. Reyburn responded that there are usually about 50 students in the senior class.

Gregg Schinneman asked about the COVID policy if the infected student does not have a fever.

Mr. Belfield referred to the CDC guidelines and education law.

Gregg Schinneman asked about policy on students hurting themselves and asked if immediate actions are taken.

The Board responded yes.

XI. Proposed Executive Session - Subject to Board Approval

- A. Enter into the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations, employment history, and litigations at 7:12 pm.

Motion: Carried **1st:** Trustee Stanton **2nd:** Trustee LaCava
Vote: Yes: 4 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 3

- B. Reconvene into Open Session at 9:11 pm

Motion: Carried **1st:** Trustee LaCava **2nd:** Trustee Stanton
Vote: Yes: 4 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 3

XII. Adjournment

A. Adjourn the meeting at 9:11pm

Motion: Carried

1st: Trustee Roe-Ryan

2nd: Trustee LaCava

Vote: Yes: 4

No: 0

Abstain:

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Absent: 3

Respectfully Submitted,

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