

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  
January 18, 2023

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 Reyburn. In attendance were Trustee C. Dwyer, Trustee M. LaCava, Superintendent Jeremy Belfield, School Business Official and Deputy Clerk Laurie Holtsbery. Trustee A. Roe-Ryan joined in virtually at 5:55 pm. Trustee Gates, Stanton and Moore were not present.

1. Guests in attendance - Robert Kennedy, Ronald Cooper, Christine Finch, Patricia Sundusky, Brandon Reppi, Jim Kessler, Chris Gray, Jessica Nguyen, Robert Pontbriand, Terry Hora, Lauren Lok, Eva Stivers, Angela Stivers, James McKenna

2. Virtual Guests - Ashley Kolbeck, Lisa Kurtz, Jen Picciano, Danielle Robinson, Angela S., Shannon Thayer

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

C. Opening Remarks - President Reyburn went over board meeting rules and regulations and expectations.

II. District Presentation

A. [Legend of Learning](#) - The board congratulated Ms. Danielle Robinson, Art Teacher at LaFayette Jr/Sr High School, as the Legend of Learning for January 2023. A student who nominated Danielle shared the following: Mrs. Robinson is always so nice to everyone. Ms. Robinson really tries to find time for others that are really interested in learning about art. She always stays positive and always finds the time to work with others. She always finds the time to encourage others to try! Ms. Robinson always makes me happy. A staff member shared the following: Danielle is an outstanding teacher that engages her students with a variety of different mediums. She is a firm believer in the growth mindset and develops engaging lessons that inspire her students. With help from her colleagues, she has implemented an after school enrichments club that has drawn a large interest from our students. Danielle is an asset to the Jr./Sr. High School. Danielle - Thank you for your continued commitment to excellence! Danielle attended the meeting virtually.

B. [Construction Update](#)- Representatives from Turner Construction updated the board on current construction projects in the district - Grimshaw Library, Budget update, Grimshaw crawl space and Critical issues. Jim Kesler, Clerk of the Works, updated the board on the status of the 2023 Capital Outlay project which will continue the LED lighting project in classrooms at LaFayette Jr/Sr High School; February break is the tentative date. Mr. Kesler also updated the board on the current fire alarm project at the Onondaga Nation School and project planning efforts at ONS. OGS has been very helpful and productive. OGS wants to do a site survey; Meeting will be on the 27th. Mr. Kesler thanked everyone for all their help.

- C. [5 year Capital Plan](#) - Representatives from Ashley McGraw (AM) Architects reviewed highlights from the recently completed building condition survey and five year capital plan. Architects and engineers have reviewed all of the school buildings and identified high, medium and low priority facility needs for future capital work. The district is considering a capital referendum for consideration by the LaFayette voters in the fall of 2024. The district is working to refine the scope based on the needs identified in the building condition survey and targeted areas based on programmatic needs.

Mr. Belfield spoke on the sewage system at the high school and the high cost of replacing it. The focus will be on things that are in dire need of repair at the high school.

Trustee Dwyer asked about lights on the playing fields.

Ashley McGraw Rep. - It would be very expensive to install.

Mr. Kesler shared his knowledge of power in the area of the concession stand.

Trustee Reyburn asked about the plan for the parking lot and the number of slots.

Ashley McGraw Rep - Parking spaces for emergency vehicles.

The building condition survey and the five year plan review also included the high school basement floor plan - wrestling room renovation, seven key areas on the first floor of the high school, two areas on the second floor and some electrical and plumbing in various areas at the high school.

Trustee Dwyer asked about lead testing.

Superintendent Belfield talked about the change from five to three years for testing.

There are site works in the building condition survey for Grimshaw and the District office. At the district office - Floors, a door, windows, the bus lift, the pavement, bus charging station and the fuel Island. At Grimshaw - a playground, the basement floor, plans for the first floor and electrical and plumbing in various areas at Grimshaw and the district office.

Trustee Dwyer asked about electric bus driving.

Superintendent Belfield is working on gathering information to be fully prepared for electric buses.

Trustee Dwyer asked if the district has water softeners.

Mr. Kesler - the district has water softeners and filters. Improvements have been made over the years but there is but so much that can be done with well water. There isn't a cost effective solution to removing salt from the water.

#### D. Supervisors' Update

1. Transportation- Ron Cooper, Transportation Supervisor/Maintenance Crew Leader and Christine Finch, Dispatcher, updated the board on efforts to safely transport LaFayette students. Christine is doing an amazing job and the department is currently in good shape.
2. Facilities/Grounds- Ron Cooper, Transportation Supervisor/Maintenance Crew Leader, updated the board on the custodial and maintenance departments. The crew is working on cleaning up for the opening of the library at Grimshaw. The department is in good shape with equipment. Mr. Cooper thanked the board for their support.





Trustee Dwyer asked if the Intermunicipal Agreement Resolution was done before.  
Superintendent Belfield - It was previously done with a handshake.

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

B. Approval of Personnel Items

1. Resignation
2. Leave of Absence
3. Instructional recommendation
4. Substitute Recommendation
5. Non-Instructional Recommendation
6. Volunteer Appointment

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

VIII. Financials - FYI

- A. Warrants and claims - December 2022
- B. Financials - December 2022
- C. Cash Flow - December 2022

IX. Calendar Review

A. Upcoming Events

- Early Dismissal for PLCs every Monday - 1:45 GS/ONS; 2:00 HS/BP
  1. January 24th - 27th - Regents Exams
  2. January 27th - End of Jr. Sr. High School Marking Period 3  
- Half Day for Students - Department Business
  3. February 1st - BOE Special Meeting at the District Office 4:30pm
  4. February 8th - Community Budget Meeting
  5. February 15th - BOE Meeting @ The Big Picture Commons 5:30pm

X. Public Comments

- A. Public Communications to the Board - No public communications to the board

XI. Proposed Executive Session - Subject to Board Approval

- A. Enter into the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, employment history, students, and collective bargaining at 6:58 pm.

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

B. Reconvene into Open Session at 8:28 pm

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

XII. Adjournment

A. Adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm

**Motion:** Carried

**1st:** Trustee LaCava **2nd:** Trustee Dwyer

**Vote: Yes:** 4

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** Trustee Gates

Trustee Moore

Trustee Stanton

Respectfully Submitted,



Paula Hibbert