

LaFayette Central School District
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
The Big Picture Commons
3122 US Route 20
March 26, 2025

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, L. Podsiedlik, Superintendent Jeremy Belfield, School Business Official and Deputy Clerk Laurie Holtsbery. Trustee Moore was not present.

1. Guests in attendance - Nicole Petranchuk, James McKenna

2. Virtual Guests - Ashley Kolbeck, Jason P. Ryan, Megan Zehner

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

C. Opening Remarks - President Reyburn opened the meeting by thanking everyone virtually and in-person for attending. He also reviewed meeting conducts and gave directions to the restrooms.

There was an adjustment to the agenda. There was a motion to approve the adjustment.

Motion: Carried	1st: Trustee LaCava	2nd: Trustee Podsiedlik
Vote: Yes: 6	No: 0	Abstain: 0
		Absent: 1

There was a motion to approve the amendment to the agenda.

Motion: Carried	1st: Trustee LaCava	2nd: Trustee Gates
Vote: Yes: 6	No: 0	Abstain: 0
		Absent: 1

II. Approval of Minutes March 12, 2025

A. Regular Minutes - Trustee Stanton and Trustee Moore were not present for this meeting

Motion: Carried	1st: Trustee Gates	2nd: Trustee Roe-Ryan
Vote: Yes: 6	No: 0	Abstain: 0
		Absent: 1

III. District Presentation

- A. Legend of Learning Daniel Alexander - The Head Mechanic and Bus Driver, Dan Alexander was acknowledged as the March 2025 Legend of Learning. The individual who nominated Dan shared the following: Dan is our Head Mechanic and one of our amazing bus drivers in the Transportation Department. He comes to work every day with a positive attitude and ready for whatever the day throws at him. He is a team leader not only in the garage, but also on the road. He has the respect of everyone he works with. If there are any problems, he is always there to help. He comes in early and stays late to make sure our aging bus fleet is safe and ready for our kids. If you ever go back to the garage, you will find Dan under a bus fixing it, on the phone with a vendor getting parts or doing the endless paperwork that comes with being a head mechanic. Dan has been asked to step into the role of trainer and man in charge when needed and has always done so without hesitation. He is a true leader in any role he has been given.

Mr. Belfield thanked Dan for his continued commitment to excellence.

- B. [Mid-Year Report GrimShaw](#) - Ms Nicole Petranchuk's report included academics, social emotional learning (SEL), mental health, behavior and fostering a positive learning environment. Ms. Petranchuk talked about taking the integrative approach and staying true to the mission. The integrative approach was explained in detail - what is involved and all that's offered at each of the three tiers. The professional learning community was restructured for Mondays. The big impact was grades four, five and six which became compartmentalized with a rotation through different subjects/classes. There is a thirty minute intervention time in the schedule. There is also a sixth grade mentoring program with students in upper grades interacting with lower level students. Ms. Petranchuk talked about the walk-a-thon fundraiser - students raising more than the goal which lead to an icecream day with the ice cream truck coming to the school. The school continues to engage with the community partners. Ms. Petranchuk shared takeaways from a recent conference - Behavior Academy. She is looking to explore Behavior Academy for next school year because intentional structure is provided. The idea is that - for example - you have students struggling with keeping their hand to themselves and there is a six to eight week structure provided to assist with this behavior. Looking ahead - BIMAS 2 Training and a culturally responsive team are in the plan. The current focus is to create a welcoming environment for students. Ms. Petranchuk shared all the fun

that took place on Gimshaw's first family fun night. Renee Pierce was the driving force behind this event. She made it happen by getting a team together and planning the night. 350 people attended. There were crafts, skating and many more tables with different activities.

Mr. Belfield thanked Ms. Petranchuk for her willingness to go the extra mile for her students.

- C. [Athletics Update](#) - Winter Sports - J. McKenna - Mr. McKenna thanked the Board for having him and opened with winter sports for his update - Modified Volleyball, Boys Basketball, Varsity Indoor Track, Cheerleading, Girls Basketball, Boys Ice Hockey and Wrestling. The Volleyball team has a bright future. The Boys Basketball OHSL Patriot Division came together for a Senior All-Star game at the high school to benefit a beloved student athlete. Mr. McKenna shared highlights and student athlete achievements in each sport. Spring sports season started on March 17th. Eight more athletes are needed for the modified softball team. The staff at ONS are working on encouraging students to sign up.

D. [Budget Adoption - Property Tax Report Card](#)

1. [Budget Presentation](#) - Ms. Holtsbery opened with the reason for the District - to educate students. The goal to build the budget continues to be the same - to meet the contractual obligations, adequately budget, implement improvement plans and adhere to the property tax cap calculation. Ms. Holtsbery shared details of each proposition. There was an update on the executive budget. The 2025-2026 three part preliminary expenditure budget was explained - administrative, capital and program budget. Revenue for the budget and the repercussions of a contingent budget were presented. The budget hearing will be held on May 7th at 5:30 at the high school library. The Budget Vote will be on May 20, 2025, 1:00 - 9:00 at the high school.

2. [Roll Call Vote for Budget Adoption, Propositions](#)

President Reyburn conducted the roll call vote.

President Reyburn had a question for Ms. Petranchuk about the GAPS fundraiser. Ms. Petranchuk answered that there is only one fundraiser for the entire school year. There was a conversation about the fundraiser.

IV. Communications

- A. [Board Member Updates](#) - President Reyburn talked about events from BOCES - Arts in Education at the Everson Museum, CNY History Day - Competition, ISS - on robotics for kids - Gatsby 101 and 102. Trustee Roe-Ryan gave a thank-you to the school and the community for all the events.
- B. [School Board Member Updates](#) - Ms. Reid shared of Sources of Strength's new campaign - Strength and generosity. This event will coincide with Career Day on April 11th. There will be multiple events for students to give back to the community - hands on projects and spring cleaning drive. On March 15th the high school held the Spencer Dix Exceptional Senior Game to remember Spencer and his love for the game. Ms. Reid shared how RockFest all began and the events happening in the event this year. Also shared was the success of the high school musical, Gone with the Breeze, which was held on March 14th and 15th. The LaFayette community will be celebrating their 200th anniversary and students were asked what they would like the history book to say about the town. Ms. Reid shared the responses. Ms. Reid thanked the audience for listening and was open to questions.

- V. Superintendent Report - Mr. Belfield thanked the Arts Department, performers and stage crew for a wonderful musical performance. Mr. Belfield gave an update on lead water testing in the district. The District is waiting on results from recent tests. There was a fire inspection yesterday - no issues. The District is working with BOCES on the Triennial inspection. Mr. Jim Kesler updated the District Health and Safety committee on the capital outlay to replace lights. Mr. Belfield gave an update on the Onondaga Nation School Capital Outlay and spoke on the one-house budget. He is grateful for the allocation of funds. The District is up to date with emergency response drills. Mr. Belfield thanked Colonel Bill McConnell for the awesome community event - Air Force Band Concert.

VI. Policy Discussion

- A. LaFayette Board of Education Policy Review

- 1. Second Reading for Policy - 6550, 6551, 6552, 6560, 6562

Motion: Carried	1st: Trustee Roe-Ryan	2nd: Trustee Podsiedlik
Vote: Yes: 6	No: 0	Abstain: 0
		Absent: 1

VII. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Board Action Items

1. CSE, CPSE, 504 Recommendations
2. Summer Hours MOUs
3. Election Inspectors / Technician - School District Budget Vote
4. Health and Welfare Contract - West Genesee
5. Resolution - Request for Proposal - Bond Counsel, Legal Counsel, and School Physician
6. Extraclassroom Account for Community Outreach

Motion: Carried **1st:** Trustee LaCava **2nd:** Trustee Stanton
Vote: Yes: 6 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 1

B. Approval of Personnel Items

1. Resignation
2. Substitute Appointment
3. Salary Increase - Graduate Hours for Teachers

Motion: Carried **1st:** Trustee Gates **2nd:** Trustee Stanton
Vote: Yes: 6 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 1

VIII. Calendar Review

A. Upcoming Events

- Co-Curricular Club meets during the week - Refer to the District Calendar for specific club meeting dates.
 - Mar. 28 - Community give at ONS 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 - Rockfest 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm in the auditorium
 - Mar. 31 - Superintendent Conference Day - No school for Students
 - April 4th - Teachers Night Out at "The View"
 - April 7th - GAPS Meeting at 6:00 pm
 - April 7th NYS Math, ELA, Science Comp Based Exams starts through May 16th
 - April 14th - 18th - Spring Break
 - Monday - April 21st - BOE Meeting at the Big Picture Commons @ 5:30 pm

IX. Public Comments

A. Public Communications to the Board - No public comments

X. Proposed Executive Session - Subject to Board Approval

A. Enter into the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing an appointment of a particular person at 6:43 pm.

Motion: Carried **1st:** Trustee Gates **2nd:** Trustee LaCava
Vote: Yes: 6 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 1

B. Reconvene into Open Session at 9:10 pm

Motion: Carried **1st:** Trustee Podsiedlik **2nd:** Trustee Gates
Vote: Yes: 6 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 1

XI. Adjournment

A. Adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm

Motion: Carried **1st:** Trustee LaCava **2nd:** Podsiedlik
Vote: Yes: 6 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 1

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Hibbert