

LaFayette Central School District  
Board of Education - Regular Meeting  
LaFayette Jr. Sr. High School  
3122 US Route 11, Lafayette, NY13084  
March 27, 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 Podsiedlik and Trustee Moore were not present.
  - 1. Guests in attendance - Jen Blossey, Chris Capella, Danille Robinson, Kelly Somerlot, Carrie Ganoë, Sarah Ganoë, Nicole Petranchuk, Rusty Haas, Wendy Haas, Leah Haas, Susan Hart, Jim Kesler, Debra Gibson, Verna Jones, Dale Shinneman, Garrett Keefe, Heather Moore
  - 2. Virtual Guests - Pat McCoy, Lisa Kurtz, Teresa Miller,
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Reyburn at 5:30 pm
- C. Opening Remarks - President Reyburn reviewed meeting conducts.
- D. A Moment of Silence - The LaFayette community has had a lot of trauma over the last month.

II. Approval of Minutes -

- A. Special Meeting Minutes March 11, 2024 - Trustee Moore was not present.

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

- B. Regular Meeting Minutes March 13, 2024- Trustee Moore was not present.

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

- C. Regular Meeting Minutes February 14, 2024 - Amended

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

III. District Presentation

- A. Legend of Learning - Jim Kessler is the March 2024 Legend of Learning. Mr. Kesler has been a staple in the District since 2002. His institutional knowledge of every corner of the District and his working relationship with the NYS Education Department are invaluable. Mr. Kesler has advocated for the Onondaga Nation School renovations and has been a part of multiple successful projects in the District. Mr. Belfield thanked Mr. Kesler for all his hard work and dedication to the District.

- B. Scholastic Art Awards - The Art Teachers, Ms. Robinson and Ms. Capella presented Scholastic Art Award certificates to the art students. There were Silver Key, Gold Key, and Honorable Mention Winners. A total of thirty-one certificates were awarded to the art students. There are a couple of art works displayed at the Everson Museum. Mr. Belfield congratulated everyone who participated. The teachers thank the Administration, Mr. Belfield and the Board for their continued support of the Art Department. The first District Art Show will take place on May 9th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Jr. Sr. High School.
- C. PTS Onondaga Nation School - Ms. Verna Jones and Ms. Debra Gibson spoke on the Onondaga Nation School's relationship with the District. Ms. Jones and Ms. Gibson thanked Mr. Belfield for his support in seeking a Principal for the Onondaga Nation School. Mr. Belfield shared a bit on what's ahead in the Principal Hiring process, and thanked Ms. Jones and Ms. Gibson for coming out this evening.
- D. [Athletics Update](#) - Mr. McKenna presented the athletics update. Mr. McKenna gave an update on winter sports - volleyball, basketball, indoor track, cheerleading, hockey, and wrestling. This is the third week of spring sports season. JV/Varsity sports season started March 11 and modified sports starts on April 9th. The Board thanked Mr. McKenna for the Athletics update.
- E. School Accountability Presentation - Mr. Belfield presented on school accountability. The DCIP committee met on March 18th. The next DCIP meeting will be on Monday, May 13th at 3:30 in the Grimshaw Library - All are welcome. LaFayette is a targeted district due to performance in grades 3 through 8 in the ELA and Math exams. Participation rate in exams has increased. Priority one is to strengthen the academic success of all our students. Mr. Belfield shared information on the implementation of IXL and shared statistics on the District's performance and also statistics on surrounding schools. Programs have been implemented to help students with social and emotional wellbeing. The District will continue to work on improving absenteeism. ParentSquare has been wonderful in communicating with parents. Mr. Belfield thanked the Board for supporting club opportunities for students.
- F. Mid-Year Report for District, GS, HS, BP, and ONS - N. Petranchuk, J. Ryan, S. Hart, J. Gizzi [Susan Hart](#) - Big Picture School Building Principal - Ms. Hart shared the growth of the school with IXL. Weekly goals are set for students in ELA and Math. Academic success - The Big Picture School has 17 seniors on target to graduate with additional credentials for job placement. Ms. Hart shared the stats on attendance, and the results of a recent survey completed by students and parents. What's being implemented to improve social and emotional well-being was also reported. Mr. Belfield thanked Ms. Hart for a great job. [John Gizzi](#) - Onondaga Nation School Interim Building Principal - Mr. Gizzi shared plans and goals for the Onondaga Nation School. The three goals for the year include the Onondaga language and culture, behavior, and wellbeing. The school is working with the children on different challenges. Office referrals compared from last year have reduced immensely. The children are learning language and culture every day in multiple ways. One goal was to reduce chronic absenteeism. The school has taken a positive approach to absenteeism by including the community and staff in all activities. Another goal is improving academics. IXL is being used for engagement. The school is in good shape and working on improving. The Board thanked Mr. Gizzi.

[Nichole Petranchuk](#) - Grimshaw Building Principal - Ms. Petranchuk shared some of the amazing things that are happening at Grimshaw. All grades receive a grade level curriculum and all students have opportunities to enhance their curriculum. The students participate in off-campus field trips and the REV Theater comes in to perform for the students. For positive learning - All students receive a Social and Emotional curriculum and are involved in a lunch group. On March 15th BOCES staff visited to conduct a full day training for staff. Ms. Petranchuk explained SEL benchmarks and how it fits within the curriculum. Activities implemented for social and emotional support, and activities to foster a positive learning environment were included in the report. The Board thanked Ms. Petranchuk.

[Jason Ryan](#) - Jr. Sr. High Building Principal - Mr. Ryan spoke on the WIN (What I Need) schedule. The school created a period of time (30 minutes) within the instructional day where students are not scheduled for a class and teachers are available to provide students with reinforcement, support, and enrichment opportunities. Mr. Ryan elaborated on the plan to create this 30 minute period and the parts involved in executing the plan for three weeks. Mr. Ryan shared feedback from students and parents. The Board thanked Mr. Ryan.

Trustee LaCava and Trustee Roe-Ryan commented on the WIN schedule.

#### G. Budget Adoption Property Tax Report Card

1. [Budget Presentation](#) - Ms. Laurie Holtsbery gave the budget presentation. Ms. Holtsberry spoke about the propositions on the ballot for the upcoming budget vote. Mr. Belfield shared information on the Ex-Officio Student BOE Member proposition, and on the Budget Vote. Ms. Holtsbery's presentation included 24-25 Budget Goals and details of the three part budget. Mr. Belfield shared information on the budget.

Trustee LaCava commented on real estate sales in the District.

2. Roll Call Vote for Budget Adoption, Propositions, and Ex-Officio Student BOE Member -

All were in favor.

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

#### IV. Communications

##### A. Board Member Updates -

- 1- Get on the Bus Event at OCM BOCES Open to the Public on April 11th 6pm - 7pm
- 2- CNYSBA Board Member of Achievement Nominations Needed

Trustee Reyburn shared information from the last OCM BOCES meeting; information on the new CTE program for firefighters and EMTs, and information on the State revamping APPR.

- V. Superintendent Report - Mr. Belfield spoke on fire alarm training and the fire alarm system at the Onondaga Nation School. CPR and AED training for non-instructional staff took place over February break. Mr. Belfield shared information from the NYS Council of Superintendent Winter Institute he attended at the beginning of March; This was also Superintendent Lobby Day. Mr. Belfield thanked the Board for the opportunity to lobby and advocated for the District at the State and Federal level. Superintendent Belfield spoke on the District being featured on the Erie 21 program at Lemoyne. This program exposed 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to tech exploration. The instructors will be visiting the District on May 1st for a coding session with the junior high school students. Thanks to the County Government for this great opportunity. Mr. Belfield thanked the Board for their participation in the powerful training program - Witness to Injustice. Mr. Belfield thanked Ms. Renee Pierce for doing

monthly presentations. Ms. Pierce invited the Prevention Network to provide the program - Hidden Mischief. Mr. Belfield thanked Ms. Pierce, Donna Knapp and her colleagues from Prevention Network for organizing these presentations. The District health and safety meeting was held on March 20th. Jim Kesler did a great job chairing the meeting. Mr. Belfield shared the projects and plans that were discussed at the meeting. The emergency drill logs were reviewed and the District is in really good shape. The District received the School Safety Recognition Titanium with Honors Awards at the Utica Nationals Spring Seminar. The District will be closed on April 8th for the eclipse. A video was shared on how to be safe while viewing the eclipse.

## VI. Policy Discussion

### A. LaFayette Board of Education Policy Review

1. Second Reading for Policy 5681, 5682, 5683, 5684, 5690, 5691, 5692

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

## VII. Consent Agenda

### A. Approval of Board Action Items

1. CSE, CPSE, 504 Recommendations
2. Calendar/Student/Staff/HS/BP/GS/ONS 24-25
3. Resolution for Budget Amendment and Transfer
4. Health and Welfare West Genesee 23-24
5. Summer Hours MOUs
6. Fire Inspector Recommendation
7. Election Inspectors/Technician for Annual Meeting Vote

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

### B. Approval of Personnel Items

1. Substitute Recommendations
2. Non-Instructional Recommendations
3. Salary Increase for Graduate hours for Teachers

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

## VIII. 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 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. - Refer to the District Calendar for specific club meeting dates.

1. March 29th- Good Friday - No School for Students and Staff

2. April 1st- Gaps Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

- [Arts Entrepreneurship Students Fundraiser](#) - *Handmade Chocolate Covered Pretzels and Polymer Clay Earrings*

3. April 4th- REV Theater The Magic Paintbrush - for 2nd Grade @ 8:05 a.m.
4. April 8th- Eclipse Day - No School for Students and Staff
5. April 10th- REV Theater The Boy Who Cried Wolf - for 1st Grade @ 8:05 a.m.
6. April 12th - Senior Class Lock-in 9:00 p.m.
7. April 17th - Regular BOE Meeting at the BP Commons at 5:30 p.m.

IX. Public Comments

- A. Public Communications to the Board - Mr. Gizzi extended an invite to the ONS Family Night Dinner which will take place next week Thursday.

X. Proposed Executive Session - Subject to Board Approval

- A. Enter into the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employment history of particular people, non-instructional negotiation, and to discuss proposed, pending or current or litigation at 8:06 pm.

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

- B. Reconvene into Open Session at 9:38 pm

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

XI. Adjournment

- A. Adjourn the meeting at 9:38 pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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