

LaFayette Central School District
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Location: Grimshaw Library
5957 US Route 20
LaFayette, New York 13084
September 13, 2023

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. Moore, M. LaCava, Podsiedlik, Superintendent Jeremy Belfield, School Business Official and Deputy Clerk Laurie Holtsbery. Trustee Roe-Ryan was not present.

1. Guests in attendance - Linda Bacon, Jessica Nguyen, Chris Gray, Dale Shinneman, Gregg Shinneman, Jim Kesler, Melissa Duerr, Tess Miller, David Amidon, Heather Moore
2. Virtual Guests - Wendy Horner, Carole Dwyer

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

C. Opening Remarks - President Reyburn thanked everyone for coming and reviewed the rules and regulations of the meeting conduct.

II. Approval of Minutes -

A. Regular Minutes - August 16, 2023

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

B. Special Meeting Minutes - August 30, 2023

Trustee Gates, Trustee Roe-Ryan and Trustee LaCava were not present at the meeting on August 30, 2023.

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

III. District Presentation

A. [Legend of Learning](#) September 2023 - David Amidon - Superintendent Belfield shared Dave's accomplishments and comments from colleagues.

B. External Audit Report for 2022-2023 - Melissa Duerr of Mengel Metzger Barr talked about the financials and the audit process. Trustee Moore had a question on the reserves which was answered by Ms. Duerr. There was a discussion on lunch funds and free lunch for the school year. Superintendent Belfield thanked Ms. Duerr for thoroughly analyzing the District's finances.

1. Resolution to Accept External Audit Report for 2022-2023

- C. Claims Auditor Report - Linda Bacon gave an update on the claims auditing process.
- D. [Construction update](#) - Jessica Nguyen of Turner Construction gave the construction update. Superintendent Belfield thanked the Turner Construction team for doing a great job. Jim Kesler gave an update on the Onondaga Nation school project and thanked Turner Construction for a phenomenal job.
- E. [LCSD 2023-2024 Comprehensive ELL Education Plan](#) - Superintendent Belfield gave an overview of the ELL Education Plan. Trustee Reyburn commented on the variety of books available at the Grimshaw library.

IV. Communications

- A. Board Member Updates - Trustee Moore commented on the layout and navigation of the district website, and also how phenomenal the school grounds were at the start of school. Trustee LaCava shared his thoughts on the parent group and school being the center place of the community. Superintendent Belfield thanked Trustee Moore and LaCava for their comments. Mr. Belfield spoke on the staff being responsible for such a great start to the school year.

V. Superintendent Report

- A. Superintendent Belfield thanked the staff for a great opening. Mr. Belfield spoke on Brian Mendler being the speaker on opening day. Highlights of events throughout the district were shared including the celebration of the Onondaga Nation being back together and Governor Hochul's visit to the Onondaga Longhouse to meet with Nation leaders.

VI. Policy Discussion

- A. LaFayette Board of Education Policy Review

1. Second Reading for Policy 5210, 5230, 5240, 5250

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

2. First Reading for Policy 5310, 5320, 5321, 5322, 5323

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

VII. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Board Action Items

1. CSE, CPSE, 504 Recommendations
2. Change Order GC0011 and GC-012
3. C & S Change Order #5
4. Ridley Electric change Order #5
5. Bette & Cring change Order CO-GC-013
6. 2023-2024 LCSD Comprehensive ELL Education Plan
7. Budget Transfers 2023 - June, July, August
8. Reserve Balance at June 30, 2023
9. Treasurer's Report - July, August 2023
10. Combining Contract - Modified Girls Soccer

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

B. Approval of Personnel Items

1. Resignation
2. Substitute Recommendation
3. Non-Instructional Recommendation
4. Annual Recommendation
5. Coach Appointment - Correction
6. Co-Curricular Club Recommendation

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

VIII. Financials - FYI

- A. Warrants and Claims 2023 - June, July, August
- B. Financials 2023 - June, July, August
- C. Cash Flow 2023 - June, July, August

Ms. Holtsbery highlighted the financials.

Mr. Belfield thanked Ms. Holtsbery and Ms. Horner for a great job.

IX. Calendar Review

A. Upcoming Events

- Early Dismissal for PLCs every Monday - 1:45 GS/ONS; 2:00 HS/BP
1. Sept. 19th - Grimshaw Curriculum Night
 2. Sept. 27th - Special BOE meeting 4:30 pm at the DO
 3. Sept. 28th - ONS Curriculum Night
 4. Sept. 29th - Homecoming Weekend
 5. Oct. 3rd - Grimshaw & High School Picture Day
 6. Oct. 6th - ONS Picture Day
 7. Oct. 7th - SAT Exam
 8. Oct. 9th - Indigenous Peoples Day - No School
 9. Oct. 11th - BOE Meeting at the Big Picture Commons 5:30 pm

X. Public Comments

A. Public Communications to the Board - Gregg Shinnerman asked about the ratio of students to teachers and expressed concerns about students' academic progress. Mr. Belfield responded by sharing the effects of COVID, students' attendance, the plan in place and the goals. The NYS testing data is a poor reflection, due to children having the choice to refuse testing.

XI. Proposed Executive Session - Subject to Board Approval

A. Enter into the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employment, litigation and discipline at 6:49 pm.

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

B. Reconvene into Open Session at 9:22 pm

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

XII. Adjournment

A. Adjourn the meeting at 9:22 pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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