

**LaFayette Central School District**  
**Board of Education - Regular Meeting**  
**Location: The Big Picture School Commons**  
**3122 US Route 11 North**  
**LaFayette, New York 13084**  
**March 28, 2019**

I. Opening

- A. Call to Order The regular Board of Education meeting for the LaFayette Central School District was called to order at 5:33 pm by President Dow. In attendance were Trustees J. Gates, J. LeBlanc, G. Oelkers, R. Reyburn, C. Dwyer, and M. Whitney, Superintendent Jeremy Belfield, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business Paul Milograno, District Clerk Vanessa Tryon, Ally Erickson, Jerry Kelly, Tony Vadala, Tom LaRose, Aaron Weil, Keegan Hemlock, Josh Jewett, Mark Fabend, Tyler Fabend, Wyatt Weil, Joshua Tillinghast, Pat Griffin, Aiden Griffin, Patricia Griffin, and Jeremiah Griffin.

II. Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Minutes - March 14, 2019

**Motion:Carried      1st:G. Oelkers      2nd:C. Dwyer**  
**Vote: Yes:7 No:0 Abstain:0      Absent:0**

III. District Presentations

- A. Legend of Learning - Anthony Vadala- Congratulations to our March 2019 Legend of Learning, Mr. Anthony (Tony) Vadala. Mr. Vadala is one of our maintenance works for the district. Tony is a caring, dedicated staff member who goes above and beyond to make sure that our school buildings and grounds are well cared for. Tony takes pride in his work and is always working to make sure that our students, staff, and guests have access to facilities and grounds that are safe and well maintained.
- B. Winter Varsity Athletes - Superintendent Belfield and Jerry Kelly recognized our winter varsity athletes. Aiden Griffin, Wyatt Weil, Keegan Hemlock were present.
- C. Athletic Department Update - Jerry Kelly provided the board with an update on the athletics program.
- D. Cake Reception - Boys Ice Hockey State Champs - The board honored our LaFayette athletes who played for the NYS Championship Syracuse Cougars Ice Hockey team.
- E. Budget Revenue and Tax Cap Presentation - Superintendent Belfield gave a full presentation for the 2019-2020 budget. The presentation is posted on the budget section of the school website School Budget will be on May 21, 2019.

IV. Old Business

- A. Student Safety - Superintendent Belfield updated the board on a recent lock down drill. Thank you to our students and staff for their cooperation during the drill. As we head into the spring months, we will complete our remaining emergency drills which includes one more lock down drill, bus drills, and evacuation drills. We will use the attendance feature in NaviGate Prepared to account for all students and staff after an emergency drill or live event.
- B. Online Safety & Security - Superintendent Belfield received updates from CNYRIC regarding attempted cyber-attacks. The recently installed network devices and internet traffic scrubbing software are helping to fend off cyber-attacks. Network service has been reliable. Users can view the status of our network by checking the website: <http://status.cnyric.org/>.

V. Communications

A. Board Member Updates

1. C. Dwyer - Town has hired a new assessor due to the retirement of Shawn Adams. Sherry LaVancher, former town of Onondaga Assessor, will be replacing Mr. Adams.

VI. New Business

VII. Superintendent's Report

- A. Last week, Superintendent Belfield had the opportunity to participate in the review of the NYS Master Teacher Program applications. The New York State Master Teacher Program is a vibrant network of more than 800 outstanding public school teachers throughout the state who share a passion for their own STEM learning and for collaborating with colleagues to inspire the next generation of STEM leaders. Applicants are evaluated on their knowledge of STEM content, pedagogy, and knowledge of students, families, and communities. LaFayette Master Teachers include the following: Dave Amidon, Kristin Angello, Mike Picciotti, and Nan Terry
- B. Last week, our construction manager and architect held a capital project kick-off meeting with our general contractor and prime contractors. The construction team reviewed the schedule for construction, the schedule for owner's meetings, and the use of Pro-Core which is an application used for communication and construction documents. Jim Kesler and Mr. Belfield will be visiting faculty meetings to discuss the plan for construction this summer and coordination efforts between building staff and our construction team.
- C. Last week, the district received the permits to replace the rubber roof over the 1996 edition at the Onondaga Nation School. The New York State Education Department Office of Facilities Management and the New York State Office of Governmental Services will be meeting with district officials and administrators from ONS to coordinate the roof replacement.
- D. The 3-8 ELA exams will occur on the following dates/times: ELA CBT testing: Wednesday, April 3rd and Thursday, April 4th. Students who chose not to take the state assessment will be given a locally developed assessment aligned to the state standards. The district is looking to make sure that all students are meeting the state learning standards. The assessment data from local assessments and state developed exams will be used to address program needs and student learning gaps.
- E. Melissa McElroy-Elve, Mr. Belfield, and several other individuals will be participating at the St. Baldrick's fundraiser this Sunday March 31, 2019 at Kitty Hoynes in Syracuse. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit pediatric cancer research. Our team Lancers vs Cancer has raised over \$1500 and the event at Kitty Hoynes hopes to raise \$500,000 total. Thank you to Ms. McElroy-Elve, all of our team participants, and especially to everyone who has donated for this great cause.

VIII. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Board Action Items

1. LaFayette Central School Board of Education Policy Review - Second Reading for policies 7510, 7511, 7512, 7513, 7514, 7520, 7521, 7522, 7530, 7540, 7550, 7551, 7553, 7560, 7570, and 7580 and resolution to waive third reading
2. CSE, CPSE, and 504 Recommendations
3. Grad Hours
4. Health and Welfare Services - West Genesee CSD
5. Treasurer's Reports - January 2019 and February 2019
6. Budget Transfers - March 28, 2019

7. Donation to Big Picture School
  8. 2019-2020 Budget Adoption and Proposition Resolutions and Legal Notice
  9. SEQRA Resolution - Capital Outlay Project
  10. Surplus Equipment
- B. Approval of Personnel Items
1. Interscholastic Appointment 2018-2019
  2. Leave of Absence

**Motion:Carried      1st:G. Oelkers      2nd:J. Gates**  
**Vote: Yes:7 No:0 Abstain:0      Absent:0**

IX. Board Non-Action Items

A. Strategic Plan Update - On Tuesday, Dr. Karen Ocque and Superintendent Belfield attended the NYSED Target District Institute. The training reviewed the required elements of the school and district improvement plan process. The district will be reaching out to parents and students with online surveys to talk about their school experience and look at ways that we can continue to work together to improve stakeholder engagement throughout our school community, improve state exam participation, and outcomes on state assessments. We will also be reaching out to families to help create our school improvement plans and district improvement plans.

X. Financial Reports - FYI - The district has seen an increase in cash flow thanks to the partial payments from the New York State Education Department for the operating cost of the Onondaga Nation School. The Cafeteria fund just finished a state review and is currently operating at the lowest deficit in recent history. The district has instituted a deadline of 4/1/19 for purchase orders to help assist in year-end close-out and fund balance projections.

- A. Warrants and Claims Audit Reports - January 2019 and February 2019
- B. Financials - January 2019 and February 2019
- C. Cash Flow - January 2019 and February 2019

XI. Calendar

A. Upcoming Events

1. 3/29/19 - (HS) Rockfest 6:00-10:00pm
2. 3/29/19 - (GS) PJ Day for Cerebral Palsy - Donate \$1
3. 4/1/19 - (GS) GAPS Mtg 6:30pm
4. 4/3/19 - (HS) National Junior High Honor Society Induction
5. 4/3/19 + 4/4/19 - ELA Testing Grades 3-8
6. 4/5/19 + 4/6/19 - (GS) Grades 5&6 NYSSMA - Chorus
7. 4/11/19 - Board of Education Meeting - Big Picture Commons 5:30pm

XII. Closing Remarks

A. Public Communications to the Board

XIII. Proposed Executive Session

A. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of employee history particular individuals and contract negotiations with the LaFayette Teachers' Association at 6:40 pm.

**Motion:Carried      1st: R. S. Reyburn      2nd: G. Oelkers**  
**Vote: Yes:7 No:0 Abstain:0      Absent:0**

**Trustee Gates left the meeting at 8:07 PM**

B. Reconvene into Open Session at 8:58 pm.

**Motion:Carried      1st: S. Reyburn      2nd: C. Dwyer**

**Vote: Yes:6 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent:1 (J. Gates)**

XIV. Adjournment

A. Adjourn the Meeting at 8:59 pm.

**Motion: 1st: S. Reyburn 2nd: J. LeBlanc**

**Vote: Yes:6 No:0 Abstain: Absent:**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vanessa Tryon