

LaFayette Central School District
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Location: The High School Auditorium
5955 US Route 20
LaFayette, New York 13084
July 30, 2020

I. Opening

A. Call to Order. The Regular Board of Education meeting for the LaFayette Central School District was called to order at 5:32 pm by President Stephanie Dow. In attendance were Trustees S. Dow, J. LeBlanc, R. Reyburn, M. Walker, C. Dwyer J. Gates and M. Whitney, Superintendent Jeremy Belfield, School Business Manager Cindy Daley and District Clerk Paula Hibbert.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by S. Dow at 5:32 pm.

II. District Presentation

A. Reopen LaFayette CSD Plan Fall 2020 - Superintendent Belfield thanked the Reopening Task force for their hard work, feedback and time. Mr. Belfield said as much as we are going to make this an intellectual conversation about what the guidance is and what we are allowed to do, this is an emotional decision. Mr. Belfield stated he has had past hard decision making experiences and what is hard about this one is that we are trying to do the right thing for our students, staff and the school community to provide some options, so that families can evaluate what's best, what's necessary and what's safest for their kids. Mr. Belfield spoke about the reopening metrics - Three Options were submitted to the state today - July 30, 2020: an In-person Instruction, a Hybrid module and a Distance Learning module and the concern with distance learning is the band width.

1. In-Person Instruction - Mr. Belfield made it known that the guidance document is in draft form and is intended to be a living document so that as circumstances and conditions change within our schools and our community we can make adjustments based on the needs of our kids and our staff. A link is available on the website so the most up-to-date plan in real time can be seen. Mr. Belfield continued... The plan is to return all students K-12 who are comfortable returning in the fall. A survey was sent out to communicate with families in regards to their commitment to in-person instruction or digital. The District has very little decision making right now and has been working closely with the Onondaga County Health Department. The biggest issue is families are being asked to help out with transporting their own children to school. We are waiting on additional guidance in regard to transportation. Staff training is necessary. There is additional professional learning during the month of August with a one-on-one personal coach. Symptom checks will be conducted at school and we are also asking that parents screen students before coming to school. Students with symptoms will need to be sent home and returned after a negative test. If a child is delayed getting tested, the child will be shifted to digital learning. A staggered start for the school year is being considered. Students and staff will need to wear a mask throughout the day and will have a mask break while socially distancing. There will be deep cleaning every night. Mr. Cooper has worked with the head custodians to develop a checklist and additional cleaning staff will be recruited.

2. Hybrid Option Plan A - If the hybrid option is necessary - Group A will attend Tuesday and Wednesday. Group B on Thursday and Friday. Mondays will be remote learning for all students.

3. Hybrid Option Plan B - Grades PK - 6 attend in-person learning five day a week. Grades 7 - 12 will participate in digital remote learning. Students, grades 7 - 12 without internet access or who would require special education programs or services will also be offered the opportunity of in-person instruction.
4. Hybrid Option Plan C - Pre-K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 11th and 12 grade will attend in-person Tuesdays and Thursdays for the month of September. Other grade levels participate in remote learning. Mondays would be remote learning for all students and allow for deep disinfecting of the school building. Trustee Dwyer commented that students will think they have a three day weekend with Monday being remote however attendance will be taken just as in in-person learning.
5. Distance Learning - Learning Plans will provide instruction to students via live/recorded content by Google Classroom. This is an option for those who are not able or not comfortable returning in the fall. The complete documentation of the reopening presentation is available on the district website.
<https://www.lafayetteschools.org/tfiles/folder2111/Reopening%20Plans%202020-2021%20School%20Year%20July%2029%202020.pdf>

III. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Board Action Items

1. Resolution for Reopening Schools Related to COVID 19

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

IV. Proposed Executive Session

A. Enter into the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the medical and employment history of particular individuals at 6:35 pm.

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

B. Reconvene into Open Session at 7:48 pm.

Motion: Carried **1st:** R. Reyburn **2nd:** J. LeBlanc
Vote: Yes: 7 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 0

V. Public Comments

A. Public Communication to the Board

VII. Adjournment

A. Adjourn the Meeting at 7:48 pm.

Motion: Carried **1st:** R. Reyburn **2nd:** J. LeBlanc
Vote: Yes: 7 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 0

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Hibbert