

**LA FAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL
LaFayette, New York 13084**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Public Hearing
February 26, 2015 Minutes**

1) Opening

A. Call to Order

A Public Hearing of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 26, 2015, at the Jr./Sr. High School-Library. Vice President Johnson called the meeting to order at approximately 5:33 p.m. Present were: Trustees Keefe, Whitney, Scofield, LaCava, and D. Dodge. Also in attendance were Superintendent Lavine, School Business Official Turner, Non-Voting Onondaga Representative Jacques, and Board Clerk Munnell. Others in attendance were: Administrators Jim Chupaila, Diane Ellsworth, and Karen Ocque.

Excused was: President Dodge

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Johnson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Opening Remarks

Vice President Johnson said welcome and we will be holding four meetings tonight – two public hearings; one regular meeting and one special meeting.

2) Overview of Alternative Veterans' Tax Exemption

School Business Official Turner explained the different levels and estimated impact on LaFayette residents.

3) Current Exemption Analysis and Estimated Impact on LaFayette Residents

- A. Various levels of exemption (examples of Levels C, G, A)
- B. Current number of residents qualifying for the exemption
- C. Impact on other district residents

4) Question and Answer Period

No questions were asked of the Board Trustees.

5) Options for the Board of Education

- A. Take no action
- B. Add the proposed resolution for the Alternative Veterans' Exemption at the base level
- C. If the Board approves the base level, and it desires to adjust the base level exemption, it must hold a second Public Hearing and adopt a resolution to do so no later than March 1, 2015.

6) Adjournment

A. Adjourn the Meeting

A motion to adjourn by Trustee LaCava and seconded by Trustee Scofield at approximately 5:37 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes - 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 (Dodge)

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Munnell, Board Clerk