

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
LAFAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
IN THE COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, NEW YORK**

March 27, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the LaFayette Central School District in the County of Onondaga, New York was held at the Big Picture Commons, 3122 Rt. 11 North, LaFayette, New York on March 27, 2024, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).

There were present:

Ronald Shawn Reyburn, President
Jody Gates, Vice President
Michael LaCava
Anthony Moore
Larkin Podsiedlik
Amy Roe-Ryan
Sarah Stanton

There were absent:

Others Also Present:

Jeremy Belfield, Superintendent
Laurie Holtsbery, School Business Official
Paula Hibbert, District Clerk

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It was moved by Member _____ and seconded by Member _____
that the following resolution be adopted:

RECITAL

WHEREAS, the LaFayette Central School District (the "District"), is a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), ECL Section 8-0101, *et seq.*, and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the "Regulations"), and

WHEREAS, the District is considering undertaking the acquisition of three (3) 66-passenger school buses, with all ancillary equipment, at an estimated cost not to exceed \$556,000 (the "Project") and

WHEREAS, the District has reviewed the classifications of actions contained in the Regulations; and

BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of Education as follows:

Section 1. The District hereby determines that the Project constitutes a Type II Action pursuant to Part 617.5(c)(10) of the Regulations and as such is not subject to review under SEQRA.

Section 2. The annual meeting of the qualified voters of the LaFayette Central School District, County of Onondaga, State of New York, will be held at the 3122 Route 11 LaFayette, New York on May 21, 2024 from 1:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., prevailing time.

Section 3. The business to be acted upon at said Annual District Meeting shall be as stated in the Notice thereof, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Notice of said Annual District Meeting to be published in newspapers having a general circulation within the District, such publications to be made four (4) times each in such newspaper within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such Annual District Meeting, the first publication to be a least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of said Annual District Meeting.

Section 4. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include as a part of the notice of the annual district meeting and election notice with reference to the submission of said proposition in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE VOTERS OF THE LAFAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LAFAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the District on February 14, 2024, an annual meeting of the qualified voters of said School District will be held at the 3122 Route 11 LaFayette, New York on May 21, 2024, between the hours of 1:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. prevailing time, for the purpose of voting upon the following propositions:

PROPOSITION I

(Budget)

Shall the proposed budget of \$24,195,663 for the LaFayette Central School District, as recommended by the Board of Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, be adopted, and shall the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary taxes thereon?

PROPOSITION II

(Transportation)

Shall the Board of Education of the LaFayette Central School District be authorized to purchase and finance three (3) 66-passenger school buses, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and expend a total sum not to exceed \$556,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District, in the principal amount not to exceed \$556,000, shall be issued.

PROPOSITION III

(Capital Reserve - Construction)

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund with a ten (10) year probable term pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, inclusive of investment earnings, to be used for renovations and additions to all District facilities, including purchase of equipment, technology upgrades, classroom equipment and/or school infrastructure equipment, site development, athletic field and playground improvements, storm and sanitary sewer, driveways, and parking lots, such reserve fund to be funded from: (i) year-end budget surplus funds known as unassigned fund balance, as available, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter for the term of the reserve fund, (ii) transfers of excess monies from Board of Education designated reserves, (iii) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, (iv) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, and (v) other legally available sources, all as permitted by law.

PROPOSITION IV

(Capital Reserve - Vehicles)

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund with a ten (10) year probable term pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, inclusive of investment earnings, to be used for the acquisition of vehicles, such reserve fund to be funded from: (i) year-end budget surplus funds known as unassigned fund balance, as available, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter for the term of the reserve fund, (ii) transfers of excess monies from Board of Education designated reserves, (iii) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, (iv) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, and (v) other legally available sources, all as permitted by law.

PROPOSITION V

(Ex-Officio Student Board of Education Member)

Shall a high school senior student be designated to serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Education, and thereby be entitled to sit with the Board members at all its public meetings, and participate therein, but without authority to vote on matters before the Board or to attend executive sessions?

PROPOSITION VI

(Board of Education Candidates)

To elect two (2) members to the Board of Education for 3-year terms (7/1/2024–6/30/27). The seats are presently held by Ronald Shawn Reyburn and Sarah Stanton.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that voting upon the foregoing Propositions will be by voting machine or paper ballot and will take place on May 21, 2024, at 3122 Route 11 LaFayette, New York, between the hours of 1:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M prevailing time.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at LaFayette Jr/Sr High School Library at 5:30 p.m. on May 8, 2024

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that copies of the proposed budget may be obtained at any district school house during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on each day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday during the 14 days preceding the date of the annual meeting and election and on the day of the election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that petitions for nominating candidates for office of school board member must be filed in the District Clerk’s Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. no later than April 22, 2024.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that qualified voters of the District may obtain applications for an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot from the office of the Clerk of the District. Completed applications must be received by the Clerk of the District no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 20, 2024, and must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 14, 2024, if the absentee ballot or an early voting ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 4:00 p.m. on May 14, 2024, will require the voter to personally appear at the office of the Clerk of the District to receive an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot. A listing of all persons to whom an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot is issued will be available for inspection by any qualified voter in the office of the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during each of the five business days prior to the election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military ballots may be applied for by qualified voters by requesting an application from the District Clerk at 315-677-9728 or phibbert@lafayetteschools.org. Completed applications for military ballots must be received by the Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 25, 2024. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail.

DATED: March 27, 2024

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LAFAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Section 5. The vote upon the propositions to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by paper ballots or ballot on voting machines and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary ballot labels printed in form corresponding as nearly as may be with the requirements of the Education Law.

Section 6. The Clerk of the School District is hereby authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of the District to do all acts and things necessary, following the advice and counsel of the District’s Attorney and the District’s Bond Counsel, to comply with all applicable laws, regulations and executive orders relating to the Annual Meeting to be held on May 21, 2024, and to do all other acts as may be necessary, or in the opinion of the District’s Attorney and the District’s Bond Counsel, desirable or proper to effectuate the purposes of the foregoing Resolution and to cause compliance by the District with all applicable laws, regulations and executive orders relating to the notice of, and procedural steps to be taken in connection with such Annual Meeting.

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The motion having been duly moved, the resolution was acted upon by the Board of Education and there were _____ votes in favor of the resolution and _____ votes against the resolution as follows:

Ronald Shawn Reyburn, President	Voting	_____
Jody Gates, Vice President	Voting	_____
Michael LaCava	Voting	_____
Anthony Moore	Voting	_____
Larkin Podsiedlik	Voting	_____
Amy Roe-Ryan	Voting	_____
Sarah Stanton	Voting	_____

The resolution was declared adopted.

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State of New York :
: ss.
County of Onondaga :

I, the undersigned District Clerk of the LaFayette Central School District, in the County of Onondaga, State of New York, **HEREBY CERTIFY:**

That I have compared the annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Education of said School District, including the resolution contained therein, held on February 14, 2024, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said original minutes so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of said Board had due notice of said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, pursuant to Section 103 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law) said meeting was open to the general public.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, prior, to the time of said meeting, I duly caused a public notice of the time and place of said meeting to be given to the following newspapers and/or other news media as follows:

<u>Newspaper and/or Other News Media</u>	<u>Date Given</u>
<i>Post-Standard</i>	_____

I FURTHER CERTIFY that prior to the time of said meeting, I duly caused public notice of the time and place of said meeting to be conspicuously posted in the following designated public location(s) on the following dates:

<u>Designated Location(s) of Posted Notice</u>	<u>Date of Posting</u>
M&T Bank – LaFayette Branch	_____
LaFayette Post Office	_____
LaFayette School District (all locations)	_____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and affixed the corporate seal of the LaFayette Central School District, Onondaga County, New York, this ____ day of February 2024.

Paula Hibbert
District Clerk

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