

**LAFAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL**  
**5955 Route 20 West**  
**LaFayette, New York 13084**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
*August 18, 2011*

**I. Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, August 18, 2011, in the Board Room of the District Office. President Keefe called the meeting to order at approximately 5:32 p.m. Present were Vice President Akl, Trustees Dwyer, LaCava, Scofield, and Sofranko. Also in attendance were Superintendent, Peter Tigh and Dave Klem, Interim School Business Administrator and District Clerk Kelly Hill.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Opening Remarks**

President Keefe welcomed everyone, stated that Trustee Dadey and Ms. Jacques were excused from this evening's meeting; and that a regular business meeting would follow the agenda.

**IV. Request for Executive Session**

On the recommendation of President Keefe, a motion by Trustee Scofield, seconded by Trustee LaCava to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters with the District Claims Auditor, Kim Reppi.

Motion carried      Yes - 6              No – 0              Abstain – 0

The Board entered into Executive Session at approximately 5:33 p.m.

Superintendent Tigh, Interim School Business Administrator Klem and District Clerk Hill were dismissed at this time.

Motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Sofranko to come out of Executive Session at approximately 5:50 p.m.

Motion carried      Yes - 6              No - 0              Abstain – 0

The Regular Meeting resumed at 5:53 p.m.

**V. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Akl, Seconded by Sofranko to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2011 Regular Meeting (with amendments).

Motion Carried      Yes – 5              No – 0              Abstain – 1 (LaCava)

**VI. District Presentations and Reports**

A. Oral Communications

1. Community Connections

President Keefe shared information on the Post Standard articles in today's paper regarding the garlic farm and the STEP Grant. Trustee Sofranko shared articles on the STEP Grant as well as the Kindle Grant.

A. Oral Communications – Cont.

Anne Courtwright read a letter written by Mrs. Daryl Felice as well as asked questions regarding the time line of the appointment of a Director of Curriculum and Instruction position.

Nan Terry voiced concern on the decrease in Administrative support at the JSHS, asked that the State's College Ready statistics be reviewed.

Tess Miller asked questions regarding the responsibilities/duties of Mrs. Blosssey.

Tim Baker asked if this realignment had an additional cost and the possibility of Curriculum Leaders on the front lines to work with the Director.

Chris Baker asked about the location of Paula Cowlings new office.

Ann Wickes asked if there was a time frame for this process.

President Keefe, Vice President Akl and Superintendent Tigh addressed all questions.

**VII. Old Business**

Superintendent Tigh shared information from the Council of Chiefs meeting. Topics of the meeting included the ONS building project; the Big Picture School; free and reduced lunches and possible meal choices; text books (US History and American History); open positions at ONS; buildings and grounds; and the Council would like to meet new staff. Superintendent Tigh spoke on Cornell University's Dr. Maxwell's visit to the Administrative team meeting. Trustee LaCava discussed the idea of a non-voting student representative.

**VIII. New Business**

Superintendent Tigh discussed the possibility of an earlier release for Professional Development Monday's. Contact with DPC will be made and more information will be presented early in September.

**IX. Superintendent's Report**

A. Board Action Items - Consent

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Sofranko to approve items below.

1. Approval of 2011-2012 Tax Rate\*
2. Treasurer's Report – as of July 31, 2011
3. Budget Transfers – as of August 8, 2011
4. Approval of Jamesville-Dewitt Health Services
5. Accept Donation from GAPS
6. Approval of Administrative Intern at Big Picture
7. APPR for Teachers
8. APPR for Principals

\*Interim School Business Administrator Klem shared that he was notified by the County this afternoon that a State change was made and there may be a slight difference in the numbers due to a new patch placed on the County computers on rounding with the Tax Levy and STAR Reimbursement. The difference would not be more than \$200.00.

Motion Carried      Yes – 6      No - 0      Abstain – 0

**B. Personnel**

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, motion by Vice President Akl, seconded by Trustee LaCava to approve the items below.

1. Resignation – 2011-2012
  - a. Clerical - #2
  - b. Non-Instructional - #2 – added
  
2. Appointments – 2011-2012
  - a. Instructional - #5 – added
  - b. Co-Curricular - #3
  - c. Administrative - #1
  - d. Interscholastic - #2 - added

Motion Carried      Yes – 6      No – 0      Abstain – 0

**C. Board Non-Action Items**

None.

**D. Communications**

None.

**E. Calendar Review**

Next Board of Education is scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office and then September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. with a tour of Big Picture School after a brief meeting with Administration.

**X. Financial Reports**

1. Budget Status for school year 2010-2011 – as of July 31, 2011
2. Internal Claims Auditor Report – as of July 31, 2011
3. Warrants – 25A, 25R, 26F

**XI. Closing Remarks**

a. Oral Communications

Chris Baker asked a question regarding the role and responsibility of the DPC. Nan Terry also shared the positive use of PDM time and asked Superintendent Tigh share data from Dr. Maxwell. Mr. Anderson asked about the change in the meeting dates and asked that the agenda be added to the web site. A suggestion was also made to have a banner run on the website when a meeting date change is made. Tess Miller shared concerns on the PDM topic, the environment in the Grimshaw Cafeteria and request on supply lists. Anne Courtwright suggested a meeting schedule. Vice President Akl and Trustee Scofield answered.

**XII. Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee Sofranko, seconded by Trustee Scofield to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:26 p.m.

Motion carried    Yes - 6      No - 0      Abstain – 0

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly A. Hill

District Clerk