

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 8, 2011

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, September 8, 2011, in the Board Room of the District Office. President Keefe called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. Present were Vice President Akl, Trustees Dadey, Dwyer, LaCava, Scofield and Sofranko. Also in attendance were Superintendent Peter Tigh, Dave Klem, Interim School Business Administrator; District Clerk Kelly Hill and Ms. Jacques.

In attendance were Diane Ellsworth, Paula Cowling, Tim and Chris Baker, Tess Miller, Mike Anderson, Sue Bang, Tricia Condon, Don Dodge and Tom Mc Casland.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Opening Remarks

President Keefe welcomed everyone, shared that a regular meeting would be held with an executive session needed at the end.

IV. Request for Executive Session

On the recommendation of President Keefe, a motion by Vice President Akl, seconded by Trustee LaCava to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of medical, financial, credit or employment history of any particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of any particular person or corporation. Mr. Klem and Ms. Jacques were asked to stay.

Motion carried Yes – 7 No – 0 Abstain – 0

The Board, entered into Executive Session at approximately 5:32 p.m.

Motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Dwyer to come out of Executive Session at 5:45 p.m.

Motion carried Yes - 7 No - 0 Abstain - 0

The Regular Meeting resumed at 5:45 p.m.

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Trustee Scofield, Seconded by Trustee Sofranko to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2011 Regular Meeting (with amendments).

Motion Carried Yes – 6 No – 0 Abstain – 1 (Dadey)

VI. District Presentations and Reports

A. Oral Communications

Paula Cowling addressed the Board of Education regarding the minutes from the July 12, 2011 meeting and discussion regarding the 2011 Graduation. Don Dodge, Custodian with the District, spoke regarding the possibility of adjusting two custodian schedules from Tuesday to Saturday and the impact of additional cost to the District. During a discussion of increasing time for PD Monday's, Vice President Akl stated that the comment made by the LTA President at the 08/18/11 Board of Education meeting that "Fridays were just Friday's", giving the impression that no professional development or meaningful work could be done on Friday's, made her physically sick when the Board of Education is being asked to take 3 hours of instructional time away from students. Both Trustee Dwyer and she indicated that all contractual time should be utilized in addition to the PD Monday time requested. Vice President Akl did apologize for using the word vomit and stated it was a poor choice of words.

1. Community Connections

Trustee Dadey thanked the teachers for coming in outside their scheduled time to get their classrooms ready for the start of the school year.

VII. Old Business

A. Non-Voting Student Representative

President Keefe distributed a brochure from the National School Boards Association in regards to Students on the Board of Education. Further discussion will be held at the next Board of Education meeting (9/22/11). Superintendent Tigh distributed information from the DPC meeting and discussion was held.

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, motion by Trustee Scofield, seconded by Trustee LaCava to move Professional Development Monday dismissal to 1p at ONS and 1:15p at GS/JSHS/BP.

Motion Carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Abstain – 1 (Dwyer)

VIII. New Business

None.

IX. Superintendent's Report

A. Board Action Items - Consent

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

1. Change Personnel Annual Appointment
2. Approval of BOCES-RIC Contract Resolution for Copiers
3. Approval of Family Medical Leave-Instructional
4. Revised Staff/Student Calendars for Jr./Sr. High/BP/GS School & Onondaga Nation School (Revised)

Motion Carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Abstain – 0

B. Personnel

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

1. Resignation – 2010-2011
 - a. Non-Instructional - #3

Motion Carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Abstain – 0

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

2. Appointment – 2011-2012
 - a. Instructional - #6

Motion Carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Abstain – 0

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

2. Appointment – 2011-2012
 - b. Substitute - #1a (as amended)

Motion Carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Abstain – 0

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

2. Appointment – 2011-2012
 - b. Substitute - #1b (as amended)

Motion Declined Yes – 3 No - 1 (Dadey) Abstain – 3 (LaCava, Akl,
Sofranko)

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

2. Appointment – 2011-2012
 - c. Clerical - #1

Motion Carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Abstain – 0

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

2. Appointment – 2011-2012
 - d. Non-Instructional - #3 (as amended)

Motion Carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Abstain – 0

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

2. Appointment – 2011-2012
 - e. Co-Curricular - #4

Motion Declined Yes – 1 No – 6 (Keefe,Dadey, Dwyer, Abstain – 0
LaCava, Scofield, Sofranko)

C. Board Non-Action Items

1. Audit Update
2. Budget Update
3. Financial Update

D. Communications

1. Letter from Utica National-Loss Control Service Visit
2. Letter from Town Board – Town of LaFayette

E. Calendar Review

Next BOE meeting is Thur., September 22nd at the Big Picture School at 6:30p.

X. Financial Reports

1. Warrants – 2010-2011 #26A, 26R, 27A, 27F
Warrants – 2011–2012 #1A, 1R, 1F, 1H, 2A, 2R, 3A

XI. Closing Remarks

A. Oral Communications

Diane Ellsworth invited BOE members to visit ONS during the day when the students are in attendance. Tess Miller asked questions regarding student(s) on Board of Education, field trips, shared thoughts on comments made as well as the morale of the district. Tim Baker shared thoughts on professionalism. Trustee Scofield recognized the way faculty goes above and beyond in many instances. Paula Cowling reinforced the need for Professional Development. Vice President Akl again offered words of apology.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Hill
District Clerk

XII. Request for Executive Session

On the recommendation of President Keefe, a motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Scofield to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.

Motion carried Yes – 7 No – 0 Abstain – 0

The Board, entered into Executive Session at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Scofield, seconded by Trustee LaCava to come out of Executive Session at 8:47 p.m.

Motion carried Yes - 7 No - 0 Abstain - 0

The Regular Meeting resumed at 8:47 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by Vice President Akl, seconded by Trustee Dwyer to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:47 p.m.

Motion carried Yes - 7 No - 0 Abstain – 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Klem
Interim Business Administrator-Pro Clerk Tem