

**LaFayette Central School District**  
**Board of Education - Regular Meeting**  
**Location: GRIMSHAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**5957 US ROUTE 20**  
**LAFAYETTE, NY 13084**  
**APRIL 13, 2017**

- I. Opening
- A. Call to Order - The Regular Board of Education meeting for LaFayette Central School District was called to order at 5:37 pm by President Mark Johnson. In attendance are Trustees Stephanie Dow, Michael LaCava, Janine LeBlanc, Gary Oelkers, Tom Scofield, Mark Whitney, Superintendent Laura Lavine, Assistant Superintendent for Business Tiffany Turner, District Clerk Vanessa Tryon, Alessandra Erickson, Jennifer Blossey, Jason Ryan, Susan Osborn, Jeremy Belfield, Abe Stanton, Dr. Jeff Stanton, Toni Geary, Tiana Poplawski, Tom LaRose, Kevin Morel, Crystal Morel.
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Johnson at 5:38 pm.
  - C. Opening Remarks
- II. Proposed Executive Session - Postponed until the end of meeting.
- III. Approval of Minutes
- A. Regular Minutes - March 30, 2017
- Motion:Carried      1st:M. LaCava      2nd:G. Oelkers**  
**Vote: Yes:7 No:0 Abstain:0      Absent:0**
- IV. District Presentations and Reports
- A. Technology presentation - Abe Stanton - Susan Osborn introduced Abe Stanton as a 401 student in the Big Picture School. His presentation was on his senior thesis - Technology and Coding. Abe received numerous complements from the audience regarding the content of his presentation and his delivery. He set an excellent example for all others to follow. Superintendent Lavine asked Dr. Stanton what Big Picture has done for his son. Dr. Stanton indicated that the change from Abe's previous school has been very positive and that he is really proud of his son for his accomplishments since coming to LaFayette.
  - B. C. Grant Grimshaw - Principal Jennifer Blossey updated the Board on the work and other wonderful accomplishments taking place at Grimshaw this year.
  - C. Budget Presentation - 2017-2018 Final Budget Review - Assistant Superintendent Tiffany Turner led presentation on final budget proposed for school year 2017-2018.
- V. Old Business
- A. Online Safety and Security - Sean Zehner, Technology Coordinator, is taking the lead with BOCES and GreyCastle. Updates will be provided.
- VI. Communications
- A. Board Member Updates - Trustee Whitney thanked the District for the scoreboard at the baseball field. He asked if we could bring power closer to the field for the controls.
- VII. New Business - None at this time
- VIII. Superintendent's Report
- A. Thanked Abe Stanton for his wonderful presentation.
  - B. Otis Jennings spent a positive and productive day at Big Picture School.

- C. Grimshaw's second grade had a living wax museum with students acting as famous characters with costumes and speech. The students did an excellent job portraying their characters.
- D. True Value - Jean Sarko, Accounts Payable, and Jim Kesler, Director of Facilities, visited the LaFayette True Value to start working on a process to allow the district to start patronizing their business.
- E. The third grade teachers have created individualized plans to ensure that students who are currently below level will be on grade level in reading and math by the end of June.
- F. Communications Audit - We have the initial report from the Capital Region BOCES regarding their review of the District's communication materials.

IX. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Board Action Items

- 1. CSE, CPSE, and 504 Recommendations
- 2. Graduate Hours for Salary
- 3. Budget Transfers
- 4. Confidential Contracts 2016-2017
- 5. Approve 2017-2018 School Bus Proposition
- 6. Approve Proposed 2017-2018 District Budget

**Motion: Carried    1st:T. Scofield    2nd:M. LaCava**  
**Vote: Yes:7 No:0 Abstain:0    Absent:0**

B. Approval of Personnel Items

- 1. Request for Leave of Absence
- 2. Non-Instructional Appointment
- 3. Instructional Appointment
- 4. Resignation/Retirement 2016-2017

**Motion: Carried    1st:M. LaCava    2nd:S. Dow**  
**Vote: Yes:7 No:0 Abstain:0    Absent:0**

X. Board Non-Action Items

- A. Strategic Plan Update - In the area of Literacy, Superintendent Lavine is enjoying her read-aloud with Mrs. Prentice's fourth graders. They focus on vocabulary, grammar, and the sheer enjoyment of reading a book. Writing is now part of the process as Superintendent Lavine and some of the students are emailing each other about the story.

XI. Calendar Review

- A. Spring recess 4/14-4/21
- B. National Junior High Honor Society 4/26
- C. Board of Education Meeting 4/27

XII. Financial Reports - None

XIII. Closing Remark

- A. Anne Courtwright asked about possible changes in school security. The Board indicated that Safety and Security continue to be the District's top priorities and that they are continuing to monitor the District's needs.

XIV. Proposed Executive Session

- A. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Contract Negotiations and Student Discipline at 7:06pm.

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

B. Reconvene into Open Session at 10:40 pm.

**Motion: Carried**    **1st:M. LaCava**    **2nd:S. Dow**  
**Vote: Yes: 7 No:0 Abstain:0**    **Absent:0**

XV. Adjournment

A. Adjourn the Meeting at 10:41 pm.

**Motion:Carried**    **1st: M. LaCava**    **2nd: T. Scofield**  
**Vote: Yes:7 No:0 Abstain:0**    **Absent:0**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vanessa Tryon