

**LA FAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
September 24, 2015**

- I. Opening
- A. Call to Order - The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at the LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School Library. President Matt Dodge called the meeting to order at approximately 5:32 pm. Present were Trustees D. Dodge, Keefe, Whitney and Scofield, Superintendent Laura Lavine, School Business Official Tiffany Turner, Board Clerk Kasey McHale, and Administrators James Chupaila, Jen Blossey, Karen Ocque, Susan Osborn, and Diane Ellsworth. Also in attendance were Dr. Jeff Criag, Joe Fox, Jim Kesler, Anne Courtwright, Tess Miller, Christine Baker, Erin Oristian, Zerbie Hynson, Chris Gray, Sean Griffin and Gretchen Gretskey.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by President Dodge
- C. Opening Remarks – President Dodge introduced Dr. Jeff Craig to present to the Board (Item III, A on the Agenda) before following the agenda schedule. Trustee LaCava arrived at 5:34 pm.
- II. Approval of Minutes
- A. Regular Minutes – September 10, 2015
- A motion to approve the minutes was made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Scofield.
- Vote: Yes – 6 No – 0 Abstain – 0 Absent – 1 (Johnson)
- III. District Presentation and Reports
- A. Presentations
1. Dr. Jeff Craig, BOCES Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, presented to the Board a breakdown of Common Core Testing and APPR scoring and assessment. He described the relationship between the two, how they effect a school district and a community, and potential changes that are being discussed at the state and federal level. There was discussion regarding student accountability and teacher accountability, if test refusal can effect school funding and how state testing relates to student learning.
- B. Oral Communications - None
- IV. Old Business – President Dodge asked Sean Griffin and Chris Gray to give an update on the District Capital Project. Mr. Griffin reported that while things do pop up in a project of this size, they are making headway on the projected list from the previous meeting. Communication among the Board, Administration and the Capital Project team has been very helpful. The Board inquired about areas of concern that are still lingering. Mr. Griffin discussed a hardware issue at the Grimshaw entrance and staff key fobs. When asked about any further discussion regarding the auditorium, Mr. Gray stated that they are looking for bids to bring to the Board for approval. The goal is to start the demolition process mid-October and have the space ready for use in April. Staff members are working on new, creative spaces to work in without the auditorium for winter concerts,

spring musical, etc. There was also discussion regarding the staff bathroom at the High School, and how this issue will continue to be a discussion with Administration.

V. New Business - None

VI. Superintendent Report – Superintendent Lavine discussed a proposal to cancel the October 22nd meeting so the Board could attend a meeting with the new Commissioner, to which the Board agreed. Superintendent Lavine also suggested further discussion regarding drug treatment for students.

VII. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Board Action Items

1. September 24, 2015 Budget Transfers
2. Treasurer's Reports August 2015
3. Approval of 504, CSE, CPSE Recommendations
4. Wegmans Family and Consumer Science Donation

A motion to approve the Items was made by Trustee Scofield seconded by Trustee LaCava.

Motion Carried: Yes – 6 No – 0 Abstain – 0 Absent – 1 (Johnson)

B. Approval of Personnel Items

1. Instructional Date Amendment 2015-2016
2. Non-Instructional Appointment 2015-2016
3. Co-Curricular Appointment 2015-2016
4. Annual Appointment 2015-2016
5. Substitute Teacher Appointment 2015-2016
6. Interscholastic Appointment Amendment 2015-2016

There was discussion regarding when agenda items are posted, and the Interscholastic appointment amendment.

A motion to approve the Items was made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Scofield.

Motion Carried: Yes - 6 No - 0 Abstain – 0 Absent – 1 (Johnson)

VIII. Board Non-Action Items

A. Strategic Plan Update – Superintendent Lavine, Principal Chupaila and Bill O'Leary have been meeting to discuss an electronic survey for the students to take listing the types of electives they would like to take. Mr. O'Leary has asked teachers from all departments to recommend 3 viable electives with a brief description of what the course would be like. The survey would be put together by Sean Zehner, and they are hopeful to have it started by the end of October/early November so it can be included in next school year's course catalog. The goal is to have variety in course options that will help all students, so when teachers submit their suggestions Mr. Chupaila will look for any gaps in opportunities and search for options. Mr. Chupaila and Jerry Kelly have also been meeting about officers for the senior class, establishing leaders and incorporating pep rallies. There was discussion regarding the 10-minute parking in the front of the High School, and the benefits and concerns of keeping it or changing it.

IX. Communications - None

X. Calendar Review

A. Upcoming Events – HS Open House 10/1, Homecoming Dance 10/2, GAPS Meeting 10/5, the next Board of Education Meeting 10/8. Ms. Ellsworth reported that the Indoor World Box Lacrosse Championship games have been going well. The Onondaga Nation School has been visited by a few of the participating teams, including Team USA and the Iroquois National Team. They were also visited by Former Vice President Al Gore. Students got to attend some of the games a school, and there are pictures up on the Onondaga Nation School Facebook Page.

XI. Financial Reports-FYI

- A. Claims Auditor Reports and Warrants – August 2015
 B. Cash Flow – August 2015
 C. Budget Status – August 2015

XII. Closing Remarks

A. Public Communications to the Board – Trustee D. Dodge shared that Georgia Iredale's mother had passed away and shared condolences for her and her family. A question was asked about the handicap parking in the new Grimshaw parking lot, as it is quite a distance from the front door. It was explained that ADA requirements are based of gradient planes someone would have to walk, not necessarily distance. There was discussion regarding new visitor parking at Grimshaw.

XIII. Executive Session

A. Enter into Executive Session

A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Scofield at approximately 7:26 pm to discuss a specific student matter.

Motion Carried: Yes- 6 No- 0 Abstain – 0 Absent – 1 (Johnson)

B. Come out of Executive Session

A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Trustee Scofield, and seconded by Trustee LaCava at approximately 8:12 p.m.

Motion Carried: Yes – 6 No – 0 Abstain - 0 Absent – 1 (Johnson)

A motion to add a Board of Education Regular Meeting on October 15, 2015 and to cancel the October 22, 2015 Regular Meeting was made by Trustee LaCava, and seconded by Trustee Keefe.

Motion Carried: Yes – 6 No – 0 Abstain – 0 Absent – 1 (Johnson)

XIV. Adjournment

A. Adjourn the Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Trustee Scofield, seconded by Trustee Keefe at approximately 8:17 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
 Kasey McHale, District Clerk of the Board