

**LA FAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL
LaFayette, New York 13084**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Board Meeting
January 23, 2014 Minutes - Amended**

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, January 23, 2014, at the District Office. President Scofield called the meeting to order at approximately 5:32 p.m. Present were: Trustees Whitney, Sofranko, Keefe, LaCava, Akl and Dodge. Also in attendance were Superintendent Tigh, and Board Clerk Munnell. Others in attendance were: Joe Fox, Simone Thornton, Nancy Powless, Tess Miller, Anne Courtwright, Dave Amidon, Greg Bump, Diane Ellsworth, and Laura Levine.

School Business Official Nesbitt, Non-Voting Onondaga Representative Jacques were excused for the meeting.

II. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Scofield.

III. Opening Remarks – President Scofield said that tonight’s meeting was a regular meeting of the Board and the Board would be meeting with members of the LTA in Executive Session.

IV. Executive Session – A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters according to Policy 1730 d. and e. by Trustee Akl and seconded by Trustee LaCava at approximately 5:33 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes - 7 No – 0

A motion to come out of Executive Session by Trustee LaCava and seconded by Trustee Sofranko at approximately 6:34 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes - 7 No – 0

V. Approval of Minutes

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A motion by Trustee LaCava and seconded by Trustee Dodge

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0 Abstain – 2 (Keefe, Sofranko)

VI. District Presentations and Reports

A. Presentation - none

B. Oral Communications

Community Connections – Superintendent Tigh proudly announced this year’s Scholastic Art Awards winners. He said LaFayette had 30 students that placed from Gold Key to Honorable Mention including 2 current Board of Education members’ children. Congratulations go to parents, students, and staff for a great accomplishment. He also stated that LaFayette recently had a scholar athlete announcement. Chase LaCava recently received that honor from YNN. YNN-Channel 10 is a program designed to honor, highlight and celebrate the best "Scholar Athletes" in our local high schools. Each week during the school year, YNN chooses one scholar athlete for a profile that will be seen on YNN, YNN.com and Local on Demand, channel 10. The athletes will also be featured in a year-end special honoring all the athletes. All nominations are made directly from school administrators or athletic directors. Trustee Sofranko told the Board that a former student, Heidi Terrell, graduation class of 2005, is the Varsity Girls Basketball coach at DeRuyter High School and that they have qualified for sectional play for the first time in school history. High five for Heidi and her team!

VII. Old Business

- A. Trustee LaCava will have a presentation regarding the School Resource Officer and whether to be armed or not on school property in February.
- B. Trustee Akl will be contacting Non-Resident Tuition committee members in the near future to meet.
- C. Trustee Dodge said he has received many phone calls of interest regarding the archery program. He said he talked with a person from the National Wild Turkey Federation and they are willing to help sponsor the program. Onondaga Central School District has a training session scheduled for next month. **The LaFayette Physical Education staff will be attending training sessions at Onondaga High School.**

VIII. New Business

IX. Superintendent's Report

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, a motion by Trustee LaCava and seconded by Vice President Keefe to approve Item A 1-5:

A. Board Action Items - Consent

- 1. Approve Treasurer's Report – December 2013
- 2. Approve Budget Transfers – December 2013
- 3. Approve Revised 2013-2014 ONS Calendar
- 4. Approve Request for Leave Without Pay – Instructional and Non-Instructional
- 5. Approve CSE Committee Recommendations

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, a motion by Trustee LaCava and seconded by Trustee Sofranko to approve Item B 1a - 2a-c:

B. Personnel

- 1. Resignation – 2013-2014
 - a. Clerical - #2
- 2. Appointment – 2013-2014
 - a. Instructional - #8
 - b. Co-Curricular - #6
 - c. Volunteer - #3

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

C. Board Non-Action Items

Superintendent Tigh handed out a copy of the recent publication of the State Budget figures. He said they were extremely disappointing for LaFayette. LaFayette only received an increase of \$1,700. He had a long conversation with Assemblyman Gary Finch and Assemblyman Finch is scheduled to meet with Superintendent Tigh and School Business Nesbitt on Thursday, January 30 to further discuss our financial future.

D. Communications
None

E. Calendar Review

Next Board meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office.

X. Financial Reports - FYI

- A. Budget Status – as of December 2013
- B. Cash Flow – as of December 2013
- C. Claims Auditor Report – December 2013
- D. Warrants - #2H, 4F, 6R, 17A

XI. Closing Remarks

Oral Communications

- A. Trustee Whitney asked for an update of Mr. and Mrs. Verzosa's request for veteran representation in the school district. Superintendent Tigh responded by telling the Board that he spoke with a high school teacher who has a son that is a veteran and would be excited to undertake this venture. He also said the district has taken a step by identifying military families with the building principals.

XII. Request for Executive Session A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters according to Policy 1730 d. and e. by Vice President Keefe and seconded by Trustee Sofranko at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes - 7 No – 0

A motion to come out of Executive Session by Trustee LaCava and seconded by Trustee Dodge at approximately 8:03 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes - 7 No – 0

XIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Trustee LaCava and seconded by Trustee Whitney at approximately 8:04 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes - 7 No – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Munnell
District Clerk