

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Board Meeting - Amended
January 24, 2013 Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, January 24, 2013, in the C. Grant Grimshaw School Library. President Keefe called the meeting to order at approximately 5:33 p.m. Present were: Vice President Sofranko and Trustees Scofield, Dodge, Akl, LaCava, and Whitney. Also in attendance were Superintendent Tigh, School Business Administrator Mahunik, Board Clerk Munnell and Non-Voting Member Jacques; Others in attendance were: Community/Staff members present: Karyn Meaney, Tom LaRose, Karl Seeman, Deborah Ferrer, Jeff Ryan, Stacy McNeill, Susan Osborn, Garra Lloyd Lester, Dave and Donna Knapp, Mark & Sarah Dadey, Tess Miller, Simone Thornton, Anne Courtwright, Craig and Michelle Brooks, Leonardo Oppedisano, Margaret DeNeve, Robert Cross, Dorothy Anderson, Martha Bush, Mary Darrow, Donald Dodge, Kathy Nason

II. Executive Session

President Keefe stated there will be an Executive Session meeting to discuss matters of collective negotiations involving the LTA pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.

Motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Dodge to enter Executive Session at 5:34 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0 Abstain – 0

Motion by Trustee Dodge, seconded by Trustee LaCava to come out of Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0 Abstain – 0

The Regular Meeting resumed at 6:35.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

President Keefe led those in attendance in the pledge.

IV. Opening Remarks

President Keefe announced that this will be a regular meeting of the Board and the Physical Education Department was presenting their District Plan for Physical Education as required by SED. Also presenting was Margaret DeNeve from the American Cancer Society.

V. Approval of Minutes

Regular Minutes – January 10, 2013 - Motion by Trustee Scofield; Seconded by Trustee LaCava

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0 Abstain – 0

VI. District Presentations and Reports

A. Presentation

1. Margaret DeNeve – American Cancer Society representative on “Relay for Life”. She informed the Board that Relay for Life is the premier signature event and the largest fundraiser for cancer research and patient programs in the world. There will be an event at Tully High School on June 14 & 15 from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. She left information for buildings to send out to students and families to participate.

2. Physical Education Department led by Karyn Meaney – Karyn introduced Stacy McNeill from BOCES who was key in providing support and guidance on what needed to be included in the plan to be in compliance with the State Education Department. The P.E. Department worked on the project for about 7-8 months. Karyn explained to the Board the process that was involved in creating the Plan. The Plan first needs to be approved by the Board of Education before it can be sent to the State. The State reviews the Plan and will assess whether or not the Plan is in compliance. Karyn stated the Plan will be posted on the LaFayette website.

Superintendent Tigh recommended to the Board to approve the Plan. A motion was made by Trustee Scofield and seconded by Trustee LaCava.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No - 0 Abstain – 0

B. Oral Communications

1. Community Connections: Trustee Sofranko shared with the Board several recent news articles from the Post Standard and STARS:
 - a. A Thank You Note from Loretto Health and Rehabilitation Center for the LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School students that sang during the holiday season.
 - b. An article highlighting Cassley Jackowski reaching 1,000 points. Cassley is the first Lancer Girl or Boy to achieve this goal in the history of LaFayette basketball. Congratulations, Cassley!
 - c. 2013 Scholastic Art Awards were announced: LaFayette had 12-Gold Key; 10 Silver Key; and 13 Honorable Mention winners. More than 4,500 works of art were submitted for this year's competition from 90 Junior and Senior High Schools in 13 CNY counties. They selected more than 1,000 works which are on display at OCC's Whitney Applied Technology Center through March 1.

VII. Old Business

- A. Trustee Scofield recapped the Board details of the School Safety Meeting that was held on January 14 at the High School LGI. He said they talked about combining plans of securing schools and what to do during a lock down. LaFayette is ahead of most Districts in school security. The current conversation topic is "What more can be done." And is the New York State going to provide additional aide to cover this expense for Districts. There is another meeting scheduled in Auburn in February.
- B. Trustees LaCava, Dodge, and Whitney and Superintendent Tigh attended a meeting with LaFayette Town Supervisor Shute regarding evening use of school buildings by community groups. One suggestion is to have a sign-in/out sheet. It was noted that there is need for security and vigilance.

VIII. New Business

- A. Superintendent Tigh reported that Deb Ayers, Assistant Superintendent for Administration at BOCES, has a proposal regarding a Local Efficiency Grant Study for a possible Regional Facility for Transportation. The study has \$50,000 and the districts would share each 10% or \$5,000 to participate. It would mean local districts voting to join a consortium to share one garage – one fleet.

IX. Superintendent's Report

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Vice President Sofranko to approve Items A 1-2:

A. Board Action Items - Consent

1. Treasurer's Reports for November and December
2. Review Policy 7222 – Credential Options for Students with Disabilities-
2nd Reading

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No - 0 Abstain – 0

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Dodge to approve Item A-3.

3. Tenure Recommendation (individual by role call)

I, Peter A. Tigh, Superintendent of Schools, recommend Victoria Gernhardt to the academic tenure area of English Language Arts. The tenured service shall begin on January 31, 2013.

Voting:	Aye	Nay	Abstain
<u> X </u> Trustee Akl	<u> X </u>	___	___
<u> X </u> Trustee Dodge	<u> X </u>	___	___
<u> X </u> President Keefe	<u> X </u>	___	___
<u> X </u> Trustee LaCava	<u> X </u>	___	___
<u> X </u> Trustee Scofield	<u> X </u>	___	___
<u> X </u> Trustee Sofranko	<u> X </u>	___	___
<u> X </u> Trustee Whitney	<u> X </u>	___	___

Motion Carried Yes- 7 No- 0

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Scofield to approve Items B 1 a and B 2 a:

B. Personnel

1. Retirement – 2012-2013
 - a. Instructional - #2
2. Appointment – 2012-2013
 - a. Instructional - #8

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0 Abstain – 0

C. Board Non-Action Items

1. School Business Administrator, Peter Mahunik, handed out and explained budget information regarding Expenditures, Transportation/Buildings & Grounds, BOCES, Benefits and Debt Service for the 2013-14 school year.

D. Communications

1. 2013 CNY Scholastic Art Awards – was discussed at VI. District Presentations and Reports B. Oral Communications 1. Community Connections – above.

E. Calendar Review

1. February 14 – Regular Board meeting to be held at the District Office. The regular meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.

X. Financial Reports - FYI

- A. Budget Status – November & December
- B. Cash Flow – November & December
- C. Claims Auditor Report – November & December
- D. Warrants – November #14A, 5R, 1H, 5F; December #15A, 6R, 6F

XI. Closing Remarks

A. Oral Communications:

1. Martha Bush, Bus Driver, Thanking High School Staff for holding students inside building until the buses are in line. She was also expressed concern about Bus Safety Evacuation Drill and bus inspections.
2. Garra Lloyd-Lester, Big Picture Parent Group Representative, told the Board the group has discussed topics such as building space, short and long-term sustainability of the program and consideration of developing a foundation in order to enhance the financial stability of the school. They would like to meet with the Board about the possible move to the High School and would like to have a shared understanding of the Board's strategic plan as it relates to the Big Picture School. A date mentioned was March 14 because the Board is already scheduled to meet at the Big Picture School. A committee consisting of Trustees LaCava, Dodge, and Whitney will meet with the Big Picture Parent Group to discuss the topics.
3. Donald Dodge, a custodian at the High School, stated he submitted a FOIL request that was denied by Superintendent Tigh and was now appealing to the Board to release the requested document.
4. Mary Darrow, Bus Driver, said that safety was the main concern of the drivers and they wanted consistent, fair treatment for everyone.

XII. Executive Session

On the recommendation of President Keefe, a motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Vice President Sofranko to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of collective negotiations involving the LaFayette Administrators' Agreement 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 8:05 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Dodge, seconded by Trustee to come out of Executive Session at 8:48 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Trustee Dodge and seconded by Trustee LaCava at approximately 8:49 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0 Abstain - 0

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Munnell
District Clerk