

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Board Meeting  
February 27, 2014 Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 27, 2014, in the District Office Conference Room. President Scofield called the meeting to order at approximately 5:34 p.m. Present were: Trustees LaCava, Keefe, Dodge, Akl, Whitney and Onondaga Nation Representative Jacques. Excused from the meeting were Trustee Sofranko and Board Clerk Munnell. Also in attendance were Superintendent Tigh, School Business Official Nesbitt. Others in attendance were: Administrators Greg Bump and Laura Lavine; Anne Courtwright, Matthew Priest and Don Dodge.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Opening Remarks – President Scofield mentioned there would be an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss contractual issues. It was also mentioned that School Business Official Nesbitt would be the Clerk Pro-tem as Board Clerk Munnell was excused from the meeting.

IV. Executive Session

V. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Minutes – February 13, 2104

Motion by Trustee Akl, Seconded by Trustee LaCava

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0 Abstain – 1 (Trustee Dodge) Absent – 1 (Trustee Sofranko)

VI. District Presentations and Reports

A. Presentation - None

B. Oral Communications

1. Community Connections: Student Cassie Dodge's artwork "Beauty of Nature" has been chosen to be displayed at the Everson Museum. Congratulations to Cassie, it is quite an honor.

VII. Old Business

- A. Trustee LaCava mentioned that there is no additional information regarding the Safety and Security Committee that was formed at the last school board meeting. He anticipates the committee will meet to discuss arming of school resource officers prior to the March 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting so that they can have a report at that meeting.
- B. President Scofield discussed non-resident tuition. He mentioned that the committee is reviewing what private schools in the area are charging for tuition. Trustee Whitney discussed tuition ranges between grade levels. There was also discussion that those non-resident students who are currently attending in the District would be either phased into the new non-resident tuition policy or grandfathered in at the current rate. Trustee Whitney requested information regarding the number of non-resident students attending each building. The committee will continue discussions and report at a future meeting.
- C. Trustee Akl inquired about the Veterans Exemption. It was discussed that at the February 13, 2014 Board Meeting, it is in no way a reflection on the service of veterans, the Board decided that there was not enough information from the County and the State to make an informed decision at this time on the Veterans Exemption. The Board will continue to review and discuss when more information is received.

VIII. New Business

- A. Trustee Akl discussed a concern regarding disciplining all students in the Jr./Sr. High School cafeteria for the behavior of a few students. Superintendent Tigh will look into the concern.

IX. Superintendent's Report

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Keefe to approve Items A 1-10:

A. Board Action Items - Consent

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report – January 2014
2. Approval of Budget Transfers – January 2014
3. Approval of Health Services for Westhill District-Private/Parochial Student
4. Approval of Policy 5110-Budget Planning and Development-1<sup>st</sup> Reading
5. Approval of Policy 5410-Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
6. Approval of Policy 5411-Procurement of Goods and Services-1<sup>st</sup> Reading
7. Approval of Policy 5412-Alternative Formats for Instructional Materials-1<sup>st</sup> Reading
8. Approval of Policy 5511-Reserve Funds-1<sup>st</sup> Reading
9. Approval of State Comptroller Audit Response & Corrective Action Plan
10. Approval of Resolution to Surplus a Vehicle and to Purchase Replacement Vehicle

Superintendent Tigh discussed the addition of the Audit Response and Corrective Action Plan. He explained that President Scofield, School Business Official Nesbitt and himself had an exit conference with the State Comptroller Auditor regarding the State audit from the Summer 2013. It was explained that the District agrees with the recommendations from the Audit and the District is responsible for the implementation of the Corrective Action Plan. It was also discussed that the State Auditors audit school districts every five years.

Superintendent Tigh also discussed the addition of the Resolution to Surplus a Vehicle and to Purchase a Replacement Vehicle. A school van was in an accident and instead of repairing it the District is going to surplus it and purchase a new van with the use of insurance proceeds as well as general fund monies. The District has to approve the resolution to receive transportation aid on the vehicle in the next school year.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 (Trustee Sofranko)

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

B. Personnel

1. Appointment – 2013-2014
  - a. Interscholastic #5

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 (Trustee Sofranko)

C. Board Non-Action Items - None

D. Communications

1. Annual BOCES Board Member Nominations for Liverpool, Westhill and Baldwinsville
2. It was discussed that the capital project is moving along and the architects have been meeting with various building groups to design the project. There was a presentation at the Jr./ Sr. High School on Tuesday, February 25 to discuss the progress of the project with various stakeholders including parents, students and staff. Beginning construction is anticipated to start in January 2015 and major construction to start in June 2015. It was mentioned that there was an inquiry regarding tennis courts and a multiuse practice wall.

3. Superintendent Tigh discussed the Onondaga Nation project and that there is some movement with the State requesting information from the District. It was discussed that Senator Valesky met with Superintendent Tigh and School Business Official Nesbitt to discuss the Budget and the Onondaga Nation School project and he said he would write a letter in conjunction with Senator DeFrancisco to State regarding the project in support of the District.
4. Trustee LaCava mentioned that Friday, February 28, 2014 there is a Patriot League Exceptional Senior Boys Basketball Game at 6:30 p.m. at the Jr./Sr. High School.
5. Superintendent Tigh discussed that the current draft of the budget for 2014-2015 is a rollover budget with some reductions and it has a \$600,000 budget gap due to the \$1 million aid reduction. He mentioned that he has had several conversations with State legislators regarding the budget and the Gap Elimination Adjustment. There does not seem to be much discussion of restoring state aid. There is a School Funding rally on March 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the West Genesee High School Auditorium, everyone is encouraged to attend. There was further discussion regarding a lawsuit against the State for equitable school funding and the Board approved a resolution regarding the elimination of the GEA at the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting which was shared with the State.
6. Don Dodge discussed an email that he sent to President Scofield and Trustee Keefe regarding behavior of a staff member. He asked that the behavior be addressed.
7. Anne Courtwright inquired about the resolution passed by the District in regards to the Gap Elimination Adjustment and if that was the same resolution Tully Schools recently passed.

D. Calendar Review

It was communicated that the next Board Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office.

X. Financial Reports – FYI – As of January 2014

- A. Budget Status
- B. Cash Flow
- C. Claim Auditor's Report
- D. Warrants – 3H, 13F, 14R, 19A

XI. Request for Executive Session

On the recommendation of President Scofield, a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting was made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Dodge to enter into Executive Session according to paragraph f of executive session by-laws at 6:21 p.m. to include Laura Lavine.

Motion carried: Yes – 6      No – 0      Absent – 1 (Trustee Sofranko)

Superintendent Tigh and School Business Official Nesbitt left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

A motion to come out of Executive Session by Trustee LaCava and seconded by Trustee Dodge at approximately 8:25 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes - 6      No – 0      Absent – 1 (Trustee Sofranko)

XII. Closing Remarks

- A. Oral Communications – None

XIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Trustee Akl and seconded by Trustee LaCava at approximately 8:26 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes - 6      No – 0      Absent – 1 (Trustee Sofranko)

Respectfully submitted,  
Tiffany Nesbitt, District Clerk Pro Tem