

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Board Meeting
March 13, 2014 Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 13, 2014, at the LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School-LGI. President Scofield called the meeting to order at approximately 5:33 p.m. Present were: Trustees Keefe, Dodge, Akl, Sofranko and Onondaga Nation Representative Jacques. Trustee LaCava was excused from the meeting. Also in attendance were Superintendent Tigh, School Business Official Nesbitt and Board Clerk Munnell. Others in attendance were: Administrators Greg Bump, Jennifer Blosssey, Paula Cowling, Susan Osborn, and Diane Ellsworth; Anne Courtwright, Bill O'Leary, Kristeen Cool, David Stablein, Jessica Cohen, Leonardo Oppedisano, Tyler Ellis, Cameron Baker, Walt Nowey, Autumn Nowey, Tom LaRose, Terri Fredenburg, Jerry Fredenburg, Barbara Schloss, Jeffrey Stanton, Gretchen Gretskey and Don Dodge.

II. Pledge of Allegiance – President Scofield led the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Opening Remarks – President Scofield mentioned there would be an Executive Session at the beginning of the meeting to discuss Part d. of Policy 1730 and at the end of the meeting to discuss employment history of a particular person.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Minutes – February 27, 2104

Motion by Trustee Keefe, Seconded by Trustee Dodge

Motion carried: Yes – 4 No – 0 Abstain –1 (Trustee Sofranko) Absent – 2 (Trustee LaCava, Trustee Whitney)

V. Executive Session - On the recommendation of President Scofield, a motion was made by Trustee Dodge, seconded by Trustee Sofranko to enter into Executive Session to include the LaFayette Administrators at 5:35 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0 Absent – 2 (Trustee LaCava, Trustee Whitney)

Trustee Whitney arrived at 5:55 p.m.

A motion to come out of Executive Session by Trustee Akl and seconded by Trustee Sofranko at approximately 6:04 p.m.

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

Onondaga Representative Jacques arrived at 6:02 p.m.

VI. District Presentations and Reports

A. Presentation

1. Jessica Cohen, Consultant from Castallo and Silky, reported to the Board information that she gathered regarding the Big Picture School. Her report was a summary of this school year (2013-2014). She interviewed administrators, staff, students, and parents. The big question was: Does Big Picture comply with Part 100 regulations? Ms. Cohen featured 7 findings along with recommendations for the District to work on. She finished her report stating the Big Picture does comply with Part 100 of the NYS Commissioner's Regulations.

VI. District Presentations and Reports - continued

2. Bill O'Leary and Kristeen Cool, Guidance Counselors, reported on Guidance news. They showed graduation data along with a list of academic scholarships that have been granted to seniors so far this year. They talked about college courses being offered and how many of our students are graduating with college credits and are able to enter college as sophomores. Another highlight was the Junior High Career Fair and how well supported by local businesses as well as new businesses to permit students insight of occupations available.
3. David Stablein, SUNY Morrisville STEP/CSTEP Advisor, updated the Board the numerous programs that the students at Big Picture are involved in along with the involvement of SUNY Morrisville mentors.

B. Oral Communications

1. Community Connections: Trustee Akl noted the Thompson Brothers (Miles & Lyle) were recently published in the New York Times highlighting their career choice to play lacrosse at SUNY Albany. Victor Dupuis, a 2011 graduate, was on the President's List at SUNY College at Delhi for the 2013 fall semester.

VII. Old Business

- A. Trustee Akl reviewed the non-resident tuition status. A committee has been formed and more information is being discussed.

VIII. New Business - None

IX. Superintendent's Report

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

A. Board Action Items - Consent

1. Approval of Revised 2013-2014 ONS Calendar
2. Approval of 2014-2015 Instructional/Student Calendar-BP/GS/HS
3. Approval of Accepting Donations in the Name of Margaret Arneson to ONS
4. Approval of Policy 5110-Budget Planning and Development-2nd Reading
5. Approval of Policy 5410-Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering – 2nd Reading
6. Approval of Policy 5411-Procurement of Goods and Services-2nd Reading
7. Approval of Policy 5412-Alternative Formats for Instructional Materials-2nd Reading
8. Approval of Policy 5511-Reserve Funds-2nd Reading
9. Approval of Combined Sports-Softball at OCS
10. Approval of Student to run Track at OCS

Superintendent Tigh discussed the addition of combined sports for softball at Onondaga Central. He explained that Athletic Coordinator Jerry Kelly told him there were not enough girls to field a team. Ninth grade girls would be able to play at the modified level and the other girls could play with the Onondaga team if they choose to.

Superintendent Tigh also discussed the addition of the approval of a student to run track at Onondaga but as a one-man team for LaFayette. His coach will be Bill O'Leary.

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

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

B. Personnel

1. Resignation – 2013-2014
 - a. Interscholastic - #2

Superintendent Tigh said the addition was due to the low numbers of students signing up for softball Athletic Coordinator Jerry Kelly has tendered his resignation as Coach for Softball.

2. Appointment – 2013-2014
 - a. Substitutes - #7
 - b. Clerical - #5 - amended
 - c. Interscholastic #5 - amended

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

C. Board Non-Action Items

1. 2014-2015 Budget Update: Programs and BOCES Budget – School Business Official Nesbitt outlined the 2014-15 Budget for Programs and BOCES by a PowerPoint presentation. It was requested that the presentation be posted on the District website.

D. Communications

1. The Board received an invitation to the Annual OCM BOCES meeting. Trustees will be getting back to the Board Clerk if they wish to attend.
2. A Letter was sent to the Town of LaFayette Assessor.

E. Calendar Review

It was communicated that the next Board Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office.

X. Financial Reports – None

XI. Request for Executive Session

On the recommendation of President Scofield, a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting was made by Trustee Sofranko, seconded by Trustee Dodge to enter into Executive Session according to paragraph f of executive session by-laws at 8:06 p.m.

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

Superintendent Tigh and School Business Official Nesbitt were excused from the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

A motion to come out of Executive Session by Trustee Sofranko and seconded by Trustee Dodge at approximately 8:42 p.m.

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

XII. Closing Remarks

Oral Communications – Don Dodge asked about a previous personnel matter and President Scofield told him the situation was taken care of.

XIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Trustee Sofranko and seconded by Trustee Dodge at approximately 8:42 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Munnell, Board Clerk