

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Board Meeting
April 10, 2014 Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, April 10, 2014, at the District Office Conference Room. President Scofield called the meeting to order at approximately 5:32 p.m. Present were: Trustees Keefe, Sofranko, LaCava and Onondaga Nation Representative Jacques. Also in attendance were Superintendent Tigh, School Business Official Nesbitt and Board Clerk Munnell. Others in attendance were: Administrators Greg Bump, Jennifer Blossey, Paula Cowling, Laura Lavine, Susan Osborn, and Diane Ellsworth; Anne Courtwright, Tom LaRose, Austin Leonard, Mark Johnson, Megan Zehner, Kelly Davidson, Jennifer Park, Daryl Felice, Melissa Terrell, Joseph Fox, Stacie Stroup, Aaron Stroup, Jr., Tess Miller, Lisa Shenandoah-Kurtz, Michael Anderson, John Schaefer, and Don Dodge.

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

Trustees Dodge, Akl, and Whitney arrived at 5:34 p.m.

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 to review the provisions and amendment of the contract of the Superintendent.

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

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

A motion to come out of Executive Session by Trustee LaCava and seconded by Trustee Sofranko at approximately 5:55 p.m.

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

V. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Minutes – March 27, 2104

Motion by Trustee Keefe, Seconded by Trustee Dodge

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

VI. District Presentations and Reports

A. Presentation - None

B. Oral Communications

1. Community Connections: Superintendent Tigh highlighted 2 students, Celia Bertlesman and Charlotte Ryan from the Jr./Sr. High School. Principal Blossey informed Superintendent Tigh that the 2 students received the opportunity to attend Project Engage for two weeks in July. Project Engage is a grant-supported experience for girls that have a vision for global change. Congratulations to Celia and Charlotte and their families.

VII. Old Business

- A. Trustee LaCava stated that the School and Safety report will be discussed in Executive Session at the end of the meeting.
- B. President Scofield communicated that the committee for the out-of-district tuition policy is reviewing the risk to the community by taking in students. They have talked to an actuary to better understand the risks.

VIII. New Business - None

IX. Superintendent's Report

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh to approve Items A 1-4 & 6, a motion made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Sofranko:

A. Board Action Items - Consent

- 1. Approval of Resolution for Employees Standard Work Day-RS2418
- 2. Approval of a Gift from the LaFayette Booster Club
- 3. Approval of Amendment of Professional Services-Ashley McGraw
- 4. Approval of 3/31/14 - MOA – Administrative Unit
- 6. Approval of CSE Committee Recommendations

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

On the recommendation of President Scofield to approve Item 5, a motion made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Sofranko:

- 5. Approval of Contract Amendment - Superintendent

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

School Business Official Nesbitt explained that the Resolution for Employees Standard Work Day-RS2418 was a recommendation from the financial auditors.

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Keefe to approve Items B 1a, with regrets and thank you from the Board:

B. Personnel

- 1. Resignation – 2013-2014
 - a. Administrator - #1

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

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, motion by Trustee Keefe, seconded by Trustee Sofranko to approve Items 2a and 3a:

C. Personnel

- 2. Appointment – 2013-2014
 - a. Interscholastic - #8
- 3. Appointment – 2014-2015
 - a. Instructional - #1

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

D. Board Non-Action Items

1. 2014-2015 Budget Update: Legislative Budget – School Business Official Nesbitt communicated to the Board our financial standing since receiving the State's budget. Our school district is anticipating an additional \$231,151 in State Aid since the preliminary January report. The GEA remains in the state budget and has taken \$900,983 back. There have been retirements to close the gap but the District still needs to find another \$142,000 to get the District within a 2% tax levy increase. The Board will review and adopt a final budget at the April 24 Board meeting.

E. Communications

F. Calendar Review

It was communicated that the next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office. Also the Budget Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jr./Sr. High School-LGI and the Annual Budget Vote is to be held on Tuesday, May 20 from 1:00-9:00 p.m. at the Jr./Sr. High School Main Office Lobby.

X. Financial Reports – None

XI. Closing Remarks

Oral Communications – A number of people voiced their concerns regarding the proposed budgetary reductions.

XII. 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 Sofranko to enter into Executive Session according to paragraph f of executive session by-laws at 6:46 p.m.

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

A motion to come out of Executive Session by Trustee Sofranko and seconded by Trustee Dodge at approximately 7:05 p.m.

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

XIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Trustee LaCava and seconded by Trustee Dodge at approximately 7:21 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Munnell, Board Clerk