

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Board Meeting
May 8, 2014 Minutes - Amended**

- I. Call to Order
The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, May 8, 2014, at the District Office Conference Room. President Scofield called the meeting to order at approximately 6:15 p.m. Present were: Trustees Keefe, Sofranko, LaCava, Dodge, Akl and Onondaga Nation Representative Jacques. Also in attendance were Superintendent Tigh, School Business Official Nesbitt and Board Clerk Munnell. Trustee Whitney was excused. Others in attendance were: Administrators Laura Lavine, and Diane Ellsworth; Anne Courtwright, Ann Wickes, Don Dodge, Mary Ellen Long, Galah Antone, Pat Hurd, and Patricia Kenney.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – President Scofield led the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Opening Remarks – President Scofield announced Superintendent Tigh’s retirement as of June 30, 2014 and the Board wishes him well and thanked him for his years of service. He also announced that Laura Lavine has been hired as Interim Superintendent for 6 months with the Board’s option to hire her for an additional 3 and 1/2 years. The Board extended a welcome to Laura. It will be a cost savings of \$400,000 for the District with the change.
- IV. Executive Session
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Regular Minutes – April 24, 2104
Motion by Trustee LaCava, Seconded by Trustee Dodge
Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0 Abstain –1 Trustee Sofranko Absent – Trustee Whitney
- VI. District Presentations and Reports
 - A. Presentation - None
 - B. Oral Communications
 1. Community Connections: Trustee LaCava informed the Board that Cassley Jackowski, an alumnus, was chosen as the **ECC Women’s Lacrosse Rookie Player of the Year**. She is attending Roberts Wesleyan College. Trustee Akl said she read that Miles and Lyle Thompson are among five finalists for the Tewaaron Foundation Award. Onondaga Representative Jacques stated her niece, Wava Waterman Lyons, is graduating with a MA of Social Psychology. And Trustee LaCava added that Taviot Jackowski has received her Masters degree in Accounting from SUNY IT.
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Superintendent Tigh reminded the Board that a community member asked at the last Board meeting about Policy 8140 Multi-Cultural Programs. He contacted our policy services and they made a suggestion. The Board would like to take a look at the policy before making a decision on whether or not to change the policy.
- VIII. New Business - None

IX. Superintendent's Report

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh to approve Items A 1-5, a motion made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Dodge:

A. Board Action Items - Consent

1. Approval of Resolution for the Smartwatt Program at ONS
2. Approval of MOA - Supervisors
3. Approval of McGraw Hill WONDERS Reading Program for ONS & GS Gr. K & 1
4. Approval of Abolishment of .5fte Teaching Assistant position effective June 30, 2014.
5. Approval of Abolishment of (2) Part Time Food Service Helper I positions effective June 30, 2014.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 Whitney

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh to approve B. 1 by roll call, a motion made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Sofranko:

B. Board Action Item – Roll Call

1. Approve Resolution for Proposition to Purchase Two (2) buses

President Scofield	Yes
Trustee Keefe	Yes
Trustee Akl	Yes
Trustee Dodge	Yes
Trustee LaCava	Yes
Trustee Sofranko	Yes

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 Whitney

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh to approve C. 1a-2c, a motion made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Dodge:

C. Personnel

1. Resignation – 2013-2014
 - a. Non-Instructional- #7
2. Appointment – 2014-2015
 - a. Instructional - #2
 - b. Non-Instructional - #1
 - c. BOE - #1

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 Whitney

D. Non-Consent Action Item – Roll Cal

1. Tenure Recommendations

I, Peter A. Tigh, Superintendent of Schools, recommend Walt Nowey to the tenure area of ELA-Gr.7-12. The tenured service shall begin on September 1, 2014.

Voting:	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<u> X </u> Trustee Scofield	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
<u> X </u> Trustee Akl	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
<u> X </u> Trustee Dodge	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
<u> X </u> Trustee Keefe	<u> X </u>	___	___	___

<u> X </u> Trustee LaCava	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
<u> X </u> Trustee Sofranko	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
_____ Trustee Whitney	___	___	___	<u> X </u>

Motion Carried Yes- 6 No- 0 Absent- 1

I, Peter A. Tigh, Superintendent of Schools, recommend April Palmer to the tenure area of Social Studies Gr. 7-12. The tenured service shall begin on September 1, 2014.

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

Motion Carried Yes- 6 No- 0 Absent- 1

I, Peter A. Tigh, Superintendent of Schools, recommend Andrea Amidon to the tenure area of Elementary. The tenured service shall begin on September 1, 2014.

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

Motion Carried Yes- 6 No- 0 Absent- 1

I, Peter A. Tigh, Superintendent of Schools, recommend Ellen Lefort to the tenure area of Music. The tenured service shall begin on September 1, 2014.

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

Motion Carried Yes- 6 No- 0 Absent- 1

I, Peter A. Tigh, Superintendent of Schools, recommend Ann Marie Spratt to the tenure area of Teaching Assistant. The tenured service shall begin on September 1, 2014.

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

Motion Carried Yes- 6 No- 0 Absent- 1

I, Peter A. Tigh, Superintendent of Schools, recommend Cathleen Clemens to the tenure area of Teaching Assistant. The tenured service shall begin on September 1, 2014.

Voting:	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<u> X </u> President Scofield	<u> X </u>	—	—	—

<u> X </u> Trustee Akl	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
<u> X </u> Trustee Dodge	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
<u> X </u> Trustee Keefe	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
<u> X </u> Trustee LaCava	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
<u> X </u> Trustee Sofranko	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
___ Trustee Whitney	___	___	___	<u> X </u>

Motion Carried Yes- 6 No- 0 Absent- 1

- E. Board Non-Action Items
- F. Communications
- G. Calendar Review

It was communicated that the next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 20, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jr./Sr. H.S.-LGI. Also the Annual Budget Vote is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20 from 1:00 p.m.-9:00 pm. Jr./Sr. High School at the Main Office Lobby.

X. Financial Reports – None

XI. Closing Remarks

Oral Communications – President Scofield said he went to the Mock DWI presentation on Friday, May 3 at the High School. He remarked that it was an “unbelievable” presentation and when it was done, there was not a dry eye. He wanted to express his thanks to the following organizations that brought the demonstration to the seniors, juniors and sophomores: local fire department, state police, and funeral home. The event was coordinated by Heather Amidon. Trustee Akl attended the prom on Saturday which was held at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo and the after prom party was well attended by the students. The students and their guests enjoyed themselves. She wanted to thank the community that worked hard to make it happen. Prom pictures can be viewed on Syracuse.com.

XII. Request for Executive Session

XIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Trustee LaCava and seconded by Trustee Akl at approximately 6:50 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes - 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 Whitney

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Munnell, Board Clerk