

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Board Meeting
May 20, 2014 Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at the Jr./Sr. High School Library. President Scofield called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. Present were: Trustees Akl, Dodge, Keefe, Whitney, Sofranko and LaCava. Also in attendance were Superintendent Tigh, School Business Official Nesbitt, and Board Clerk Munnell. Onondaga Nation Representative Jacques was excused for the meeting. Others in attendance were: Administrator Laura Lavine, Karyn Meaney, Tom LaRose, Tess Miller and Don Dodge.

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

III. Opening Remarks – President Scofield mentioned there will be a short Executive Session at the end of the meeting. He also stated the annual budget vote was taking place in the foyer of the High School Lobby.

IV. Executive Session

V. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Minutes – May 8, 2014, with amendments

Motion by Trustee Dodge, Seconded by Trustee Akl

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

VI. District Presentations and Reports

A. Presentation – Tom LaRose, Grimshaw School Physical Education Teacher and Karyn Meaney, High School Physical Education Teacher had a wonderful video and PowerPoint presentation regarding the Physical Education program at the Grimshaw School and High School. Mr. LaRose outlined how the GS related the P.E. program to the Common Core and how the students loved the “Fitness” unit. Mrs. Meaney shared with the Board that the teachers joined together with the Onondaga Central District an Archery workshop. They were trained a specific way and Mrs. Meaney reported she was glad they did because they could better teach the students in the same manner. The students enjoyed the Archery unit. She also thanked the Board for continuing the Sr. P.E. classes that go off campus for some of their activities. The off campus unit teaches the students activities that they can continue when they finish high school.

B. Oral Communications: Community Connections: Trustee Akl reported the Girls Lacrosse won 12-7 over Jordan-Elbridge. She also said she recently saw articles from SU and the NCAA reporting on the Thompson Brothers from the Onondaga Nation and they mentioned they attended LaFayette School. President Scofield said he was happy to report that he saw some students taking part in a political science venture. The students were supporting potential Board members and Budget Vote by holding signs and encouraging community to remember to vote. He also reported that Cassidy **Doster** and Paige Skinner were mentioned in the Post Standard for their recent wins for the Girls Lacrosse team. The Post Standard had pictures and statistics. Trustee Sofranko inquired about the percentage of participation for Grandparents Day. Superintendent Tigh said a student can have a grandparent “adopt” them if they do not have a grandparent who is able to attend. Trustee Sofranko said the Meet the Candidate Night went well but it was short notice. Trustee LaCava was out of town and could not attend. The Board made the suggestion of contacting parent groups or community groups to host the meet the candidates’ event and having it put on the District Calendar annually.

VII. Old Business

- A. Superintendent Tigh introduced MOA's for summer work hours. The MOA's are for the 10-hour 4-day work week starting July 7 through August 21. They have been approved by the Board in the past.

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh to approve the MOA's, a motion was made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Sofranko:

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

- VIII. New Business – Trustee Whitney stated that Paula Cowling's article in the May newsletter was really good and thought provoking. It talks about giving students extra opportunity to succeed. Can something be done to help students succeed? The Board asked Superintendent Tigh to prepare a report on this issue.

IX. Superintendent's Report

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

- A. Board Action Items - Consent
1. Approval of Treasurer's Report – April 2014
 2. Approval of Budget Transfers
 3. Approval of Contract for Health & Welfare Services for ES-M District
 4. Approval of CSE-CPSE Recommendations

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

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

- B. Personnel
1. Appointment – 2013-2014
 - a. Substitute - #8

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

- C. Board Non-Action Items
D. Communications

1. Letter from Non-Resident Tuition Paying Family
E. Calendar Review

It was communicated that the next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office. The Big Picture Breakfast is Friday, May 30 and the Annual Onondaga Nation School Spring Lunch is also Friday, May 30. Assistant Commissioner Chuck Szuberla and Senator Valesky are scheduled to attend both events.

X. Financial Reports – FYI – As of April 2014

- A. Budget Status
- B. Cash Flow
- C. Claims Auditor's Report
- D. Warrants – 6H, 16F, 17R, 27A

- XI. Executive Session - On the recommendation of President Scofield, a motion was made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Sofranko to enter into Executive Session at 7:03 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 Whitney at approximately 7:25 p.m.

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

A motion to approve the extension of sick leave benefits to three days per Article VII of the LaFayette Teachers' Association Agreement for Kerry Allocco after a review of the request made to the LaFayette School Board of Education.

A motion to approve the request was made by Trustee Whitney, seconded by Trustee LaCava

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

XII. Closing Remarks

Karyn Meaney thanked the Board for adding a full time Home & Careers teacher back to the High School. She also made a suggestion for networking student graduates and having a display at the High School. Tess Miller discussed encouraging students to ask for opportunities.

XIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Trustee LaCava and seconded by Trustee Dodge at approximately 7:27 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Munnell, Board Clerk