

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Board Meeting
August 14, 2014 Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, August 14, 2014, in the Jr/Sr High School LGI Room. President Dodge called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. Present were: Trustees D. Dodge, Keefe, Johnson, LaCava, Scofield and Onondaga Nation Representative Jacques. Excused from the meeting were Trustee Whitney and Board Clerk Munnell. Also in attendance were Superintendent Lavine and School Business Official Turner. Others in attendance were: Administrators Greg Bump, Diane Ellsworth, and Susan Osborn; Jerry Kelly, Jim Kesler, Serena Schrader, Judy Stanton, Ed McGraw, Scott Perry, Patsy McElhannon, Betty Lyons, Tadodaho Sidney Hill, Karen Markoff, Ann Schaefer, Adrian Shute and Christine Foti-Cromley.

II. Opening Remarks – President Dodge welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a moment of silence for alumnus, Meg Paige, who had passed as a result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. Our thoughts are with Meg’s family.

It was mentioned that Business Official Nesbitt would be the Clerk Pro-tem as Board Clerk Munnell was excused from the meeting and there is no executive session for the meeting.

III. Executive Session - None

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A. Reorganizational Minutes – July 15, 2014
- B. Regular Minutes – July 15, 2104 Revised
- C. Work Session Minutes – July 30, 2014

Motion by Trustee Keefe, Seconded by Trustee LaCava

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

V. District Presentations and Reports

A. Presentation

- 1. Ashley-McGraw Building Project Update – Architect Scott Perry gave an update of the status of the Building Project. It was discussed that the project has been submitted to the State Education Department and the Architects expect approval in the Fall and anticipate bidding the project in early Winter.

B. Oral Communications

- 1. Community Connections: It was discussed that Mr. Jerry Kelly has undergone the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge to raise awareness and funding for ALS research and Trustee LaCava would also be participating. President Dodge also mentioned students in his household have been participating in the challenge.

VI. Old Business

- A. Legislative Liaison – President Dodge nominated Trustee Scofield as the Board Legislative Liaison and Trustee LaCava seconded.

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

VII. New Business

A. Superintendent Lavine discussed the following:

1. The heating pipe system had fallen at the Onondaga Nation School earlier in the week and everyone is okay. There will be a telephone conference regarding the situation with the State Education Department on Monday morning and we will keep the Board informed of next steps.
2. Mrs. Turner and Superintendent Lavine started end of year walk-through of facilities. Buildings are in great shape thanks to the building and maintenance staff. There are some minor security items, such as door locks, that will be addressed before school starts.
3. Superintendent Lavine and School Resource Officer Oelkers invited Investigator Tom Irwin to conduct a security assessment of school facilities. He will be preparing a report for the Board of Education, which he will present at a later meeting. It is also anticipated that he may do training with staff this school year regarding how to respond to a security breach.
4. The District has completed its third day of training on scholastic literacy interventions. This is conjunction with the grant received from the State for Response to Intervention services.
5. The District has been having conversations with the food service department to provide appealing food in a warm welcoming atmosphere. One initiative is to offer smoothies at the Jr/Sr High School. The District has purchased a blender from the BOCES bid list and will start offering smoothies this Fall. Also, the District will be working with the Onondaga Nation this school year to incorporate traditional native meals into the school lunch program at the Onondaga Nation School.
6. Several district leaders including President Dodge were invited to meet with a group of parents who had submitted a petition to the Board of Education regarding items of concern in the District. There are several initiatives the District will be working on to address these concerns and anticipates that there will be another meeting to discuss progress this school year.
7. Dr. R. David Lankes from Syracuse University will be the Opening Day speaker. There will also be presentations from faculty regarding areas of expertise in instructional technology. Technology will be the focus of opening day.
8. Grades 3-8 test scores have been released on the State Education Department Website. Most of the Administrative Team Meeting today was in regards to our District's scores and improving student learning.
9. The External Auditors have been in to review the financial records from 2013-2014. It was stated that the financials are in good condition and there will be a draft report coming in September for the Board. Thank you to all the business office staff for their hard work this school year.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

On the recommendation of Superintendent Lavine, motion by Trustee Scofield, seconded by Trustee LaCava to approve Items A 1-5 & 7-10:

A. Board Action Items - Consent

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report – June 2014
2. Approval of Budget Transfers – August 2014
3. Approval of Contract for School Physician - Revised
4. Approval of BOCES Transportation Contract
5. Approval of Director of Instruction and Pupil Services Position
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7. Approval of Resolution for BOCES-High Speed Communications Services
8. Approval of Policy 3411 Unlawful Possession of a Weapon Upon School Grounds – 3rd and Final Reading
9. Approval of Policy 7360 Weapons in School and the Gun-Free Schools Act – 3rd and Final Reading
10. Approval of Tax Warrant Resolution

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

On the recommendation of Superintendent Lavine, motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Keefe to approve Items B 1a-b & 2a-c & e:

B. Personnel

1. Resignation – 2014-2015
 - a. Co-Curricular - #1
 - b. Non-Instructional - #1
2. Appointment – 2014-2015
 - a. Instructional - #6 Revised
 - b. Substitute - #1
 - c. Non-Instructional - #5
 - ~~d. Administrators - #3~~
 - e. Annual Appointment - #2

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

C. Board Non-Action Items

- a. Board of Education and Administration Listing 2014-2015
- b. Overnight Field Trip Request – Big Picture School – FYI

D. Communications – None

E. Calendar Review

- a. It was communicated that the next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jr/Sr High School Large Group Instruction Room.
- b. Board Retreat in the District Office – 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 21.

IX. Financial Reports – FYI – As of January 2014

- A. Cash Flow
- B. Claim Auditor's Report
- C. Warrants – #31A, 18F, 8H, 19R

X. Request for Executive Session – None

XI. Closing Remarks

- A. Oral Communications – Parent Judy Stanton of Big Picture student commented on the amazing program at Big Picture and stated that her son is looking forward to coming back to school in the Fall.

XII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Trustee LaCava and seconded by Vice President Johnson at approximately 5:59 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany Nesbitt, District Clerk Pro Tem