

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Board Meeting
January 22, 2015 Minutes**

1) Opening

A. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, January 22, 2015, at the Jr./Sr. High School-LGI. President Dodge called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. Present were: Trustees Keefe, Whitney, Johnson, LaCava, and D. Dodge. Also in attendance were Superintendent Lavine, School Business Official Turner, Board Clerk Munnell. Others in attendance were: Administrator Jim Chupaila, Diane Pratt, Joseph Fox, Terri Fredenburg, Leonardo Oppedisano, Anne Courtwright, Tim Miller, Jim Kesler, Tom LaRose, Gary Oelkers, Denise Dodge, Kaitlyn Dodge, Lisa Sofranko, Erin Oristian, Wendy Walsh, Britney and Ben Farmer, Betty and Gary Lauzon, Chris Gray, Sean Griffin, Jeff and Kelly Denué.

Excused were: Trustee Scofield and Onondaga Nation Representative Jacques

B. Pledge of Allegiance

President Dodge led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Opening Remarks

President Dodge said welcome and there will be a quick Executive Session at the beginning of the meeting.

2) Executive Session

On the recommendation of President Dodge, a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting to enter into Executive Session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of any particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of any particular person or corporation was made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Keefe at 6:43 p.m.

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

Reconvene into Open Session

A motion to come out of Executive Session by Trustee LaCava and seconded by Trustee D. Dodge at approximately 6:48 p.m.

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

The meeting convened at 6:50 p.m.

3) Approval of Minutes

Regular Minutes – January 8, 2015

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Trustee D. Dodge, Seconded by Trustee Johnson

Motion carried: Yes – 4 No – 0 Absent – 1 (Scofield) Abstain - 2 (Keefe, LaCava)

4) District Presentation and Reports

A. None Scheduled

B. Oral Communications – Community Connections

President Dodge said the February “Green Sheet” newsletter listed many students who recently received Scholastic Art Awards; A Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament featuring Ocasio Hazeltine was held at OCC. The Lancers were victorious and it was a nice fundraising event.

5) Old Business

A. Capital Project – Change Order Approval Process – Chris Gray, Turner Construction and Sean Griffin, Project Manager explained the process in detail through a PowerPoint presentation. Superintendent Lavine has authorization to approve up to \$10,000. Superintendent Lavine and Board President Dodge have authorization to approve between \$10,000-\$20,000. Above \$20,000, the Board of Education will vote on the change order approval. The key is to maintain the schedule. The Board will be provided with regular updates. A contingency for change orders has already been built into the budget.

B. Approve Policy 7132-Admission of Non-Resident Students – 3rd and Final Reading – A short discussion arose prior to the final approval vote. Board members discussed that the non-resident tuition would be raised to \$5,000 per year for students who enroll after January 8, 2015. The tuition for students already enrolled as of January 8, 2015, will remain at \$1,000 per year for the balance of their education in the District.

A motion to approve Policy 7132-Admission of Non-Resident Students-3rd and Final Reading by Mark Johnson; seconded by Mark Whitney.

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

6) New Business

7) Superintendent Report

A. Superintendent Updates Board

- Superintendent Lavine communicated to the Board that the second community budget meeting was held in the Grimshaw Library. At that meeting, Superintendent Lavine and School Business Official Turner provided answers to questions that were asked at the first meeting. The third and final meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27 at the Jr./Sr. High School Library.
- Faculty meetings have been held at the district schools discussing the capital project.
- School Business Turner discussed the extension of the capital project bid opening date to January 29. An additional Board meeting will have to be held to award the bids so renovations can be started in February.
- Security enhancement will be provided by Day Automation.
- The new website is now live. Superintendent Lavine expressed how pleased she is with the outcome. If you have any feedback, we will gladly accept your opinion. The plan is to keep the website updated on a regular basis.
- The next element we are working on is an APP for the District. This will be managed through SchoolMessenger and BOCES.
- Superintendent Lavine said she recently had a meeting the LaFayette Town Supervisor McConnell regarding emergency preparedness. Further discussions in the next few months are to be scheduled.
- School Business Official Turner talked about the District’s fiscal status. The State has reduced our fiscal stress from 16 points to 10 points, which is an improvement for the District. President Dodge thanked Kim Reppi, Emily Hayes, Sarah Munnell, and Tiffany Turner for their hardwork to reduce the points on the Comptroller’s Fiscal Stress Report.

- President Dodge respectfully thanked our district bus drivers for their hardwork in keeping our students safe. He especially acknowledged Dan Alexander, Bill Doupe and Dan Sawkins. President Dodge recognized Mr. LaRose, physical Education Teacher for the running of the great archery program. Compliments to Mr. Kesler and his staff on their great work during a recent winter storm.

On the recommendation of Superintendent Lavine to approve items 8 B and C, a motion was made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Keefe:

- 8) Consent Agenda – Board Action Items
- A. Approval of Board Action Items
 - B. Approve Treasurer Reports – December 2014
 - C. Approve Resolution for Secretary to the Superintendent

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

On the recommendation of Superintendent Lavine to approve items 9 B – D, a motion was made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Keefe:

- 9) Consent Agenda – Personnel Items
- A. Approval of Personnel Items
 - B. Approval of Retirement/Resignation–BOE #1 2014-2015
 - C. Approval of Appointment–Instructional #12 2014-2015
 - D. Approval of Appointment–Non-Instructional-#11 2014-2015

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

- 10) Board Non-Action Items
None

- 11) Communications
None

- 12) Calendar Review
- A. Upcoming Events – President Dodge stated next Board of Education meeting will be on Thursday, February 12 at the Jr./Sr. High School-LGI and will begin at 5:30. The last Budget Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 27 at the Grimshaw School Library. Additional events are February 12-GAPS parent meeting at Grimshaw School, February 20 ONS Community Give – Early Dismissal, February 30-Professional Development-Early Dismissal for all schools, January 31-Optimist Winter Carnival at Grimshaw School. The varsity boys' basketball team has a game at OCC on Friday, January 23, 2015 at 7:15.

- 13) Financial Reports - FYI
- A. Cash Flow – December 2014
 - B. Budget Status – December 2014
 - C. Claims Auditor Report – December 2014
 - D. Warrants – 17A, 6H, 5F, 7R

- 14) Closing Remarks
- A. Public Communications to the Board

15) Executive Session

A. Enter into Executive Session

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

B. Reconvene into Open Session

A motion to come out of Executive Session by Trustee Keefe and seconded by Trustee LaCava at approximately 9:57 p.m.

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

16) Adjournment

A. Adjourn the meeting

A motion to adjourn by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Keefe at approximately 9:57 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Munnell, Board Clerk