

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Board Meeting  
February 12, 2015 Minutes**

1) Opening

A. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 12, 2015, at the Jr./Sr. High School-LGI. President Dodge called the meeting to order at approximately 5:33 p.m. Present were: Trustees Scofield, D. Dodge, Whitney, Johnson, LaCava, and Keefe. Also in attendance were Superintendent Lavine, School Business Official Turner, and Board Clerk Munnell. Others in attendance were: Administrators Jennifer Blossey, Susan Osborn, Jim Chupaila and Diane Ellsworth; Jim Kesler, Sean Kelly, Chase LaCava, Nick Geswaldo, Ryan Agedal, Kasey McHale, Jerry Vredenburg, Christine Foti-Cromley, Joy Gregg, Erin Oristian and Gretchen Gretskey.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

President Dodge invited the Boys' Basketball Team Captains to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Opening Remarks

President Dodge said welcome and thank you for coming to the meeting despite the bad weather we are experiencing. Thank you to Mr. Kesler and his crew for keeping the parking lots and driveways orderly and there will be an Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

2) Executive Session

3) Approval of Minutes

Regular Minutes – January 22, 2015

Motion by Trustee Keefe, Seconded by Trustee LaCava

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

Special Minutes – February 5, 2015

Motion by Trustee Scofield, Seconded by Trustee Johnson

Motion carried: Yes – 6                      No – 0                      Abstain – 1 (LaCava)

4) District Presentation and Reports

A. President Dodge acknowledged Board Trustee Scofield with a certificate from the NYSSBA for his outstanding membership to school boards. The recognition program acknowledges the extensive time and effort required of school board members who continually strive to expand their knowledge and skills for better board governance.

President Dodge recognized Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach Jerry Kelly for his achievement of 150 victories. The Board honored and thanked Coach Kelly for his service as a coach and athletic coordinator for the district.

President Dodge announced the Boards' congratulations to student, Chase LaCava who recently received a Scholar Athlete Award from Time Warner of Central New York. Chase was a Student Athlete of the Week and received a \$500 scholarship.

Community Budget Committee Presentation by School Business Official Turner: She displayed a PowerPoint and detailed what was discussed at the three community presentations. SBO Turner said every meeting began with the District's Mission Statement. All attending members were of the same mind to "strike a balance and students come first."

B. Oral Communications – Community Connections

5) Old Business

- A. Veterans' Tax Exemption update by School Business Official Turner to the Board on the status of the Veterans' Tax Exemption. She commented she received the information from the County. The resolution needs to be adopted by March 1. Trustee D. Dodge, who is a veteran, stated he would abstain if and when it comes to a vote.

6) New Business

- A. Building Conditions Survey was presented by Director of Facilities Kesler. He said the New York State Education Department requires school districts to have a buildings condition survey done every five years. It is so SED can get an overall idea of district buildings, athletic fields, and sidewalks. The survey determines priorities and it also give us life expectancy of our facilities. Mr. Kesler recommends Ashley McGraw Architects as they have performed the surveys in the past.

7) Superintendent Report

A. Superintendent Updates Board

- Superintendent Lavine again congratulated Coach Kelly on his achievement of 150 victories. She also extended her compliments to Chase LaCava for his Student Athlete award.
- Ms. Lavine gave her praises to SBO Turner for her great work on the community budget meetings. A lot of good information was shared.
- The Onondaga Nation School recently received great news from the New York State Education Department regarding the boilers. The target timeline for installation is end of summer with an anticipated completion date of October 1.
- Ms. Lavine, Mrs. Turner and the district nurses recently had a meet and greet from Dr. Smith, a local pediatrician from the LaFayette Family Health Center.
- The Jr./Sr. High School had a bomb threat and Principal Chupaila supervised the process. We had protocol in place which was followed. We are going through a review and will "tweak" procedures.
- Several people from the district attended the School Finance Forum at North Syracuse High School. Dr. Rick Timbs was the speaker.
- Mrs. Blossey remarked that it was a great turnout for the Casio Fundraiser. The family is very thankful for the support of the community.
- Ms. Lavine talked about her process for calling two-hour delays or snow days. She discusses it with Mr. Sawkins, Mr. Greeley, area superintendents and our administrators. She says every district is different, she uses 25 degrees below zero as a guideline.
- There are 11 districts in New York State that provide services to Native American students. Ms. Lavine is presently attempting to schedule a day for all to meet along with officials of the NYSED. Ms. Ellsworth will host the meeting at her building.
- Ms. Lavine said there is going to be a change in practice for registering students. We will be shifting registration from the buildings and going to a central registering at the District Office.
- A webmaster training was held at the District Office on Thursday, February 12. There was good feedback from the attendees. On the same note, the school app is almost ready to unveil.
- Ms. Lavine said in an effort to achieve consistency for all administrators regarding APPR, all administrators will observe one teacher together then compare feedback for a sense of uniformity for ranking.

Onondaga Nation Non-Voting Member Jacques arrived at 6:20 p.m.

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

- 8) Consent Agenda – Board Action Items
  - A. Approval of Board Action Items
  - B. Approve Policy 7513 – Administration of Medication – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
  - C. Approve Deletion of Policy 6560 – Employee Assistance Program (EAP) - tabled
  - D. Approve Maternity Leave Request – Instructional

There was discussion regarding Item 8C. The Board tabled Item 8C.

Motion carried: Yes – 6      No – 1 (LaCava)

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 Appointment–Instructional #13 2014-2015
  - C. Approval of Appointment–Clerical #2 2014-2015
  - D. Approval of Appointment–BOE #1 2015-2016

Motion carried: Yes – 7      No – 0

- 10) Board Non-Action Items  
None

- 11) Communications
  - Letter-Spanish Club-Donation
  - BOCES Board Member Nominations

- 12) Calendar Review
  - A. Upcoming Events – President Dodge stated next Board of Education meeting will be on Thursday, February 26 at the Jr./Sr. High School-Library. The regular meeting will begin at 5:30. Winter Break – February 16-20; Staff Development Day – February 27 – Early Dismissal.

- 13) Financial Reports

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

- 15) Executive Session
  - A. Enter into 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 Scofield, seconded by Trustee Johnson at 6:45 p.m.

Motion carried:      Yes – 7      No – 0

- B. Reconvene into Open Session  
A motion to come out of Executive Session by Trustee Whitney and seconded by Trustee Keefe at approximately 8:52 p.m.

Motion carried:      Yes - 7      No – 0

16) Adjournment

A. Adjourn the meeting

A motion to adjourn by Trustee Keefe and seconded by Trustee LaCava at approximately 8:35 p.m.

Motion carried:        Yes - 7        No – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Munnell, Board Clerk