

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Board Meeting
April 23, 2015 Minutes**

I. Opening

A. Call to Order - The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, April 23, 2015, at the C. Grant Grimshaw School Cafeteria. President Dodge called the meeting to order at approximately 5:31 p.m. Present were: Trustees Keefe, Whitney, Scofield, Johnson, LaCava, and D. Dodge. Also in attendance were Superintendent Lavine, School Business Official Turner, and Board Clerk Munnell. Others in attendance were: Administrators Susan Osborn, Jim Chupaila, Jennifer Blossy, Diane Ellsworth and Karen Ocque and Jim Kesler, Sean and Megan Zehner, Adrian and Christina Shute, Thomas and Deborah McCasland, Kristi Shaver, Cassie Dodge, Denise Dodge, Gary Oelkers, Maria Brothers, Heidi Carr, Bobbi Jo Buck, Kerry Evans, Melanie Benedict, Lisa Wiley, Kate Farrar, Allison Baird, Dustin Rosello, Karen Hart, Erin Oristian, Robin O’Kane, Linda Lamson, Sue Bang, Rebekah Sigworth, Tess Miller, Tom LaRose, Mary Ellen Long, Melissa Terrell, Gretchen Gretskey, Karen Thrasher, Zack Thrasher, Tim and Christine Baker, Regina Steeprook, Patsy McElhannon, Angela Ferguson, Whitney Wagner, J. Clarke, Joyce Lewis, Nancy Hummel, Terri Fredenburg, Maggie Coulter, Ellen Coulter, Patricia Griffin, Becky Rogers, Daryl Felice, Ann Schaefer, Mike and Paula Bertlesman, Maria Nastasi, Linga Logan, Dotti Anderson, Joseph Fox, David Amidon, Wendy Gonyea, Jozetta Skye, Estelle Gibson, Rhonda Zajac, Anne Courtwright, Morgan Gonnella-Sigworth, Christine Foti-Cromley, Suzanne Parsons, Taylor Tummino, Clair Frier, Tara Powless, Maura Daly-Picciotti, C. Sawkins, D. Hodgson, Jeanette D’Agostino, Erin Virnoche, Kevin Morel, Brigitte Lee, Denise Waterman, Beth Bennett, Kate Pynn, Nan Terry, Allie Esposito, Renata Rehder.

Absent: Onondaga Representative F. Jacques

B. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by President Dodge.

C. Opening Remarks – President Dodge expressed his gratitude to the following people for their support the past couple of weeks: Chief Ollie Gibson, Faithkeeper LaVerne Lyons, Faithkeeper Brad Powless, and school staff: Randy Neu, Ricky Neu, Dick Crouse, Tony Vadala, James Thomas, and Austin Burt and all teachers.

II. Executive Session

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Minutes - April 9, 2015

A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Trustee LaCava, Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

Motion carried: Yes – 4 No – 0 Abstain – 3 (Scofield, Johnson, LaCava)

IV. District Presentation and Reports

A. Presentation

1. TACNY Outstanding Teacher Award Presentation: Beth Bennett and Kate Pynn from TACNY presented Jr. High School Science Teacher Dave Amidon with the annual TACNY Outstanding Teacher Award. Their mission is to facilitate community awareness, appreciation, and education of technology; and to collaborate with like-minded organizations across CNY. Congratulations to Mr. Amidon.

2. 2015-2016 Final Draft Budget Presentation – School Business Official Turner communicated to the Board the latest draft of the 2015-2016 Budget. She said there will be a 1.18% overall budget increase and a tax levy increase of .98%. The Budget Hearing is scheduled for May 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jr./Sr. High School.
3. Bus Bond Replacement Proposition: There is a \$408,000 bond coming due. Proposition II on the proposed budget vote for a total amount of \$305,000. This will allow the district to purchase 2-66 passenger school buses, 1-7 passenger van, 1-9 passenger suburban and 1 pickup service truck with a savings of \$20,000 a year.

B. Oral Communications - none

V. Old Business - none

VI. New Business - none

- VII. Superintendent Report: Superintendent Lavine thanked everyone for their collaboration the past couple of weeks and for coming together for the benefit of our students. It was a unique circumstance and everybody did an amazing job keeping everything on schedule. Ms. Lavine, Mrs. Turner, Ms. Ellsworth, and Mrs. Abrams attended a meeting on Wednesday, April 22 at OCM-BOCES. Eleven school districts contracted by New York State to educate Native American students were represented. NYSED Representatives Adrian Cooke and Chuck Szuberla were there to listen to the topics of the school districts. A main focus was the upcoming retirement of Adrian Cooke. The superintendents wanted to make sure Adrian's position will be filled and SED said it would be. Ms. Lavine said she attended the Jr. High School Honor Society Induction at the High School on Tuesday, April 21.

On the recommendation of Superintendent Lavine to approve items VIII A-1, 3-6, a motion was made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Keefe.

VIII. Consent Agenda - Board Action Items

- A. Approval of Board Action Items
 1. Approve Memorandums of Understanding - Summer Hours 2015
 3. 2015-2016 District Budget
 4. 2015-2016 School Bus Proposition
 5. Approve Inspectors and Tellers for 2015 Budget Vote
 6. Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations

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

On the recommendation of Superintendent Lavine to approve items VIII A-2, a motion was made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Keefe.

2. Abolishment of Positions

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 2 (Johnson, D. Dodge) Absent – 0

On the recommendation of Superintendent Lavine to approve items IX B1 - 3, a motion was made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Scofield:

- IX. Consent Agenda - Personnel Items
 - B. Approval of Personnel Items
 - 1. Approve Resignation - Clerical #2 2014-2015
 - 2. Approve Appointment - Instructional #1 2015-2016
 - 3. Approve Appointment - Administrator #6 2015-2016

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

X. Board Non-Action Items - None

XI. Communications - None

XII. Calendar Review: Upcoming Events: Budget Hearing - May 7 @ Jr./Sr. HS - Library 5:30 p.m.;
Next meeting - May 7 @ Jr./Sr. HS-Library-Regular meeting - immediately following; May 8
Parade of Baskets at Grimshaw School; May 11 GAPS meeting at Grimshaw; May 12 Senior High
Concert; May 14 Junior High Concert; May 15 Grandparents' Day at Grimshaw

XIII. Financial Reports-FYI

XIV. Closing Remarks

Public Comments: There were discussions regarding the positions being eliminated or reduced,
creating a safe environment for students of the district, trust in the Board to make the best
decisions for the students, budget income and expenses, and keeping programs intact.

XV. Executive Session

A. Enter into Executive Session

A motion to go into Executive Session by Trustee LaCava and seconded by Trustee Johnson at
approximately 8:45 p.m. Mr. Chupaila, Jr./Sr. High School Principal was invited to attend.

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

A motion to come out of Executive Session by Trustee LaCava and seconded by Trustee Keefe at
approximately 10:58 p.m.

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

B. Reconvene into Open Session

1. Time Resumed Meeting: 10:59 p.m.

XVI. Adjournment

A. Motion to adjourn

A motion to adjourn by Trustee Whitney and seconded by Trustee Keefe at approximately 10:59 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Munnell, Board Clerk