

LaFayette Central School District  
Board of Education - Regular Meeting  
Location: District Office  
Address: 5955 US Route 20  
LaFayette, NY 13084  
Date: August 14, 2024

I. Opening

A. Call to Order - The Board of Education meeting for the Lafayette Central School district was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Reyburn. In attendance were Trustee J. Gates, A. Roe-Ryan, L. Podsiedlik, Superintendent Jeremy Belfield, School Business Official and Deputy Clerk Laurie Holtsbery. Trustee Stanton, LaCava and Moore were not present.

1. Guests in attendance - Susan Hart, Ethan Caughey, Nicole Cawley, Greg Scott, Crystal Butler, Sean Doolittle, Austin Doolittle, ue Doolittle, Rosalie Whipple, Christine Kane

2. Virtual Guests - Ashley Kolbeck

B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Reyburn at 5:31 pm

C. Opening Remarks - President Reyburn opened with board meeting conduct.

II. Approval of Minutes - July 10, 2024 - Trustee Stanton, Trustee Podsiedlik were not present at the July 10th meetings.

A. Reorganizational Minutes

**Motion:** Carried      **1st:** Trustee Roe Ryan      **2nd:** Trustee Gates  
**Vote: Yes:** 4      **No:** 0      **Abstain:** 0      **Absent:** 3

B. Regular Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Carried      **1st:** Trustee Gates      **2nd:** Trustee Roe Ryan  
**Vote: Yes:** 4      **No:** 0      **Abstain:** 0      **Absent:** 3

III. District Presentation

A. Estate of Mrs. Doolittle - Sean Doolittle presented a donation of \$95, 324.88 to the Big Picture School, honoring his mother's will. Mr. Doolittle shared a few sentiments why his mother included Big Picture in her will. Superintendent Belfield spoke of lasting memories and how the funds will be put to use. A pole barn was mentioned as a tribute to Mrs. Doolittle.

1. Resolution to Accept Donation - Estate of Mrs. Doolittle

Trustee Reyburn read the resolution.

**Motion:** Carried      **1st:** Trustee Podsiedlik      **2nd:** Trustee Roe-Ryan  
**Vote: Yes:** 4      **No:** 0      **Abstain:** 0      **Absent:** 3

- B. District comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP) - Superintendent Belfield presented the DCIP to the Board for consideration of approval which is required by federal and state law for accountability status. The District has two schools with accountability status - ONS and the Jr. Sr. High school. These schools receive additional support from the NYS Department of Education. Superintendent Belfield shared the detailed plan for student's success in all schools. He shares past progress and growth. The District will continue with IXL. Mental health is included in the plan. A video on mental health was shared. There was a discussion on teachers' training. The District will continue with BIMAS-2 - focusing on skill building and raising awareness. The District is also working on having a community school approach, partnering with OCM BOCES and their community schools supporting students in and out of school.

President Reyburn shared that the LaFayette library was interested in helping and would like to get the information. He also shared that he would like to see a road map in PLCs. A road map of what kindergarteners need to know before going to first grade. Superintendent Belfield responded with the focus for the 24-25 school year.

**Motion:** Carried      **1st:** Trustee Gates      **2nd:** Trustee Roe-Ryan  
**Vote: Yes:** 4      **No:** 0      **Abstain:** 0      **Absent:** 3

- C. LCSD Professional Learning And Response to Intervention - Superintendent shared the plan for the 24-25 school year. The ELA committee came up with the idea of a web based portfolio for students' artwork and creative videos. Superintendent Belfield shared the detailed plan for teachers, mentors and mentees.

**Motion:** Carried      **1st:** Trustee Roe Ryan      **2nd:** Trustee Gates  
**Vote: Yes:** 4      **No:** 0      **Abstain:** 0      **Absent:** 3

- D. Resolution to confirm Tax Rolls and Authorize Tax Levy  
1. Roll Call - Tax Rolls and Tax warrant - Superintendent Belfield spoke on taxes, about Ms. Holtsbery's estimate for taxes and what a great job she had done.

**Motion:** Carried      **1st:** Trustee Podsiedlik      **2nd:** Trustee Roe-Ryan  
**Vote: Yes:** 4      **No:** 0      **Abstain:** 0      **Absent:** 3

#### IV. Communications

- A. Board Member Updates - Trustee Podsiedlik spoke about working with schools in the fall on indigenous cuisines. Trustee Podsiedlik would like to do the same in the LaFayette District. Mr. Belfield shared a few contacts at the Onondaga Nation School and the Jr. Sr. High School.

Trustee Reyburn spoke on attending the Equity Catalyst.

V. Policy Discussion

A. LaFayette Board of Education Policy Review

1. Second Reading for Policy 5220

**Motion:** Carried      **1st:** Trustee Gates      **2nd:** Trustee Podsiedlik  
**Vote: Yes:** 4      **No:** 0      **Abstain:** 0      **Absent:** 3

2. First Reading for Policy 6130, 6140, 6150, 6151, 6160, 6161

**Motion:** Carried      **1st:** Trustee Podsiedlik      **2nd:** Trustee Roe-Ryan  
**Vote: Yes:** 4      **No:** 0      **Abstain:** 0      **Absent:** 3

VI. Superintendent Report - Superintendent Belfield spoke on summer winding down. He thanked the Board for touring the high school. Next is a tour at Grimshaw. Mr. Belfield gave an update on the construction at ONS. He spoke on foundation aide, the "I Love You Guys" training in Albany and the BOCES Superintendents' retreat. Mr. Belfield thanked the business office for a good audit.

VII. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Board Action Items

1. CSE, CPSE, 504 Recommendations
2. District SAVES Plan
3. OCM BOCES for Facilities Use School Year 2024-2025
4. Revised Resolution - Grimshaw Septic System
5. Surplus Items - Disposal of Equipment - ONS
6. MOA with SUNY Potsdam
7. Revised Reserve Resolutions Funding: ERS, TRS, EBLAR, Capital Construction, Capital Vehicle
8. Health and Welfare Fayetteville Manlius - Immaculate Conception

**Motion:** Carried      **1st:** Trustee Roe Ryan      **2nd:** Trustee Gates  
**Vote: Yes:** 4      **No:** 0      **Abstain:** 0      **Absent:** 3

B. Approval of Personnel

1. Resignations
2. Leave of Absence
3. Instructional Recommendations
4. Substitute Recommendations
5. Non-Instructional Recommendations
6. Interscholastic Appointments
7. Continuing Substitute List 2024-2025
8. Co-Curricular Recommendations
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**Motion:** Carried      **1st:** Trustee Podsiedlik      **2nd:** Trustee Gates  
**Vote: Yes:** 4      **No:** 0      **Abstain:** 0      **Absent:** 3

VIII. Calendar Review

A. Upcoming Events

1. August 29th - Superintendent's Conference Day
2. September 3rd - Superintendent's Conference Day
3. September 4th - First Day of School for all students
4. September 9th - School Bus Drill
5. September 9th - GAPS Meeting at 6:00 pm
6. September 11th - BOE Meeting 5:30 pm at GS Library

IX. Public Comments

A. Public Communications to the Board - No Public Comments

X. Proposed Executive Session

A. Enter into the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing current litigations, negotiations and employment history at 6:34 pm

**Motion:** Carried      **1st:** Trustee Roe-Ryan      **2nd:** Trustee Gatees  
**Vote: Yes:** 4      **No:** 0      **Abstain:** 0      **Absent:** 3

B. Reconvene into Open Session at 7:51 pm

**Motion:** Carried      **1st:** Trustee Podsiedlik      **2nd:** Trustee Gates  
**Vote: Yes:** 4      **No:** 0      **Abstain:** 0      **Absent:** 3

XI. Adjournment

A. Adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm

**Motion:** Carried      **1st:** Trustee Roe-Ryan      **2nd:** Trustee Podsiedlik  
**Vote: Yes:** 4      **No:** 0      **Abstain:** 0      **Absent:** 3

Respectfully Submitted,

*Paula Hibbert*

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