

LaFayette Central School District
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Location: District Office
Address: 5955 US Route 20
LaFayette, NY 13084
September 11, 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, S. Stanton, M. LaCava and A. Moore, Student Board Member Kiera Reed, Superintendent Jeremy Belfield, School Business Official and Deputy Clerk Laurie Holtsbery. Trustee Podsiedlik was not present.

1. Guests in attendance - Pat Wilson, Wendy Horner, Madylin Dwyer, Linda Bacon, Melissa Duerr, Rosalie Bartolomeo, JoAnne Powless

2. Virtual Guests - Jen Blossey, Ashley Kolbeck, James McKenna

B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Reyburn at 5:30 pm

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

D. There was a moment of silence to commemorate 9/11

E. Trustee Stanton's oath was administered

II. Approval of Minutes - August 14, 2024 - Trustee Stanton, LaCava and Moore were not present at the August 14th meeting.

A. Regular Meeting Minutes - August 14, 2024 Tabled - lack of a quorum - will revisit @ the October 9th meeting.

Motion: Carried 1st: Trustee LaCava 2nd: Trustee Roe-Ryan
Vote: Table Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

B. Special Meeting Minutes - August 21, 2024 - Trustee Gates, Stanton and Moore were not present at the August 21st meeting. Tabled - lack of a quorum - will revisit @ the October 9th meeting.

Motion: Carried 1st: Trustee LaCava 2nd: Trustee Gates
Vote: Table Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

III. District Presentation

- A. Retirees Recognition - Superintendent Belfield Recognized Mr. Thomas LaRose, Physical Education Teacher; Mr. Bradley Powless, Elementary Teacher; and Ms. Rosalie Bartolomeo, Occupational Therapist.
- B. Legend of Learning - Mr. Belfield recognized Jason Ryan as the September Legend of Learning and shared a video.
- C. External Audit Report for 2023-2024 - Melissa Duerr of Mengel, Metzger, Barr & Co. LLP gave the independent audit report. Ms. Duerr first reviewed the financial executive summary - a snapshot of the general fund balance sheet. Ms. Duerr also explained the reserve analysis, the revenue and expenditure summary, and other funds and items reported in the Audit.

Trustee Reyburn asked about the next lunch fund.

Ms. Duerr answered.

Ms. Holtsbery thanked Wendy Horner and Linda Bacon for the great work done preparing for the audit.

1. Resolution to Accept External Audit Report for 2023-2024

Motion: Carried 1st: Trustee LaCava 2nd: Trustee Stanton
Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

- D. Claims Auditor Report - Linda Bacon - Ms. Bacon gave the claims audit report and thanked all contacts in the office.
- E. LCSD 2024-2025 Comprehensive ELL Education Plan - Mr. Belfield reviewed the plan. Mr. Belfield made mention of the new ELL Teacher, Ms. Jennifer Harbin-Haynes and the work she has done.

IV. Communications

- A. Board Member Updates - Trustee Reyburn shared information from the last BOCES meeting - a mini retreat. Mr. Reyburn talked about BOCES strategic plan - the goals and the five areas in the plan for growth and making life better for students regardless of how they come to BOCES. Kiera Reed, Student Board Member, is at Lockheed Martin this year with approximately seven to eight students in her class.
- B. Student BOE Member Update - Mr. Belfield introduced Kiera Reed. Ms. Reed introduced herself and spoke about her involvement in school and her hobbies. She gave an update on campus activities and shared information about a new program called Sources of Strength, and the new classes at the high school. Ms. Reed is interested in one of the new

classes - Public Speaking. Ms. Reed also shared sports results. The school year is off to a great start.

Trustee Moore asked if Ms. Reed is enrolled in the Public Speaking class.
Ms. Reed is not taking this class due to her current schedule at Lockheed Martin.
Trustee Moore asked about soliciting other students
Ms. Reed will have an advisory
Trustee Moore talked about Ms. Reed being the first Student Board Member
Trustee Roe-Ryan recommended asking students for suggestions for fixing their concerns

V. Policy Discussion

A. LaFayette Board of Education Policy Review

1. Second Reading for Policy 6160 - Professional Growth - Staff Development

Motion: Carried	1st: Trustee Roe-Ryan	2nd: Trustee LaCava
Vote: Yes: 6	No: 0 Abstain: 0	Absent: 1

2. First Reading for Policy 5480 - Artificial Intelligence

Motion: Carried	1st: Trustee LaCava	2nd: Trustee Gates
Vote: Yes: 6	No: 0 Abstain: 0	Absent: 1

VI. Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Belfield shared highlights from the start of school and shared a video recording of Mark Schumaker's from opening day. Mr. Schumaker's message was about building relationships with kids and having fun. Mr. Belfield spoke on the ONS security project and thanked the Board for advocating for the updates at ONS. He spoke on wire fraud training that ended in August, and annual APPR training. The Onondaga Nation will participate in a Statewide program called Coaching for Excellence. Ms. McCoy is currently working in this role. Mr. Belfield thanked John Mannion for showing up on the first day of school to greet students. Mr. Belfield gave details about the proposed capital project and shared multiple events at the high school for mental awareness month - September.

Trustee Roe-Ryan asked about the Capital Project meeting being on October 9th. Mr. Belfield answered that it is the same evening as the Board meeting.

A. Approval of Board Action Items

1. CSE, CPSE, 504 Recommendations
2. LCSD 2024-2025 LCSD Comprehensive ELL Education Plan
3. Budget Transfers 2024 - June, July, August
4. Reserve Balance at June 30, 2024
5. Treasurer's Report 2024 - July, August

6. Approve Lead Evaluator Certification - Administrator and Principals
7. Le Moyne College & LaFayette School District Partner MOU (Student Teaching)
8. Donation to Big Picture - BP Learning
 - a. Resolution to accept Donation to Big Picture
9. 2024-2025 Network Administrators Agreements-LaFayette/Lyncourt
10. Cooperative Purchasing Resolution

Motion: Carried 1st: Trustee LaCava 2nd: Trustee Stanton
 Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

11. SEQRA for Capital Improvement Project 2024 - Jr. Sr. High School-
Unlisted Action

Motion: Carried 1st: Trustee LaCava 2nd: Trustee Gates
 Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

12. SEQRA for Capital Improvement Project 2024 - Grimshaw
Elementary, District Office, Bus Garage - Type II

Motion: Carried 1st: Trustee Stanton 2nd: Trustee LaCava
 Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

13. Capital Project Proposition Resolution

Motion: Carried 1st: Trustee LaCava 2nd: Trustee Gates
 Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

B. Approval of Personnel

1. Resignations
2. Instructional Recommendations
3. Substitute Recommendations
4. Non-Instructional Recommendations
5. Interscholastic Appointments
6. Co-Curricular Recommendations
7. Co-Curricular Club Recommendations - Corrections
8. Annual Appointments

Mr. Belfield welcomed Ms. Sue Parsons, the new Onondaga Language Teacher

Motion: Carried 1st: Trustee Roe-Ryan 2nd: Trustee LaCava
 Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

Trustee Moore thanked Mr. Belfield for getting him caught up-to-date

VII. Financials FYI

A. 1. Warrants and Claims 2024- June, July, August

Ms. Holtsbery gave the financial update. Tax collection started. Receivables went up for Native Americans. The District is still waiting for Native American receivables for 2022-2023 - the reason for borrowing.

Trustee Reyburn asked about using the school lunch fund money.

Ms. Holtsbery answered that it may be needed.

VIII. Calendar Review

A. Upcoming Events

- ❖ Co-Curricular groups meet during the week. Please Refer to the District Calendar for specific club meeting dates and times.
- ❖ **Multiple College Visits** at the Jr. Sr. High Conference Room. The dates are also available on the district website calendar
- ❖ Sept. 19th - Grimshaw curriculum night 6:00 pm
- ❖ Sept. 23rd - **SUNY New Paltz** College Visit 9:20am-10am @ Jr./Sr. High Conference Room
 - **Susquehanna University** Visit 2:00pm-2:45pm @ Jr./Sr. High Conference Room
- ❖ Sept. 24th - **SUNY Brockport** College Visit 9:20am-10am @ Jr./Sr. High Conference Room
- ❖ Sept. 26th - ONS Curriculum Night 5:00pm
- ❖ Sept. 27th - Grimshaw Walkathon
- ❖ Sept. 28th - Homecoming Dance 7:00pm
- ❖ Sept. 30th - **King's College** Visit 12:35pm-1:15pm @ Jr./Sr. High Conference Room
 - **Keuka College** Visit 2:00pm-2:45pm @ Jr./Sr. High Conference Room
- ❖ Oct. 1st - Grimshaw Picture Day
 - **Utica University College** Visit 8:40am-9:15am @ Jr./Sr. High Conference Room

- Hilbert College Visit 12:00pm-12:30pm @ Jr./Sr. High Conference Room
- Vermont State College Visit 1:20pm-2:00pm @ Jr./Sr. High Conference Room
- ❖ Oct. 2nd - SUNY Purchase College Visit 10:05am-10:45am @ Jr./Sr. High Conference Room
 - University of Rochester Visit 12:35pm-1:15pm @ Jr./Sr. High Conference Room
 - Gonzaga University Virtual College Visit 1:20pm-2:00pm
- ❖ Oct. 3rd - Clarkson University Visit 8:40am-9:20am @ Jr./Sr. High Conference Room
 - Niagara University Visit 12:00pm-12:30pm @ Jr./Sr. High Conference Room
- ❖ Oct. 4th - Mount Saint Mary College Visit 8:40am-9:15am @ Jr./Sr. High Conference Room
- ❖ Oct. 5th - SAT Exam
- ❖ Oct. 7th - GAPS Meeting 6:00pm
 - SUNY Canton College Visit 9:20am-10:00am @ Jr./Sr. High Conference Room
 - SUNY Oswego College Visit 10:05am-10:45am @ Jr./Sr. High Conference Room
 - LeMoyne College Visit 11:30am-12:00pm @ Jr./Sr. High Conference Room
 - Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona) Visit 12:35pm-1:15pm @ Jr./Sr. High Conference Room
- ❖ Oct. 8th - Jr. Sr. High Picture Day
 - ONS Picture Day
- ❖ Oct. 9th - University of Maine College Visit 8:00am-8:30am @ Jr./Sr. High Conference Room
 - BOE Meeting at The Big Picture Commons 5:30pm

IX. Public Comments

A. Public Comments to the Board

Ms. Dwyer addressed the Board about nurse staffing at Grimshaw

X. Proposed Executive Session

A. Enter into the Executive Session for the purpose of litigations, contracts and student safety at 7:01 pm

Motion: Carried **1st:** Trustee LaCava **2nd:** Trustee Gates
Vote: Yes: 6 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 1

An adjustment was made to the personnel agenda to approve the resignation of Cheyanne Sgroi, effective 9/11/2024.

Motion: Carried **1st:** Trustee LaCava **2nd:** Trustee Stanton
Vote: Yes: 6 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 1

B. Reconvene into Open Session at 8:51 pm

Motion: Carried **1st:** Trustee Moore **2nd:** Trustee Gates
Vote: Yes: 6 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 1

XI. Adjournment

A. Adjourn the meeting at 8:51 pm

Motion: Carried **1st:** Trustee Roe-Ryan **2nd:** Trustee Stanton
Vote: Yes: 6 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 1

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Hibbert

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