

**LAFAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL**  
**5955 Route 20 West**  
**LaFayette, New York 13084**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**June 14, 2012**

**I. Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, June 14, 2012, in the Board Room of the District Office. Vice-President Akl called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. Present were Trustees Dadey, Dwyer, LaCava, Scofield and Sofranko. Also in attendance were Superintendent Peter Tigh; School Business Administrator Peter Mahunik; District Clerk Kelly Hill and Ms. Freida Jacques.

Also in attendance were Susan Osborn, Paula Cowling, Melissa Terrell, Tess Miller, David Stablein, Diane Pratt, Greg Bump, Lisa Sofranko, Jen Blossey, Adrian Shute and Michael Anderson.

**II. Request for Executive Session**

On the recommendation of Vice-President Akl, a motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Sofranko to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law to include Mr. Dave Maestri.

Motion carried            Yes – 6            No – 0            Abstain – 0

The Board, entered into Executive Session at approximately 5:35 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Scofield, seconded by Trustee Sofranko to come out of Executive Session at 6:39 p.m.

Motion carried            Yes - 6            No - 0            Abstain - 0

The Regular Meeting resumed at 6:47 p.m.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Opening Remarks**

Vice-President Akl welcomed everyone, shared that we would follow the agenda for a regular business meeting and that President Keefe had a family matter and would be excused for the evening. Vice President Akl also shared the recent Post Standard chart pertaining to graduation rates and she thanked all for their work with our students on a daily basis.

**V. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Trustee Dwyer, Seconded by Trustee LaCava to approve the Minutes from the May 24, 2012 Regular Meeting (with revisions).

Motion Carried            Yes – 6            No – 0            Abstain – 0

## **VI. District Presentations and Reports**

- A. Presentation – Building Principals Brief End of Year Reports  
ONS Principal Diane Ellsworth shared information on test scores, field trips, graduation and the hiring of new teachers.  
Big Picture Principal Susan Osborn shared information on a recent grant award, the visitation of one of the Big Picture co-founders next Wednesday and Thursday and there are 8 completed applications already for next school year.  
Grimshaw principal Greg Bump presented information on the adjustment to Grimshaw's schedule next year sharing that band/chorus will be afterschool, AIS services will be staggered and an enrichment program for ELA and Math will be added as well as lunch schedules will be adjusted and Library and Technology will be implemented into the classroom by Library Media Specialist Sue Bang.  
Junior-Senior High School principal Jen Blossey shared that at this there is no plan to change the NHS program. Any talks were strictly at the conversation point and if any changes are to be made that would come to the Board of Education. The JSHS will begin interviewing candidates for positions, overview of exams, fields trips and graduation.  
Curriculum Overview by Paula Cowling – Things are going well. Teachers are cooperative and patient. Staff signed up for summer work and a request for a calendar adjustment for next year's Professional Development time.
- B. Oral Communications
1. Community Connections  
Trustee Sofranko shared a Pennysaver article on Doreen Doctor being presented with the "Excellence in Sportsmanship Award". The spaghetti supper benefit for Relay for Life was well attended by the Girls Lacrosse team. Mrs. Oliver's party is this Saturday at 1pm at Grimshaw. Trustee LaCava shared that 2 awards from Booster Club Block L (sports banquet) usually given to adults were given to students this year.

## **VII. Old Business**

None.

## **VIII. New Business**

Superintendent Tigh presented on behalf of President Keefe that an exit interview survey presented to the graduating seniors may be a nice way to gather information to help with course selections. Superintendent Tigh also shared that Senators DeFrancisco and Valesky called to offer the District some additional monies to be used to purchase a piece of equipment. A letter is being sent tomorrow with some suggestions of how the District could use these monies.

## **IX. Superintendent's Report**

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Scofield to approve items below.

- A. Board Action Items - Consent
1. Set Annual Reorganizational Meeting Date – July 10, 2012 @ 5:30p
  2. Approval of Private & Parochial Transportation Request
  3. Bus Bond Resolution
  4. Approval of Monetary Gift to Big Picture
  5. Approval of Resolution for APPR Certification of Administrators
  6. Approval of Resolution for APPR Certification of Superintendent

Motion Carried                      Yes – 6                      No - 0                      Abstain – 0

**Superintendent’s Report – cont.**

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, motion by Trustee Scofield, seconded by Trustee Dadey to approve items bellows.

B. Personnel

1. Resignation – 2011-2012
  - a. Instructional - #6
  - b. Non-Instructional - #7
2. Appointment – 2011-2012
  - a. Non-Instructional - #11
3. Appointment – 2012-2013
  - a. Instructional - #1, #2
  - b. Co-Curricular - #1
  - c. Interscholastic - #1
  - d. Non-Instructional - #1

Motion Carried            Yes – 6            No - 0            Abstain – 0

C. Non-Consent Action Items – tabled until June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting

D. Board Non-Action Items

E. Communications

1. Recollections by Janet Conners
2. Letter from Community Service Provider
3. Concussion Management Letter

F. Calendar Review

The Grimshaw 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation is Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. The Grimshaw Kindergarten and ONS Graduation are Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6p, The Big Picture Graduation is Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm, The next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Board Room of the District Office.

**X. Financial Reports**

**XI. Closing Remarks**

A. Oral Communications

Tess Miller thanked Superintendent Tigh for the ice cream for Teacher Appreciation Week and the Board of Education for the cookies.

Melissa Terrell spoke regarding the National Honor Society program and the pride and honor the students at the Junior Senior High School feel.

Lisa Sofranko spoke regarding great things that are happening with Pre-K at both Grimshaw and ONS, the Big Picture program and others. Very disappointed that we could not field a softball team and that the District let down those girls who were ineligible as well as the girls that were eligible to play and could not due to lack of players. Feels the lack of communication between the school and family needs to be addressed. Ms. Sofranko also spoke regarding her belief of the issue of Board of Education members sending out text messages discrediting others on the Board during the election time. Students of voting age were also texted and there was no excuse and those doing it should be ashamed of themselves and again we should not have involved kids in these events.

Adrian Shute thanked Mr. Bump for the adjustment to the schedule for next year at Grimshaw as the Enrichment Program were concerns of theirs and other parents.

**XII. Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee Trustee Scofield, seconded by Trustee LaCava to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:47 p.m.

Motion carried      Yes – 6      No - 0      Abstain – 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Hill  
District Clerk