

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
*September 22, 2011*

**I. Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, September 22, 2011, at the Big Picture School. President Keefe called the meeting to order at approximately 5:34 p.m. Present were Vice President Akl, Trustees Dadey, Dwyer, LaCava, and Sofranko. Also in attendance were Superintendent Peter Tigh and District Clerk Kelly Hill.

Also in attendance were: Diane Ellsworth, Paula Cowling, Greg Bump, Susan Osborn, Jennifer Blossy, Daryl Felice, Tim and Chris Baker, Joe Fox, Jeannette Evans, Matthew Dodge, Patricia Kenney, Leonardo Oppedisano, Lynna Donohue, Nan Terry, Tess Miller, Anne Courtwright, Thomas Kotapka, Megan Zehner, Walt Nowey, David Stablein, Mackenzie McElhannon, Lisa Shenandoah-Kurtz, John Vossler, Nancy Nicholson, Jadie Skye, Sage Thomas, Trenton Steeprook, Geraldine Steeprook, Kayla Skye, Justina Hill, Priscilla Cronin, Regina Steeprook and Joe Steeprook.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Opening Remarks**

President Keefe welcomed everyone, shared that we would follow the regular agenda following an executive session with the Administrators. A second executive session would be necessary at the end of the meeting and Trustee Scofield has been excused for the evening.

**IV. Request for Executive Session**

On the recommendation of President Keefe, a motion by Trustee Sofranko, seconded by Trustee LaCava to enter into Executive Session to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law with the Administrative team.

Motion carried      Yes - 6      No - 0      Abstain - 0

The Board entered into Executive Session at approximately 5:37 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Dwyer, seconded by Trustee Sofranko to come out of Executive Session at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Motion carried      Yes - 6      No - 0      Abstain - 0

The Regular Meeting resumed at 6:45 p.m.

**V. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Sofranko to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2011 Regular Meeting.

Motion Carried      Yes - 6      No - 0      Abstain - 0

**VI. District Presentations and Reports**

A. Awarding Diplomas to August Graduates

Susan Osborn, Lenny Oppedisano along with Superintendent Tigh and President Keefe awarded Jadie Skye and Priscilla Cronin their diploma's for their August 2011 Graduation from LaFayette Central Schools.

B. Oral Communications

1. Community Connections

Trustee LaCava spoke on the NewsChannel 9 story in regards to our Kindle program. Trustee Sofranko also mentioned the OnBoard Newspaper featured the story as well as a story on the Imagination Library program. Vice President Akl spoke in regards to the recent Post Standard article on Michael's Craft Stores.

Vice President Akl addressed those in attendance – To the fine educators and administrators of the LaFayette Central School District; parents and community members; fellow Board Members and most importantly students. Vice President Akl apologized for her choice of language and any disrespect it implied. She apologized for becoming a distraction from the true mission and vision of this school board. And she looks forward to fostering mutual cooperation and extends an olive branch in the hope of rebuilding a relationship of mutual respect.

President Keefe went on to share how very supportive the Board is of all District staff and remind those in attendance that three (3) of the members on the Board used to be classroom teachers and understand what it take to run a class. It is often challenging to keep both the kids and staff in perspective.

C. STEP-Jeannette Evans – Morrisville College

David Stablein introduced Jeannette Evans. A presentation on the STEP Grant was made.

**VII. Old Business**

A. Student Representation at Board Meetings

Discussion was held on the information that was distributed at past meeting. All those in attendance liked the ideas. President Keefe will meet with the Administrative Team to discuss how to select the students.

**VIII. New Business**

Trustee LaCava shared that September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup> is Hispanic Heritage Month.

**IX. Superintendent's Report**

A. Board Action Items - Consent

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

1. Approval of Private & Parochial Requests – Late Submission
2. Budget Adjustment of the 2010-2011 Budget

Motion Carried      Yes – 6      No - 0      Abstain – 0

**B. Personnel**

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

1. Resignation – 2011-2012
  - a. Interscholastic - #1
2. Appointments – 2011-2012
  - a. Substitute - #1A (additions to prior sheet)
  - b. Substitute - #2
  - c. Non-Instructional - #2
  - d. Interscholastic - #3

Motion Carried      Yes – 6      No – 0      Abstain – 0

**C. Board Non-Action Items**

None.

**D. Communications**

None.

**E. Calendar Review**

Next Board of Education Meeting is Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 5:30p at the District Office. Also, the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Onondaga-Madison School Boards Association Meeting/Dinner will be held at LaFayette JSHS on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:45pm.

**X. Financial Reports**

1. Budget Status– as of August 31, 2011
2. Claims Auditor Report – as of August 31, 2011
3. Warrants – 2011-2012: 2F, 2H, 3F, 3R, 4A, 4R, 5A

**XI. Closing Remarks**

a. Oral Communications

Patty Kenney presented a letter to the Board regarding the reinstatement of substitutes.

Chris Baker asked questions regarding a budget adjustment.

Nan Terry asked about the Auditor.

Mackenzie McElhannon asked about acquiring substitutes.

Tim Baker and Lisa Shenandoah-Kurtz both also spoke regarding substitutes.

Daryl Felice spoke regarding graduation, morale, the STEP Grant, and the Board's goals.

Tess Miller shared an article featuring the LaFayette football program, asked questions regarding substitutes and postage. Tess also spoke regarding budget questions.

John Vossler asked questions regarding field trips.

Tim Baker asked about Oral Communications on the agenda.

Chris Baker also asked a question regarding budget.

Joe Fox shared field trip planning/funding ideas.

**XII. Request for Executive Session**

On the recommendation of President Keefe, a motion by Vice President Akl, seconded by Trustee LaCava to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters related to collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law; and 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.

Motion carried      Yes -6              No – 0              Abstain – 0

The Board entered into Executive Session at approximately 7:55 p.m.

Motion by Vice President Akl, seconded by Trustee Dwyer to come out of Executive Session at approximately 8:42 p.m.

Motion carried      Yes - 6              No - 0              Abstain – 0

The Regular Meeting resumed at 8:42 p.m.

**XII. Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Sofranko to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:43 p.m.

Motion carried      Yes - 6              No - 0              Abstain – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly A. Hill  
District Clerk