

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 17, 2011

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, November 17, 2011, in the LGI of the Junior-Senior High School. President Keefe called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. Present were Vice President Akl, Trustees Dadey, Dwyer, LaCava, Scofield and Sofranko. Also in attendance were Superintendent Peter Tigh, Interim Business Administrator David Klem, District Clerk Kelly Hill and Ms. Jacques.

Also in attendance were: Jennifer Blosssey, Greg Bump, Paula Cowling, Diane Ellsworth, Jim Kessler, Marcie Mann, Sue Bang, Janet Conners, Lynna Donohue, Patty Kenney, Adrian Shute, Henry Clarke, Ann Wickes, Tom McCasland, Tim and Chris Baker, Nan Terry, Mr. Anderson, Denise Dodge and Matt Dodge.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Opening Remarks

President Keefe welcomed everyone, advised we will be running our regular business meeting, with presentations from Mrs. Bang and Mrs. Conners, as well as Mrs. Cowling. President Keefe also advised that an executive session would be needed at the end of the evening.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Sofranko to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2011 Regular Meeting.

Motion Carried Yes – 7 No – 0 Abstain – 0

V. District Presentations and Reports

A. Oral Communication

1. Presentation by S. Bang and J. Conners – Of Thee I Sing project
2. Curriculum Update: Paula Cowling
3. Community Connections

President Keefe shared an article on recent LaFayette Graduate Connor Dwyer and his recent graduation from Army Basic Training.

VI. Old Business

Trustee Dwyer asked about the Student Representative meeting and rescheduled date. Superintendent Tigh shared that the meeting was held on Wednesday, November 16th. Trustee Dadey asked that the Board discuss the meeting in Executive Session before updating in open session. The topic was moved to Executive Session. Interim Business Administrator Klem shared information on pending assessment appeals by National Grid and the unpaid taxes by the LaFayette Country Club.

VII. New Business

A. Shared Business Office Update

Superintendent Tigh and Interim Business Administrator Klem gave an update on the status of the shared Business Office with Fabius-Pompey. A meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 18th with BOCES in regards to the Treasurer’s position. A meeting will be held on Monday, November 21st with Peter Mahonick, Kim Reppi and Marge Spears at Fabius-Pompey. The goal is to have both areas merged and ready for transition beginning December 1st. Both Districts are working on having a common Accounts Payable person through BOCES. Discussions are also being held regarding future locations.

B. Policy 5520-Extraclassroom Activity Fund – revised

A revised information packet was distributed to Board of Education members and Superintendent Tigh and Interim Business Administrator Klem gave an update.

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Scofield to approve the above item as a first reading.

Motion Carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Abstain – 0

C. Trustee Scofield presented an update of a meeting he attended, along with Superintendent Tigh and Interim Business Administrator Klem at the Madison BOCES on the Statewide School Finance Consortium.

VIII. Superintendent’s Report

A. Board Action Items - Consent

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, motion by Vice President Akl, seconded by Trustee Sofranko to approve items below.

A. Bond Resolution for 2 Bus Payment

A roll call vote was held	
Jim Keefe, President	Y
Ronda Akl, Vice President	Y
Sara Dadey	Y
Carole Dwyer	Y
Michael LaCava	Y
Tom Scofield	Y
Patricia Sofranko	Y

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, motion by Vice President Akl, seconded by Trustee Sofranko to approve items below.

- B. 2012-2013 Budget Calendar
- C. School Lunch Agreement with Onondaga Central School District
- D. Approval of Snow Removal Contract
- E. Treasurer’s Report as of September 2011

Motion Carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Abstain – 0

B. Personnel

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

1. Appointment – 2011-2012
 - a. Instructional - #7
 - b. Substitute - #5
 - c. Non-Instructional - #6
 - d. Co-Curricular - #3

Motion Carried Yes – 7 No – 0 Abstain – 0

C. Board Non-Action Items
None.

D. Communications
1. ECR Rates from Daryl Felice

E. Calendar Review
Next Board of Education meeting is Thursday, December 8th at 6:30pm in the Onondaga Nation School Library. Meeting will begin after a tour of the school.

IX. Financial Reports

- A. Budget Status– as of October 31, 2011
- B. Cash Flow – as of September 30, 2011
- C. Internal Claims Auditor Report as of October 31, 2011

X. Closing Remarks

A. Oral Communications
Patty Kenney shared what the students and staff at Grimshaw are doing.

Diane Ellsworth invited Board members and Administration to the Harvest Dinner and shared things that are happening at ONS.

Paula Cowling shared information regarding student activity accounts at the JSHS. She also asked if Administration and Staff would be invited to participate in the upcoming Community Budget meetings.

Chris Baker asked where a copy of Senator DeFrancisco’s address could be located.

Adrian Shute asked what was being done by the District for those students who succeed on the State tests and are bored in the classroom.

Tim Baker asked questions regarding the “What If” administrative salary section. Also discussed were the savings of a shared Business Office.

A. Oral Communications-Continued

Paula Cowling again urged that Administrators and Staff participate in the Community Budget meetings.

Ann Wickes discussed the Community Budget Meeting and made suggestions on what the community might want to see.

Chris Baker asked how this meeting was going to be communicated to the public.

Ann Wickes suggested postings at the Library, Post Office, etc.

XI. Request for Executive Session

On the recommendation of President Keefe, a motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Sofrnako 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 - 7 No – 0 Abstain – 0

The Board entered into Executive Session at approximately 8:37 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Scofield, seconded by Trustee LaCava to come out of Executive Session at approximately 9:44 p.m.

Motion carried Yes - 7 No - 0 Abstain – 0

The Regular Meeting resumed at 9:44 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Sofranko, seconded by Trustee Dadey to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:45 p.m.

Motion carried Yes - 7 No - 0 Abstain – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly A. Hill
District Clerk