

**LA FAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION: GRIMSHAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
5957 US ROUTE 20
LAFAYETTE, NY 13084
APRIL 7, 2016**

I. Opening

- A. Call to Order - The Regular Board of Education meeting for LaFayette Central School District was called to order at 5:37pm by President Matthew Dodge. In attendance were Trustees D.Dodge, M.Whitney, J.Keefe, T.Scofield, School Business Official Turner, Superintendent Lavine, District Clerk Vanessa Tryon, Jason Ryan, Jim Kesler, Diane Ellsworth, Jennifer Blossey, Tom LaRose, Karen Ocque, Jim Chupaila, Gary Oelkers, Oliver Knapp, Dustin Stout, Anne Wais, Lisa Shenandoah-Kurtz and John Shaver.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by President Dodge 5:38 p.m.
- C. Opening Remarks - President Dodge thanked everyone for coming tonight.

II. Proposed Executive Session - Postponed to the end of the meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Minutes - March 24, 2016

Motion: Carried 1st: Jim Keefe 2nd: Mark Whitney

Vote: Yes:4 No:0 Abstain:Tom Scofield Absent: 2(M.Johnson, M.LaCava)

IV. District Presentations and Reports-

- A. Food Service - Presented by Tiffany Turner - Our contract agreement is up for renewal on June 30, 2016. We did close the operating deficit for the food service program in the amount of \$22,000 last school year (2014-15); however we are looking at a deficit again this year. We will be reviewing our contract with Onondaga Central School District then proposing any necessary changes.
- B. 2016-17 Revenue and Tax Levy Limit Budget Presentation -Mrs. Turner presented the budget timeline. We are anticipating budget adoption at our next meeting on April 21st. She explained that the State budget is in and we are receiving more funding than we originally thought. There are no Tax Levy Limit changes since last presentation, it is still at a 0.14%. We are proposing a budget under this cap with a tax levy increase of 0.12%. Most of the increases in the proposed budget are due to the 2015-16 capital project and there is corresponding revenue from state aid and reserves. As promised, there will be no impact to the tax levy as a result of the capital project. Mark Whitney asked for an explanation Data Services Coordination which Superintendent Lavine provided. Business Official
- Turner stated the following will be included in the Budget:
 - Addition of a full-time teaching position in technology
 - Creation of a half-time technology advisor position
 - Online Courses for the High School
 - Enterprise America Business Course for junior high school students
 - Expansion of our highly successful literacy interventions
 - Addition of a Late Bus Run to support more students' participation in after-school activities
 - Adoption of SchoolTool, a new student information system
 - Data Service Coordination
 - My Learning Plan to support professional development

- Support for 1:1 technology devices

V. Oral Communications-

A. Board Member Updates - None

VI. Old Business

- A. Capital Project Update - Sean Griffin - Main project is in the punch list phase. We are going to do a new inspection. Financially, the project is closer to closing out. There are just a few things left. Auditorium project - The auditorium is turned over and being used. The punch list is being worked on, contractors will be here on Saturday to work on wood panels. We are on track with closing out contracts. For the Sports Hall of Fame, we have received the finalized drawing from architect. Next step would be to get pricing. If it comes in under the budget we will go forward; if not, we will have to bid it out. Probably cannot do the work until summer without interruption.
- B. Online Safety and Security - We gave the green light to go ahead with contract.

VII. New Business

- A. School Security Aide/Officer - Anne Wais and John Shaver, parent members of the Safety and Security Committee, were present to offer their preferences and feedback. We ask that the Board consider asking whomever is hired to advise as to whether or not he/she should be uniformed. We currently have \$30,000 budgeted for a retired or hourly Sheriff; if we hire a full time, we speculate that it will cost approximately \$70,000 which is considerably more than is budgeted and means we will need to go back to the budget and cut in other areas. Discussion continued about the advantages and disadvantages of the various scenarios. Discussion took place about the feasibility of placing it on the ballot as a proposition in case we would exceed the tax cap. There was consensus that we want someone who will build relationships. Contracting with the Sheriff's department, might we end up getting a different officer periodically? Superintendent Lavine shared Sheriff Conway's positive views of going through the Sheriff's officer. Dustin Stout and Oliver Knapp, two students in attendance at the Board meeting, shared their opinions, as did the administrators. Trustee M. Whitney stated he would like to know what would be cut. Superintendent Lavine stated the best guess right now would be a position as it would be difficult to find small amounts throughout the budget in order to make up the \$40,000 but that she and Mrs. Turner would review the budget. Mrs. Turner indicated that she has been building up monies for a superintendent's typical salary. We could use it this year but would see a huge increase in future. They will go look into this and also into the idea of adding it to the ballot.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- A. BOCES Elections and Administration Budget April 18, 2016 -
 - a. Congratulations to Elizabeth Murray who had a baby girl.
 - b. ELA state Assessments were administered this week. The results are no longer used to evaluate teachers and principals. The state has reduced the number of questions and eliminated the time limits. Our opt-out numbers are approximately the same as last year but there are some differences this year such as families choosing which test they let their children take. There are also some families whose children did not take the assessments last year but took them this year. Overall, there were no glitches and everything went well.
 - c. Sports Hall of Fame - Trustee Tom Scofield indicated that there is a lot of interest in this activity and that the committee is making tremendous strides.
 - d. Safety and Security Committee - Superintendent Lavine shared her appreciation to the Committee for the excellent work they are doing. They are looking at posters for the classrooms that tell students what to do in case of emergency and selecting professional

development for staff on the subject of students' mental health. Ann Wais thanked the board and Superintendent Lavine for letting parents have an input in on this. She indicated that they are making progress and feeling like they are helping to keep the students safe.

- e. Congratulations to Maggie Colter, Maureen Fagen, Anna Price, and Jade Williams who made the Dean's list at their colleges/universities.

IX. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Board Action Items

- a. LaFayette Administrators Association Contract & MOA
- b. Food Service Policy 5660 Revision - Second Reading
- c. Budget Transfer April 7, 2016 - ONS
- d. 504, CPSE and CSE Recommendations
- e. Contractual Appointment - Impartial Hearing Officer - William J. Casey {Karen Ocque noticed the name should be Michael Lazan, Esq. it was re-voted on under the correct name}

Motion: Carried 1st: Jim Keefe 2nd: Mark Whitney

Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent: 2(M.Johnson, M.LaCava)

- f. Donation to the Professional Learning Library
- g. Suicide Policy 7540 Revision - First Reading

Motion: Carried 1st: Jim Keefe 2nd: Mark Whitney

Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent: 2 (M.Johnson, M.LaCava)

B. Approval of Personnel Items

- a. Approval for MOU Summer Hours- LaFayette Supervisors' Unit 2016
- b. Approval for MOU Summer Hours- LaFayette Clerical Association 2016
- c. Approval for MOU Summer Hours- LaFayette Non-Instructional Employees' Association 2016
- d. Approval for MOU Summer Hours- LaFayette Administrators' Unit 2016
- e. Approval of Resolution for Director of Facilities
- f. Appointment - Interscholastic
- g. Appointment - Annual Appointment 2015-2016

Motion: Carried 1st: Jim Keefe 2nd: Mark Whitney

Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent: 2 (M.Johnson, M.LaCava)

Discussion regarding tabling B.4 until next meeting to discuss with other Board members. Majority agreed to keep it in the consent motion approval of personnel items.

X. Board Non-Action Items

- A. Strategic Plan Update - Superintendent Lavine thanked Mr. Chupaila for leading a discussion with teachers and finalizing the qualifications and certification that we want in our new 1.0 FTE teaching position for technology.
- B. Potential Change Orders - 4/4/16 - FYI

XI. Calendar Review

- A. Upcoming Events - Next BOE 4-21 at Big Picture, We will start with Tour of the High School at 5:00pm then the Board meeting will be at Big Picture. BOCES is doing their elections on April 19th, we would need to hold special meeting on April 18th if we wanted to vote on the BOCES elections. The time can be whatever works for everyone. It will just be a short meeting at the District Office.

B. D.Ellsworth stated April 22nd is ONS Spring Dinner, all of the Board is invited.

XII. Closing Remarks

A. Public Communications to the Board -

- a. Gary Oelkers indicated that he thinks a uniformed person with car outside would be good, but you cannot pick your deputy, that the Sheriff will pick the deputy who works in the District. With contract, if you contract 8 hours, you can only plan on 6 hours as you have to count paperwork time, getting dressed, in the car time. In addition, school cannot dictate when the officer takes vacation and time off.
- b. John Shaver stated he wants an officer at arrival time, departure time, and some sports which may require more than one person. Superintendent Lavine indicated that the SRO is not the only person in a building who builds relationships. Students have relationships with teachers and administration they trust. She also added that the cameras have been very helpful in checking on and some reports of student issues.

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XIII. Proposed Executive Session

- A. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of contract negotiations and student discipline at 7:05pm to include Diane Ellsworth, Jason Ryan and Jennifer Blossey.

Motion: Carried 1st: Jim Keefe 2nd: Mark Whitney

Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent: 2 (M.Johnson, M.LaCava)

Diane Ellsworth, Jason Ryan and Jennifer Blossey left the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Tiffany Turner left the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

- B. Reconvene into Open Session at 10:00 pm.

Motion: Carried 1st: Jim Keefe 2nd: Tom Scofield

Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent: 2 (M.Johnson, M.LaCava)

XIV. Adjournment

- A. Adjourn the Meeting at 10:02pm

Motion: Carried 1st: Jim Keefe 2nd: Tom Scofield

Vote: Yes:5 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent: 2 (M.Johnson, M.LaCava)

Respectfully Submitted,

Vanessa Tryon

District Clerk