

**LA FAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL
LaFayette, New York 13084**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Board Meeting
January 10, 2013 Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, January 10, 2013, in the LaFayette District Office. President Keefe called the meeting to order at approximately 5:31 p.m. Present were: Vice President Sofranko and Trustees Scofield, Dodge, Akl, LaCava, and Whitney. Also in attendance were Superintendent Tigh, and Board Clerk Munnell and Non-Voting Member Jacques; Others in attendance were: Administrators Jennifer Blossey, Greg Bump, Paula Cowling, and Susan Osborn. Community/Staff members present: Jim Kesler, Dorothy Anderson, Martha Bush, Mary Darrow, Suzanne Dodge

School Business Administrator Mahunik was excused for the meeting.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Keefe led those in attendance in the pledge.

III. Executive Session

Will be held at the end of the Regular Meeting.

IV. Opening Remarks

President Keefe announced that this will be a regular meeting of the Board and the Administrators were presenting to the Board their Curriculum and Building updates.

V. Approval of Minutes

Regular Minutes – December 13, 2012 - Motion by Trustee Dodge; Seconded by Vice President Sofranko

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0 Abstain – 1 (M. LaCava)

VI. District Presentations and Reports

A. Curriculum and Building Presentation

1. **Greg Bump**, Principal at the C. Grant Grimshaw Elementary shared with the Board a hand-out updating them on his Building Security and Enrichment Programs. Programs in place this year include: Gr. 4-6 Jr. Great Books, and Gr. 4 Odyssey of the Mind. He also shared 2 extended days programs in P.E. and Creative Connections.
2. **Diane Ellsworth**, Principal, Onondaga Nation School –absent. Peter spoke on her behalf. Diane had prepared a hand-out outlining programs that the K and 1st Grade and 3-5 are piloting.
3. **Jennifer Blossey**, Principal at the Jr./Sr. High School also updated the Board on her building's security. She is appreciative and thanked the Board for allowing the change in the schedule for mid-terms during MLK week. She let them know that the significant changes that NYSED has made requires additional time to administer and grade the exams. Mrs. Blossey spoke about Community Give Back Day at the end of December and how it important was to the student body.

4. **Susan Osborn**, Principal at the Big Picture School, stated that a doorbell has been installed and the doors are now locked. Susan has had to move her desk into the hall so she can answer the door when someone rings in. On the Curriculum note: She said 7 students are taking classes at Morrisville, 2 at SU, and 1 at OCC all on their own time. One student will have 9 college credits when they graduate from Big Picture. She said that an administrative intern will be starting in 2 weeks for a term of 10-15 weeks.
5. **Paula Cowling**, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, distributed information covering the process the teachers have to go through to make sure all the Standards are covered. She is a Lead Evaluator and is pleased with the observations/evaluations of the staff that she has had to observe so far. The teachers are usually over-prepared and eager to share their lessons for the students.

B. Oral Communications

1. Community Connections: Trustee LaCava wanted to share with the Board on the topic of the JV Girls Basketball Team. They had a game on Tuesday and were down by 10 points at the half and came back and won by 12 points. Great win, Girls!
2. Superintendent Tigh commented that he asked Jim Kesler, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds to the meeting to talk about what the District is doing in regard to school safety. Mr. Kesler stated he didn't want our District to become complacent and that our District is looking into security options for possible future implementation. He has talked with our architects and engineers about revamping the doors to make them more secure. We, as a District, need to be diligent. Right now he is pleased at what we are doing and looking forward to doing more.
3. Superintendent Tigh mentioned that he had a meeting with the administrators and discussed evening community events and security issues with them. He would like to form a committee with the Town of LaFayette and asked for members of the Board to volunteer to be on the committee. Trustees LaCava, Dodge, and Whitney volunteered their services. Superintendent Tigh will contact Town Supervisor Adrian Shute to set up a meeting.

VII. Old Business
None

VIII. New Business

- A. Superintendent Tigh apprised the Board of "No One Fights Alone 5K Benefit Run" to be held on March 23. Bill McConnell, Apple Festival Run Director, has agreed to make the necessary arrangements. Superintendent Tigh informed the Board that he has given permission to use the High School café. Details of the event are still in planning stages.
- B. Superintendent Tigh is a member of a committee called CNY STEM Hub Core Group. As part of that committee SRC is initiating an SRC STEM Scholarship program. It is a program that supports CNY students pursuing a college degree in a STEM field by providing them with a \$10,000 scholarship. He also talked about a program that the East Syracuse Minoa School District offers to their 7th & 8th grade students similar to the STEM but includes the Arts (STEAM).

IX. Superintendent's Report

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Whitney to approve Items A 1-3:

A. Board Action Items - Consent

1. Review Policy 7222 – Credential Options for Students with Disabilities-
1st Reading
2. Approve Maternity Leave – Instructional
3. Approve Leave of Absence – Instructional

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No - 0 Abstain – 0

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Dodge to approve Item A 4.

4. Approval of 2012-2105 Administrators' Contractual Agreement

Motion tabled: Yes – 7 No - 0 Abstain – 0

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, motion by Trustee Scofield, seconded by Trustee LaCava to approve Items B 1 a and B 2 a-c:

B. Personnel

1. Retirement – 2012-2013
 - a. Instructional - #2
2. Appointment – 2012-2013
 - a. Instructional - #8
 - b. Substitute Teacher - #10
 - c. Non-Instructional - #8

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0 Abstain – 0

C. Board Non-Action Items

1. 2013-2014 Budget Schedule

D. Communications

None

E. Calendar Review

1. January 24 – Regular Board meeting to be held at the District Office. Prior to the meeting the Board is meeting with the LTA. The regular meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

X. Financial Reports

None

XI. Closing Remarks

- A. Oral Communications: Martha Bush, Bus Driver, inquired why is the 3rd bay which is a wash bay being used as storage for a car. Also mentioned there are attitude problems in the Bus Department.

There was a short break at 6:55 p.m.

XII. Executive Session

On the recommendation of President Keefe, a motion by Trustee Scofield, seconded by Trustee LaCava to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of collective negotiations involving the LaFayette Administrators' Agreement pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.

Motion carried Yes – 7 No – 0 Abstain – 0

The Board, entered into Executive Session at approximately 7:17 p.m.

Motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Vice President Sofranko to come out of Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, a motion by Trustee Whitney, seconded by Trustee LaCava to ratify the LaFayette Administrators' Agreement and MOA.

Motion carried Yes - 7 No - 0 Abstain - 0

XIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Trustee Scofield and seconded by Trustee LaCava at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0 Abstain - 0

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Munnell
District Clerk