

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Board Meeting - Amended
February 14, 2013 Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 14, 2013, in the District Office Conference Room. President Keefe called the meeting to order at approximately 5:31 p.m. Present were: and Trustees Scofield, Dodge, Akl, LaCava, and Whitney. Also in attendance were Superintendent Tigh, School Business Administrator Mahunik, Board Clerk Munnell and Non-Voting Member Jacques; Others in attendance were: Community/Staff members present: Susan Osborn, Greg Bump, Jennifer Blossey, Scott Perry, Chris Gray, Karen Koch, Rosanna Gund, and Hannah Brennan

Vice President Sofranko arrived at 5:35 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Keefe led those in attendance in the pledge.

III. Opening Remarks

President Keefe announced that this will be a Regular Meeting of the Board and there will be an Executive Session at the end.

IV. Executive Session

Will be at the end of the meeting.

V. Approval of Minutes

Regular Minutes – January 24, 2013 with amendments - Motion by Trustee LaCava; Seconded by Trustee Dodge

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

VI. District Presentations and Reports

A. Presentation

1. Jennifer Blossey, Director of Special Education, introduced Karen Koch – OCM-BOCES Special Education Assistant Principal, Rosanna Gund, Principal, and Hannah Brennan, teacher housed at Grimshaw School. Karen commented that she is pleased with the transition for the students coming to LaFayette. She stated that the staff at both schools are wonderful. They are accepting and include the students in all activities. The classes consist of 8-1-1. BOCES encompasses 23 districts and the students come from OCS, West Genesee, Fabius-Pompey, Marcellus, LaFayette and Fayetteville-Manlius to name a few.
2. Scott Perry- Ashley McGraw Architect, Chris Gray-Turner Construction presented to the Board a quick overview of the SED required 5-year plan which is a result of the Building Conditions Survey. Chris discussed the timelines and logistics and reviewed 2 scenarios. The question is “When do we want to do project not if we want to do project”. It was proposed to form a committee: Superintendent Tigh, President Keefe, Trustee Akl, Trustee Scofield along with Building Principals, an Ashley McGraw representative, and Chris Gray. They will meet February 26 at 6:00 at the District Office.

3. The Building Principals update: Jennifer Blossey, Jr./Sr. High School Principal informed the Board that Friday, February 15 was planned a fun day in the Library. There was going to be poetry reading all day. The interim librarian, Serena Waldron is transitioning well. Maria Nastasi and Lisa Morgan-Phelan assisted her in arranging the event. Another activity the library has been involved in is “Blind Date with a Book”. Students go to the library and pick a book either Fiction and Non-fiction books from the latest book order were wrapped to disguise their identity. They could rate their books. Mrs. Blossey also shared with the Board that the Girls Basketball team was scheduled to play OCS in a Sectional game on Friday and the Boys Basketball team is playing on Tuesday against Fabius-Pompey. Tonight (2/14/13) at 6:15 p.m. Girls Basketball players: Cassley Jackowski and Shannon Knapp were highlighted on CNY Central Athlete of the Week by Niko Tamurian. Mrs. Blossey asked the Board to recognize Niko for all the publicity of our athletes. Upcoming events at High school are Oratorical Contest, Play, Matt Nastasi Rock Festival. Also LaFayette has had 12 runners win medals through a running program at OCS. And Mrs. Blossey took part in and survived a “Polar Plunge” organized by National Honor Society.

Susan Osborn, Big Picture Principal, stated the Big Picture Parent Group had a productive meeting with the Board committee. She is finishing a Grant that would allow us to secure some portable space and hopefully a college transition counselor. It is due on Tuesday, February 19. On Wednesday, February 12 they filmed and uploaded a video to YouTube called the Harlem Shake. The Big Picture School had a visitor from Australia for the past 2 days. He said that our Big Picture School is getting it done right.

Greg Bump, Grimshaw School Principal, Odyssey of the Mind has a meet on March 9 at Binghamton. The Odyssey of the Mind is “all student driven”. It is a great enrichment activity. Mr. Bump is hoping the program to become sustainable and would like it to be added to the Co-Curricular Advisor positions. The Grimshaw and ONS are working on a pilot Math and ELA textbook search. McGraw Hill has a common core alignment and the teachers from both buildings are piloting them.

B. Oral Communications

1. Community Connections – None

VII. Old Business

- A. School Administrator Pete Mahunik presented 2013-2014 Budget Update. He had a hand out for the Board which he explained.
- B. Trustee Whitney had a question about the temperature in the schools. Jim Kesler, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds explained the temperatures are set at 68° in the buildings and he has been monitoring them on an hourly basis for consistency. He explained that the temperatures vary according to the weather – wind blowing, snow, etc.

VIII. New Business

- A. Vice President Sofranko recapped the meeting with the Big Picture Parent Group. She said there was a positive exchange of ideas. It is important to convey positive attitudes. The culture is different and different is okay. When Big Picture was first introduced there were a lot of at risk students. They are in a non-traditional setting and are thriving. The parents’ concerns were they want to be part of the process and where will they be housed. They asked if a formation of a foundation is possible to defray costs, out of pocket expenses, etc. The Board would need to approve any funds donated to the district from the foundation.

IX. Superintendent's Report

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

A. Board Action Items - Consent

1. Adopt Policy 7222 – Credential Options for Students with Disabilities- 3rd and final reading
2. Appoint Don Warnow as Fire Inspector for the District
3. Appoint Odyssey of the Mind Volunteers: Karen Grimm, Adrian Shute, Christina Shute

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

B. Personnel

C. Board Non-Action Items

D. Communications

E. Calendar Review

1. February 28 – Regular Board meeting to be held at the District Office. The regular meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. The Athletic and Guidance Departments will be presenting.

X. Financial Reports

XI. Closing Remarks

A. Oral Communications:

XII. Executive Session

On the recommendation of President Keefe, a motion by Trustee Akl, seconded by Trustee Scofield to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of collective negotiations involving the LaFayette Clerical Association 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 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Scofield, seconded by Trustee LaCava to come out of Executive Session at 8:21 p.m.

Motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Vice President Sofranko to adopt Clerical Agreement at 8:21 p.m.

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

XIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Trustee Dodge and seconded by Trustee Whitney at approximately 8:22 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Munnell
District Clerk