

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Board Meeting
March 28, 2013 Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 28, 2013, in the C. Grant Grimshaw School Cafeteria. President Keefe called the meeting to order at approximately 5:33 p.m. Present were: Vice President Sofranko and Trustees Scofield, Dodge and LaCava. 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: Diane Ellsworth, Daryl Felice, Anne Courtwright, Tess Miller, Joyce Lewis, Bob Cross, Joe Fox, Linda Callahan, Lisa Shenandoah-Kurtz and Mackenzie McElhannon.

Trustee Whitney was excused for the evening.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Keefe led those in attendance in the pledge.

III. Opening Remarks

President Keefe announced this will be a Regular Meeting of the Board with presentations from Mr. Jody Manning, District BOCES Superintendent and Mr. Peter Mahunik, School Business Administrator and there will be an Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

Trustee Akl arrived at 5:41 p.m.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Regular Minutes – March 14, 2013 with amendments - Motion by Trustee Scofield; Seconded by Vice President Sofranko

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0 Abstain – 1 (M. LaCava)

V. District Presentations and Reports

A. Presentation

1. Superintendent Tigh introduced BOCES Superintendent Manning to the Board. Mr. Manning distributed a handout which described services that BOCES provides along with the benefit opportunities for school districts and students. Mr. Manning explained that BOCES assists school districts in saving money through collaboration.
2. Peter Mahunik, School Business Administrator, provided the Board with an updated Budget handout and through a PowerPoint presentation informed the Board of recent changes brought on by the State budget being passed.

B. Oral Communications

1. Community Connections – The Binghamton newspaper reported that the C. Grant Grimshaw School from LaFayette to participate in the Odyssey of the Mind was the farthest traveling team.

VI. Old Business - None

VII. New Business - None

VIII. Superintendent's Report

A. Board Action Items - Consent

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Vice President Sofranko to approve items A. 1 – 4:

1. Approve Treasurer's Report – February 2013
2. Approve Grad Hours –per contract-revised
3. Approve Request for Maternity Leave – Instructional
4. Approve 2013-2014 Staff/Student Calendar – BP-GS-HS

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No - 0 Abstain – 0

B. Board Action Items – Roll Call

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, motion Trustee Scofield, seconded by Vice President Sofranko to approve Item B-1 by roll call:

1. Proposed Bus Purchases Resolution

- a. President Keefe: Yea
- b. Vice President Sofranko: Yea
- c. Trustee Akl: Yea
- d. Trustee Dodge: Yea
- e. Trustee LaCava: Yea
- f. Trustee Scofield: Yea

C. Personnel

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Vice President Sofranko to approve Items C-1 a & b:

1. Appointment – 2012-2013
 - a. Substitute Teachers - #12
 - b. Non-Instructional- #11

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No - 0 Abstain – 0

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh, motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Vice President Sofranko to approve Items B-2 a - h:

2. Annual Appointment-2012-2013 CSE and CPSE Chairperson and Committee Members
 - a. CSE-CPSE Chairperson (all buildings)-Jennifer Blossey; CSE Chairperson (ONS)-Diane Ellsworth; CSE Chairperson (GS)-Greg Bump; CSE Chairperson (HS)-Jennifer Blossey
 - b. Special Education Teachers-Kristen Reardon, Kelly Szrama, Nicole Hutson, Teresa Miller, Diane Pratt, Marie Dow, Alison Bristol, Linda Callahan, tom Turner, Greg Scott, Chris Baker, Lisa Jasinski
 - c. School Psychologists-Providers-Michelle Storie, Tara Spicer; Intern-Stephen Lofaro
 - d. Parent Representative-Karen Ann Rosinsky
 - e. Related Service Providers-Speech-Marie Hayes; Lori Mucha, BOCES provider-TBA
 - f. Occupational Therapist-Rosalie Bartolomeo

2. Annual Appointment-2012-2013 CSE and CPSE Chairperson and
cont. Committee Members – Continued --
 - g. Physical Therapist-TBA; PTA-TBA
 - h. Social Workers/Counselors-Ted Merante, Bob Risavi, Lorrie
Tanner, Kristeen Cook, Bill O’Leary

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No - 0 Abstain – 0

- D. Board Non-Action Items - None
- E. Communications
- F. Calendar Review

1. April 11– Regular Board meeting to be held at the C. Grant Grimshaw School Cafeteria. The regular meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.

IX. Financial Reports- FYI

- A. Budget Status as of February 2013
- B. Cash Flow as of February 2013
- C. Claims Auditor Report as of February 2013 – correct date on report
- D. Warrants: 8F, 8R, 21A

X. Closing Remarks

A. Oral Communications:

1. Tess Miller: She voiced a concern that the CSE Chairperson at the building level is wearing too many hats. There are concerns that some of the children are not receiving all of the services that may be required.
2. Mackenzie McElhannon: She would like to see the computer/technology class added for all students to all buildings in the district.
3. Linda Callahan: She is troubled with the cuts to the High School Special Education staff. She stated the special education students are extremely hard to cover.
4. Joyce Lewis: She wanted the Board to be aware of safety issues at the high school faculty parking lot. She also feels that students are leaving district because of lack of available programs.
5. Daryl Felice: A group of 10-15 8th grade students causing disturbances at the high school and making it difficult for learning to take place. Also would like the Board to consider adding programs back into budget.
6. Lisa Shenandoah-Kurtz: She is troubled that her daughter is being affected by the above students.
7. Joe Fox: He was a victim of a tire slashing incident on Saturday, March 22. He would like the Board to think about installation of a security camera on the teacher parking lot.

XI. Executive Session

On the recommendation of President Keefe, a motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Vice President Sofranko to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of pending litigation.

Motion carried Yes – 6 No – 0 Abstain – 0

The Board, entered into Executive Session at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Dodge to come out of Executive Session at 8:18 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Trustee Akl and seconded by Trustee Scofield at approximately 8:18 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0 Abstain - 0

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Munnell
District Clerk