

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Board Meeting
July 15, 2014 Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Tuesday, July 15, 2014, in the Jr./Sr. High School LGI. The meeting was called to order by President Dodge at approximately 5:35 p.m. Present were Trustees Scofield, LaCava, Keefe, Whitney, Johnson, and D. Dodge. Also in attendance were Superintendent Lavine, School Business Official (Nesbitt) Turner, Board Clerk Munnell and Administrators Osborn, Blossey and Bump. Others in attendance: Matthew Priest, Linda Callahan, Tim Baker, Anne Courtwright, Patsy McElhannon, Ann Schaefer, Kevin Gretskey, Donna Knapp, Jim and Christine Cromley, Lisa Shenandoah-Kurtz, Matt and Ellen Coulter

Onondaga Representative Jacques was excused for the meeting.

II. Opening Remarks – President Dodge welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Minutes – June 26, 2014

Motion by Trustee LaCava, Seconded by Vice President Johnson

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0 Abstain – 2 (D. Dodge, M. Johnson)

IV. Executive Session

On the recommendation of President Dodge, a motion to enter into Executive Session according to Policy 1730 f was made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Scofield at 5:45 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

A motion to come out of Executive Session by Trustee LaCava and seconded by Trustee Keefe at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes - 7 No – 0

V. District Presentations and Reports

Presentation – No Presentation

A. Oral Communications

1. Community Connections - None

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business

Superintendent Lavine and School Business Official Turner communicated to the Board a plan to formulate a community budget group to assist in the budget development process. They would like to include members from each unit, parent groups from each building and to also include students.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

On the recommendation of Superintendent Lavine, motion by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Scofield to approve Items A 1-5 and B 1-2:

A. Board Action Items - Consent

1. Approve Health & Welfare Services for SCSD-Private/Parochial Students-2013-2014
2. Approve Policy 7670 Due Process Complaints: Selection and Board Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officers-3rd and Final Reading
3. Approve Policy 8140 Multi-Cultural Programs-3rd and Final Reading
4. Approve Policy 3411 Unlawful Possession of a Weapon upon school Grounds-2nd Reading
5. Approve Policy 7360 Weapons in School and the Gun-Free Schools Act-2nd Reading

B. Personnel

1. Resignation – 2013-2014
 - a. Instructional - #9
2. Appointments – 2014-2015
 - a. Instructional - #5
 - b. Non-Instructional - #4 - Revised
 - c. Co-Curricular - #2
 - d. Administrator - #2
 - e. Interscholastic - #1- Added

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

B. Board Non-Action Items

None

C. Communications

Superintendent Lavine updated the Board on the PBIS initiative and the training that took place today (7/15/14) with Dr. Karam. She also said there is a one-day RTI training in Albany with no cost to the District except for mileage. It is being paid through a grant. She informed them of a meeting she had with the OCC President, Dr. Crabill on Monday. Dr. Crabill is very interested in a partnership and would like to create an outreach team. Superintendent Lavine also told the Board that she met with BOCES personnel with regard to updating the District website. She would like to use a survey and get input from the community and staff as to what and how information is used. She also mentioned that a page is currently being set up for two-way interaction between the community and the school district. People would put in their names and information and the District would endeavor to respond within a week. The address is info@lafayetteschools.org. Superintendent Lavine also told the Board about a texting component with SchoolMessenger that would cost the District \$260/year. It would enable us to send time-sensitive information quickly and efficiently. She also informed the Board about administrative personnel changes. Principals Greg Bump and Jennifer Blossey will be switching building assignments as of July 16, 2014. Both principals are excited about this new opportunity.

D. Calendar Review

The Board established dates for their Retreat for Wednesday, July 30, Thursday, August 7 and a tentative date for Thursday, August 21. The meeting time is 5:00 p.m. at the District Office.

IX. Financial Reports - FYI

None

X. Closing Remarks

- A. Oral Communications – Several members like the idea for communicating with the District and had questions regarding the info@lafayetteschools.org site. One recommendation was to put on the site was “This will be checked on a weekly basis.” Tim Baker suggested having a conversation with the president of Tompkins Community College regarding a partnership.

XI. Request for Executive Session

On the recommendation of President Dodge, a motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Trustee Scofield, seconded by Trustee LaCava to enter into Executive Session at 7:16 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

Trustee LaCava was excused at 9:54 p.m.

A motion to come out of Executive Session by Trustee Whitney and seconded by Trustee Scofield at approximately 10:16 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes - 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 (LaCava)

XII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Trustee Whitney and seconded by Trustee Scofield at approximately 10:17 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes - 6 No – 0 Absent – 1 (LaCava)

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Munnell
District Clerk