

LA FAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL
LaFayette, New York 13084

Regular Board Meeting
August 28, 2014 Minutes

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, August 28, 2014, at the Jr./Sr. High School LGI. President Dodge called the meeting to order at approximately 5:31 p.m. Present were: Trustees Johnson, D. Dodge, Keefe, Whitney, Scofield and LaCava. Also in attendance were Superintendent Lavine, School Business Official Turner, and Board Clerk Munnell. Others in attendance were: Administrators Greg Bump, Susan Osborn, and Diane Ellsworth. Also attending were: Amy Johnson, Betty Lyons, Denise Dodge, Cassie Dodge, Mary Kresser, Sid Hill, Ann Schafer, and Adrian Shute

Onondaga Nation Representative Jacques was excused for the meeting.

II. Pledge of Allegiance – President Dodge led the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Executive Session

IV. Opening Remarks – President Dodge stated that Policy 7132 Admission of Non-Resident Students is currently being revised. The first reading will be included on the next agenda. There will be an Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

The Board would like to extend their congratulations to Matt and Kim Priest on the birth of their son. Mom, Dad and Baby are doing great! Also congratulations to Brandon Vadala and his wife on the birth of their baby girl, Olivia. Trustee LaCava announced there is going to be a “Lancer Fan Fest” on Saturday, September 6 at the High School at 11:00 a.m. Trustee Dodge said he arrived at the High School 30 minutes before the meeting was to begin and had a chance to tour the High School building. He commended the custodial staff on how the building is in excellent shape.

V. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Minutes – August 14, 2014

Motion by Trustee LaCava, Seconded by Trustee Johnson

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 1 (Trustee Whitney)

VI. District Presentations and Reports

A. Presentation

B. Oral Communications:

1. Community Connections

VII. Old Business

A. The Board at its August 21 Retreat revised Policy 7132 Admission of Non-Resident Students to have the first reading on September 11, 2014.

VIII. New Business

IX. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Lavine conveyed to the Board that she has held a number of “listening sessions” since July 1. Topics discussed have included academic programs, extra-curricular programs, and safety and security. Ms. Lavine said that she has learned a great deal and that people have expressed appreciation for the sessions.

Some courses are offered over the span of two years, ex. Spanish 1 offered over two years. It is great for students who may need additional help but then they may not be able to take Spanish 5. Starting this year, Spanish 1 will be taught for one year and this year’s 9th graders will continue on in Spanish 1. This will open a lot of opportunities for students.

Mr. Kesler, along with SBO Turner and I started a tour of facilities today. Grimshaw Elementary and ONS are in great shape. Thank you to Mr. Bump and Mr. Kesler for fixing a chronic plumbing problem at the high school.

A great day is planned for Tuesday's Superintendent Conference Day which is a professional development day for all staff. We have a speaker, Dr. David Lankes, from Syracuse University, coming to present to the District employees. A number of teachers have volunteered to present a "Show and Tell" showcase and the day will also include a performance by students.

Our RTI team went to Albany on Tuesday, August 26. Measurement, Inc. led the training which was provided through a grant that was awarded. Not surprisingly, some of our best work was done on the way home in the car. The work accomplished with this grant should help to identify struggling learners, provide the academic intervention that they need and prevent over-classifying students as disabled. This will be done through the use of high quality data collection and analysis practices which will then be matched with interventions based on students' needs.

Superintendent Lavine stated she has had meetings with custodians, bus drivers, and cafeteria staff. She was pleased to announce that Rob Kennedy, School Lunch Manager recently purchased an industrial size Vitamix to make smoothies at the High School. Mary Conroy, Interim Special Education Director began her employment on Monday, August 2. An air quality specialist is scheduled to go to the High School on Friday, August 29, to investigate odor in the "D" wing. Mr. Bump, high school office staff and some high school teachers are kicking off a family staff and chicken BBQ on Wednesday, September 17th from 4:30-6:00. All are welcome.

Superintendent Lavine relayed to the Board that School Business Official Turner is currently getting a third quote for plans and specifications for the ONS boilers. School Business Official Turner updated the Board on the facilities project telling them the plans have been submitted to SED in mid-May and we are hoping to get approval by fall and have the bidding process begin by winter.

On the recommendation of Superintendent Lavine to approve Items A 1-11, a motion made by Trustee Whitney, seconded by Trustee LaCava:

A. Board Action Items - Consent

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report – July 2014
2. Approval of Budget Transfers as of August 28, 2014
3. Approval of Before School Program Agreement – 2014-2015
4. Approval of Revised Resolution to Confirm Tax Rolls & Authorize Tax Levy
5. Approval of Lease Agreement for Facility Use between BOCES and LCSD
6. Approval of Change in Board of Education Meeting Dates-2014-2015
7. Approval of Parental Leave Request-Instructional
8. Approval of CSE Committee Recommendations
9. Approval of Appointment of Superintendent as CSE/CPSE and Section 504 Chair – Alternate
10. Approval of Appointment of Grimshaw Principal CPSE Chair – Alternate
11. Approval of Private/Parochial Transportation Request

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

On the recommendation of Superintendent Lavine to approve Items B 1a-2a-d, a motion made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Whitney:

B. Personnel

1. Resignation – 2014-2015
 - a. Instructional -#10, with regrets

2. Appointment – 2014-2015
 - a. Substitute Teachers - #2-Annual Appointments
 - b. Substitute Teachers - #3
 - c. Annual Appointment - #3
 - d. Co-Curricular - #3

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

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

President Dodge said that the next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Jr./Sr. High School-LGI.

X. Financial Reports – FYI – As of June and July 2014

- A. Budget Status
- B. Cash Flow
- C. Claims Auditor's Report - July
- D. Warrants – 1A, 1F, 2R

XI. Closing Remarks – Community members voiced their appreciation for the Board's efforts to make changes to the Code of Conduct and Bullying.

XII. Executive Session

A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss information relating to the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation was made by Trustee LaCava and seconded by Trustee Johnson at approximately 6:24 p.m. Principal Bump was invited to attend the Executive Session.

Trustee Johnson left at 6:50 p.m.

Principal Bump left at 7:18 p.m.

A motion come out of Executive Session was made by Trustee Scofield and seconded by Trustee D. Dodge at approximately 8:45 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Trustee LaCava and seconded by Trustee Johnson at approximately 8:46 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Munnell, Board Clerk