

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Board Meeting
April 9, 2015 Minutes**

1) Opening

A. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, April 9, 2015, at the Jr./Sr. High School-Library. President Dodge called the meeting to order at approximately 5:33 p.m. Present were: Trustees D. Dodge, Whitney, and Keefe. Also in attendance were Superintendent Lavine, School Business Official Turner, and Board Clerk Munnell. Others in attendance were: Administrator Karen Ocque; Jim Kesler, Kat Ward, Anne Courtwright, Tess Miller, Daryl Felice, Christine Foti-Cromley

Absent: Trustees T. Scofield, M. Johnson, and M. LaCava and Onondaga Representative F. Jacques

B. Pledge of Allegiance

President Dodge led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Opening Remarks

President Dodge welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting and announced that there would be an Executive Session at the end of the meeting. He extended his condolences to Trustee Johnson's family on their recent loss.

2) Executive Session

3) Approval of Minutes

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Motion by Trustee Whitney, Seconded by Trustee D. Dodge

Motion carried: Yes – 4 No – 0 Absent – 3 (M. Johnson, T. Scofield, M. LaCava)

4) District Presentation and Reports

A. Revenues and Tax Levy Limit 2015-2016 Budget Presentation – Mrs. Turner presented a snapshot of the budget. The district received the state aid proposals on April 2, 2015 and we have received an 8% increase in state aid and the tax levy limit has now changed since the last meeting. There has been an increase to special education services and the electrical costs for the district has increased due to the award of bids at the energy consortium. There is an overall increase of 1.96% in the tax levy.

B. Draft Budget as of April 8, 2015 – Mrs. Turner gave a synopsis of the draft budget.

C. Oral Communications – Community Connections

5) Old Business

None

6) New Business

None

7) Superintendent Report

A. Superintendent Updates Board

- Ms. Lavine stated the Capital Project in the district is well under way. Mr. Kesler supplied construction pictures to Board of Education members.
- A developing situation on the Onondaga Nation is a safety concern and she has decided to close the Onondaga Nation School. School buses will not be driving on Onondaga Nation until the situation is resolved. Busing arrangements will be made for students attending other buildings in our district. Ms. Lavine will keep BOE apprised.
- Our Standard and Poor Rating has improved based on a recent review. Kudos to School Business Official Turner and Treasurer Emily Hayes for this outstanding achievement.

16) Adjournment

A. Adjourn the meeting

A motion to adjourn by Trustee Whitney and seconded by Trustee D. Dodge at approximately 6:55 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes - 4 No – 0 Absent – 3 (Scofield, Johnson, LaCava)

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Munnell, Board Clerk