

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Board Meeting
September 11, 2014 Minutes - Amended**

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, September 11, 2014, at the District Office Conference Room. President Dodge called the meeting to order at approximately 5:32 p.m. Present were: Trustees Keefe, Whitney, D. Dodge, Scofield, and Johnson. Also in attendance were Superintendent Lavine, School Business Official Turner and Board Clerk Munnell. Others in attendance were: Administrators Greg Bump, Jennifer Blossey, Susan Osborn, and Diane Ellsworth; Kim Reppi, Tess Miller, Betty Lyons, Sid Hill, Karen Hart, Erin Oristian, Cassie Dodge, Denise Dodge, Ann Schaefer, Tom McCasland.

Trustee LaCava was excused for the meeting.

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

III. Opening Remarks – President Dodge stated he would like to offer his condolences and a moment of silence for Jerry Kelly on the recent loss of his mother and to remember the victims of 9/11. He said there would be a brief Executive Session at the beginning of the meeting to discuss Part f. of Policy 1730.

IV. Executive Session - On the recommendation of President Dodge, a motion to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of any particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of any particular person or corporation was made by Trustee Scofield, seconded by Trustee Johnson to enter into Executive Session to include the Claims Auditor at 5:33 p.m.

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

A motion to come out of Executive Session by Trustee Scofield and seconded by Trustee Keefe at approximately 5:50 p.m.

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

Onondaga Nation Representative Jacques arrived at 5:45 p.m.

V. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Minutes – August 28, 2104

Motion by Trustee Scofield, Seconded by Trustee Johnson

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

VI. District Presentations and Reports

A. Presentation - None

B. Oral Communications

1. Community Connections: President Dodge said his two children are more enthusiastic about attending school this year. Onondaga Representative Jacques was proud to announce that her brother Alfie, has been elected for induction into the Lacrosse Hall of Fame. He is an accomplished wooden lacrosse stick maker.

VII. Old Business - None

VIII. New Business

- A. Vote for NYSSBA Area 4 Director – tabled until September 23 meeting.
- B. BoardDocs – Chromebooks have arrived and a training session will be set up for the Board Clerk and School Business Official during the afternoon. The Board will have a training session in the evening.

IX. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lavine told the Board that the pipes at the Onondaga Nation School are being repaired and should be finished soon. Her October "Greensheet" news article is about visiting the buildings on the first day of school and asking students, "Does anyone know what a superintendent does?" From student, Caitlyn Campbell came the best job description she had ever heard: "You make sure that bad things don't happen" and with help from her classmates, "and that good things do happen."

There was a fireworks incident near the Jr./Sr. HS. Teacher Joe Fox heard a noise behind the buildings. He first called the office and then 911 which was the proper sequence that everyone should follow. All four schools and numerous employees handled the situation perfectly. Thank you to all involved.

The human enterovirus 68 (HEV68) is a respiratory virus that is causing some children to become ill. We have already started talking with students about the importance of good hygiene including covering one's mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, and the role that handwashing plays in our health. We are paying especially close attention to our cleaning practices and the custodians are supplied with what they need and just reminding parents to practice good hygiene.

She was pleased to announce that she had the high honor of meeting with the Council of Chiefs today. She also attended her first Superintendent's meeting at BOCES. She told the Board that she has attended two faculty meetings so far with two to go. She asks the faculty: "What's on your mind? "What do you want me to know about?" and also shares her perspective on our priorities and goals.

Superintendent Lavine was given a tour of the Onondaga Nation by Onondaga Nation Representative Jacques. Superintendent Lavine updated the Board on school facilities via email from Jim Kesler: The pipes at ONS appear to be in good shape with no visible signs of breaks. Once the piping system is back to normal hanging, Mr. Kesler will call the boiler service company to conduct a full service and tune up. The water hammer at the high school has been repaired a couple of times. Once before the start of school and all seemed quiet until one day last week it was heard again. Another water pipe arrester was installed in the ceiling space in a science teacher's room. The noise has been greatly reduced, however, there is still movement with the pipes due to the amount of water pressure in the system. The plumber believes that additional hangers and supports are also needed. Mr. Kesler has requested a quote for the additional hangers & supports. Due to the amount of disturbance this would create, Mr. Kesler will schedule the work to be completed during the Holiday recess.

The smell at the High School is still evident but not as strong. The wall space has been cleaned and left open to air out as recommended. An enzyme digester (odor cleaner) will be used in the space to further help remove the smell. Don Warnow will be in the District on September 12 to inspect and offer further suggestions. The cracks in the sidewalk outside the doors have been filled and sealed to keep the rodents from entering.

Onondaga Nation Door security is in, however, not totally functioning. Mr. Kesler has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, September 17 with Diane Ellsworth, and the contractor to discuss the needs to complete the installation. Mr. Kesler is seeking quotes for road salt and ice melter in preparation of winter weather. He is working with Rob Currier for door replacement at Onondaga Nation School. He will be scheduling his first District Health & Safety Meeting in near future.

On the recommendation of Superintendent Lavine to approve Items A 1-3, a motion made by Trustee Keefe, seconded by Trustee Scofield:

A. Board Action Items - Consent

1. Approval of Policy 7132-Admission of Non-Resident Students-1st Reading
2. Approval to Withdraw a Request for a Two-Year Leave-Instructional
3. Approval of Request for a Two-Year Leave (2015-2017)-Instructional

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

On the recommendation of Superintendent Lavine, motion by Trustee Keefe, seconded by Trustee Johnson to approve Items B 1a and 2a:

B. Personnel

1. Resignation – 2014-2015
 - a. Co-Curricular- #1
2. Appointment – 2014-20145
 - a. Co-Curricular- #4

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

C. Board Non-Action Items

1. Invitation to recent Eagle Scout recipient and his family
2. Registration for new Board Members to attend Fiscal Training

D. Communications

E. Calendar Review – President Dodge stated that the next scheduled Board meeting is Tuesday, September 23 starting a pre-meeting with the Supervisors at 5:30 p.m. and a tour of the Jr./Sr. HS is also scheduled the regular meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. He also mentioned Curriculum Nights scheduled for Grimshaw School.

X. Financial Reports – None

XI. Closing Remarks

Oral Communications – Principal Ellsworth announced that ONS has an Open House scheduled for **Thursday, September 25**. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. with a “Dish to Pass” and the Open House is at 6:30 p.m. She extended an invitation to the Board to attend. She also wanted to commend Brad Powless as the point person for the grade 4 ELA module that was recently revised with SED. There is a link on the ONS website that shows the videos. It was filmed at the school with students and staff. Principal Ellsworth took a tour of the boiler install today and was impressed at how meticulous the workers were. The work should be completed either Monday or Tuesday.

Betty Lyons talked about the efficiency of the teacher and school nurse in the taking care of her child. He had a cold and with the recent outbreak of HEV68, the teacher immediately sent him to the nurse to make sure he was okay. Also she talked about sending possible edits regarding the code of conduct but they would not go through from her email, so she had someone else send them along for her.

XII. Request for Executive Session

On the recommendation of President Dodge, a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting to enter into Executive Session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of any particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of any particular person or corporation was made by Trustee Scofield, seconded by Trustee Johnson at 6:46 p.m.

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

A motion to come out of Executive Session by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Keefe at approximately 9:34 p.m.

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

XIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Keefe at approximately 9:35 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Munnell, Board Clerk