

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Board Meeting
November 13, 2014 Minutes**

1) Opening

A. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, November 13, 2014, at the Jr./Sr. High School-LGI. President Dodge called the meeting to order at approximately 5:34 p.m. Present were: Trustees Keefe, LaCava, Scofield, and Johnson. Also in attendance were Superintendent Lavine and Board Clerk Munnell. Others in attendance were: Administrators Jennifer Blossey, Susan Osborn, and Diane Ellsworth; Tom McCasland, Ann Schaefer, Gary Oelkers, Tom Irwin, Ellen Colter, Erin Oristian, Karen Hart, Betty Lyons, and Sidney Hill.

Excused were: Trustee D. Dodge, School Business Official Turner, and Onondaga Nation Representative Jacques

B. Pledge of Allegiance

President Dodge led the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance

C. Opening Remarks

President Dodge held a moment of silence for Summer Rupert-Wozniczka, a co-worker of Trustee Johnson's, who was killed on October 30 while jogging. The Board of Education also extended its condolences to the Onondaga Nation Chiefs, Clan Mothers, Faithkeepers, and the Nation people for the recent passing of Chief Virgil Thomas. Chief Thomas was a Chief of the Turtle Clan.

President Dodge reported that congratulations were in order for Tim and Christine Baker on the birth of their son Samuel Perry Baker on Thursday, October 28, and to Tiffany and Radley Turner on the birth of their son Radley James Turner, on Sunday, November 2.

Other highlights: The Varsity Volleyball team is Section 3 Champions and the Varsity Football team is the first ever NFF Champions. The football team went undefeated! Congratulations to all of the student athletes and coaches.

Trustee LaCava's son, Chase, beat Newscaster Niko Tamurian, newscaster for CNY Central, in a Free Throw Shooting Contest on November 12.

Mr. Dodge said there would be a brief Executive Session at the beginning of the meeting.

2) Executive Session

- A. On the recommendation of President Dodge to enter into Executive Session, a motion to discuss Part f. of Policy 1730-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 LaCava to enter into Executive Session at 5:35 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0 Absent – 2 (Whitney, D. Dodge)

B. Reconvene into Open Session

A motion to come out of Executive Session by Trustee Scofield and seconded by Trustee LaCava at approximately 6:01 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes - 5 No – 0 Absent – 2 (Whitney, D. Dodge)

Trustee Whitney arrived at 6:07 p.m.

3) Approval of Minutes

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Motion by Trustee Scofield, Seconded by Trustee LaCava

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No –0 Absent – 1 (D. Dodge)

Trustee Johnson left at 6:08 p.m.

4) District Presentation and Reports

A. New York State Police Investigator Tom Irwin reported on his safety/security audit that Superintendent Lavine requested and that SRO Oelkers arranged. Investigator Irwin gave the Board of Education Trustees his findings along with additional considerations to support the safety of our students and staff.

B. Oral Communications – Community Connections

5) Old Business

None

6) New Business

None

7) Superintendent Report

A. Superintendent Updates Board

- Superintendent Lavine thanked President Dodge for acknowledging the recent births to staff members, Tim and Chris Baker and Tiffany Turner. She also mentioned recent donations to our students. M & T Bank gave a piece of candy to each one our students who walked in the Grimshaw School Halloween parade. Seven Valley Realty Co. gave a donation to the Football Cheerleaders which they used to purchase pompoms for the team members. Ms. Lavine also recognized Mrs. Betty Van Alstine, grandparent of a Grimshaw student, who knits hats for students for their use in the winter months.
- The Response to Intervention Design Team which consists of 14 staff members has been meeting to develop a plan for struggling students. They will be attending a two-day workshop in Albany on November 17 & November 18.
- Mr. Scofield, Ms. Osborn, Mr. Ed McGraw gave a presentation at the NYSSBA conference in New York City representing LaFayette and the Big Picture School at the state level.
- Superintendent Lavine thanked the Board of Education Trustees for attending the recent Child Abuse training workshop.
- The new website is almost ready to be launched. The secondary pages need to be updated.
- Ms. Lavine talked about the APPR process where it is necessary for her to observe the Principals observing Teachers. Ms. Lavine also will observe the Principals conducting Faculty meetings.
- A recent change in the Capital Project in the renovation of the Main Office and Nurse's Office, creates a cost savings of \$50,000.

- Karen Ocque, Director of Instruction and Pupil Services, officially started her employment with LaFayette on Monday, November 10. Mary Conroy, Director of Special Education finished her employment but she is a Scholastic employee and will continue to work with our Read 180 teachers.
- The Smart School Bond Act proposed by Governor Cuomo passed recently. The District is allocated \$857,397. The Act is to provide access to classroom technology and high-speed internet connectivity to equalize opportunities for children to learn, to add classroom space to expand high-quality pre-kindergarten programs, to replace classroom trailers with permanent instructional space, and to install high-tech smart security features in schools. The State Education Commissioner has not worked out all the challenges but the School District should know in a couple of months what we should expect.
- Ms. Lavine is emailing the Board members “good” news from each administrator about what is going on in their areas.
- On Wednesday, Principal Ellsworth, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds Kesler and Superintendent Lavine met with representatives of the State Education Department at the Onondaga Nation School regarding their proposed renovations. The SED sent their own architects to take a look at the plans. With the assistance of Assistant Commissioner Chuck Szuberla, we are hoping the project gets put into the Governor’s budget. This is the farthest the project has gotten with SED.

On the recommendation of Superintendent Lavine to approve items 8 B, D, E, & F, a motion was made by Trustee Scofield, seconded by Trustee LaCava:

- 8) Consent Agenda – Board Action Items
 - A. Approval of Board Action Items
 - B. Approve Budget Transfers as of October 2014 #2

On the recommendation of Superintendent Lavine to approve items 8 C – by roll call, a motion was made by Trustee Scofield, seconded by Trustee LaCava:

- C. Approve Bus Bond Resolution – Roll Call
 - President M. Dodge Yes
 - Vice President Johnson Absent
 - Trustee D. Dodge Absent
 - Trustee Keefe Yes
 - Trustee LaCava Yes
 - Trustee Scofield Yes
 - Trustee Whitney Yes

- D. Approve Uncollected Taxes
- E. Approve Recommendation to Surplus Bus 123; Bus 126; and Bus 127
- F. Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations

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

On the recommendation of Superintendent Lavine to approve items 9 B – G, a motion was made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Scofield:

- 9) Consent Agenda – Personnel Items
- A. Approval of Personnel Items
 - B. Resignation – Instructional #3 2014-2015
 - C. Resignation – Non-Instructional #2 2014-2015
 - D. Appointment – Instructional #10 2014-2015
 - E. Appointment – Non-Instructional #9 2014-2015
 - F. Appointment – Substitute #6 2014-2015
 - G. Appointment – Co-Curricular #6 2014-2015

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0 Absent – 1 (D. Dodge, Johnson)

- 10) Board Non-Action Items
None

- 11) Communications
None

- 12) Calendar Review
- A. Upcoming Events – President Dodge stated next Board of Education meeting will be on Thursday, December 11 at the Onondaga Nation School with a pre-meeting with a Tour of the Nation School at 5:30 then a pre-meeting at 6:00 with the Clerical Unit and the regular meeting will begin at 6:30.

- 13) Financial Reports
None

- 14) Closing Remarks
- A. Public Communications to the Board:
Principal Ellsworth stated the Annual Harvest dinner will be on Tuesday, November 25 with the first serving at 11:00 a.m. She cordially invited the Board to attend the first serving. Ms. Ellsworth gave out a poster created by Brandon Lazore, a member of the Onondaga Nation, to the Board members. It was 1 of 300 submissions. The poster will be hung in all the USDA offices throughout the country. A representative went to the Onondaga Nation School and presented Brandon with a first print of the original, to a member of Brandon's family and also to Oren Lyons. There was a ceremony at the school.

Community member Erin Oristian remarked that several people that she talked to were confused about the meeting tonight. The meeting place was changed due to a death on the Nation. She suggested maybe to put it out through the SchoolMessenger service.

- 15) Executive Session
- A. Enter into 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 LaCava, seconded by Trustee Scofield at 7:01 p.m.

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

- B. Reconvene into Open Session
A motion to come out of Executive Session by Trustee Scofield and seconded by Trustee LaCava at approximately 9:27 p.m.

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

16) Adjournment

A. Adjourn the meeting

A motion to adjourn by Trustee LaCava and seconded by Trustee Scofield at approximately 9:27 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Munnell, Board Clerk