

**LA FAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION: BIG PICTURE SCHOOL
3122 ROUTE 11
LAFAYETTE, NY 13084
FEBRUARY 25, 2016**

- I. Opening -
 - A. Call to Order - The Regular Board of Education meeting for LaFayette Central School District was called to order at 5:40 pm by President Matthew Dodge. In attendance were Trustees D. Dodge, M. Johnson, J. Keefe, M. LaCava, T. Scofield, M. Whitney, Superintendent Lavine, School Business Official Turner, Vanessa Tryon, Jim Kesler, Jane Schaefer, Yvonne Martin, Logan Booth, Holly Pierce, Mark Thrasher, Karen Thrasher, Zack Thrasher, Greg Long, Diane Ellsworth, Karen Ocque, Jim Chupaila, Sean Griffin, Dave Klem, Erin Oristian, Joyce Lewis, Jerry Kelly, Rhiannon Abrams, Joshua Mayotte, Nathaniel mayotte, Gary Oelkers, Sue Bang, Maria Nastasi, Emerson Shenandoah, Hoyahnaseseeyoh Homer, Ritah Lyons, Karen Sue Thomas, Emma Gibson, Sherri Hopper, and Gretchen Gretsky.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by President Dodge at 5:41pm.
 - C. Opening Remarks - President Dodge welcomed everyone for coming out tonight.

- I. Proposed Executive Session - none

- II. Approval of Minutes -
 - A. Regular Minutes - February 11, 2016

Motion: 1st: Jim Keefe 2nd: Tom Scofield

Vote: Yes:5 No: 0 Abstain: 2 (Johnson, LaCava) Absent:0

- III. District Presentations and Reports
 - A. All-State Volleyball Athlete Recognition - Jerry Kelly presented Logan Booth, Rhiannon Abrams, Sophia Powless. He complimented each student's statistics and congratulated them for their accomplishment of All-State Recognition.
 - B. AISES Student Conference Recognition - Sherri Hopper, Joyce Lewis, and DJ Smoke (Parent chaperone) - Presented on AISES, a non-profit national organization, that promotes Indigenous Peoples in the STEM field. The Onondaga Nation gave financial support to the students for the 3 day trip in November (Rhiannon Abrams, Logan Booth, Ema Gibson, Hoyahnaseseeyoh Homer, Ritah Lyons, Joshua Mayotte, Nathaniel Mayotte, Sophia Powless, Emerson Shenandoah, Karen Sue Thomas were present to share their experience Kyla Smoke and Taylor Cook were not present - Mrs. Hopper and the students gave a presentation on their experience including a slideshow with pictures. They discussed two projects the students completed and their interest in attending a Food Sovereignty Conference upcoming in spring 2016.
 - C. All County Student Recognition - Jay Czyz explained that the All County Festival includes every school in the county. He presented the following students for their All County Recognition:

Vivian Mueller, Bassoon, Senior High All-County Orchestra (7th time). This year she was accepted into vocal and orchestra.

Zackery Thrasher, Tenor, Senior High All-County Chorus (5th time)

Jane Schaefer, Soprano, Senior High All-County Chorus (6th time)

Thomas Long, Bass, Junior High All-County Chorus (2nd year)

- D. Budget Presentation - 2016 - 2017 presented by Tiffany Turner - Presented the budget timeline. She explained the State budget is due April 1st and the Board will be presented with a full draft of the budget at the April 7th Board Meeting with anticipated budget adoption on April 21st. The largest area of increase is debt service due to the capital project borrowing. Mrs. Turner explained that there is no tax impact as a result of the increase in the Debt Service as was presented in the capital project presentations. Mrs. Turner then presented the Draft Program Budget including BOCES Services for the 2016-2017 School Year. She indicated that the Transportation Proposition is seeking to replace two buses -(1) 66 passenger and (1) 48 passenger. Mark Whitney asked if it would be possible to use buses with different fuel options. Mrs. Turner stated that she will discuss this with the Transportation Supervisor.

IV. Communications –

- A. Board Member Updates- None

V. Old Business

- A. Capital Project Update: Sean Griffin, Jim Kesler - Mr. Griffin explained that the main project is still in the punch list phase and that there was work done over break. They are trying to get many of the contracts closed out in March. The auditorium project seats are coming Monday and are being installed the following week.

- B. Online Safety and Security - 3 Topics Discussed

1: We attempted to make changes to not allow documents to be published outside the District and we over-corrected but it was fixed quickly.

2: We will be sending out a survey to staff to see how they use their Google documents offline or from their desktop.

3: Central New York Regional Information Center (CNYRIC) representatives are coming out March 1, 2016 to meet and discuss a security assessment. Trustee Whitney will join by phone.

VI. New Business - None

- VII. Superintendent's Report - LaFayette High School Sports Hall of Fame - The group came together quickly and got a lot done in a short time frame. We are publishing information in the Greensheet. Trustee Scofield discussed the alumni list that has been put together and the information has been distributed. The group is aligned with the LaFayette Booster Club which allows them to take advantage of some benefits and help to bring alumni back to our district. The nominations announcement will be made at the 1000th lacrosse game. The group will continue to meet every two weeks. Tom LaRose discussed the last meeting with architects and the design of the Hall of Fame at

the Jr/Sr High School. The group is looking for 20-25 nominations for the first induction class.

VIII. The 2016-17 school calendar will be brought to March 24th Board Meeting for approval,

IX. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Board Action Items

1. Surplus of Books

2. Board Policy #6110: Code of Ethics for Board Members and All Personnel - 3rd Reading

3. Westhill Health and Welfare Services Agreement 2015-2016

Motion: 1st: Michael LaCava 2nd: Mark Johnson

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain:0 Absent:0

B. Approval of Personnel Items

1. Appointment - Instructional Sub 2015-2016

2. Appointment - Temporary Clerical 2015-2016

3. Appointment - Spring Coaching 2015-2016

4. Maternity Leave Requests

Motion: 1st: Micheal LaCava 2nd: James Keefe

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain:0 Absent:0

X. Board Non-Action Items

A. Strategic Plan Update -

Superintendent Lavine discussed student leadership. Mr. Chupaila discussed that before the break, he and Mr. Kelly met with representatives from the Senior Class and suggests that elections should take place in the Spring so they can gather the leadership team at the start of school year. Election would take place day before Memorial break. Then they can use the summer to work together.

Superintendent Lavine discussed the LIPS training with regards to phonemic awareness and the academic success of the students at the elementary level with developing phonemic awareness.

XI. Calendar Review - Next Board Meeting March 24th

A. Upcoming Events - None

XII. Financial Reports- FYI - None

XIII. Public Comments - Public communications to the board -

Erin Orinstian thanked the Board for approving her Appointment as a substitute librarian.

Sue Bang asked about the Surplus books on the agenda- Jim Chupaila explained it is books that are beyond their useful life and need approval from the Board in order to discard them as they were purchased with school funds.

There was a discussion regarding the proposed afterschool late bus run in the budget presentation. It was questioned if it was for a 5:30 p.m. bus run. Superintendent Lavine answered that this is what they are trying, hoping to increase the number of students staying after for sports or other activities if we have the late bus run.

There was discussion regarding the Code of Conduct and if the policy is for students who get into trouble outside of school or for in-school activities. There was further discussion about the student's legal status and the implications for participation in co-curricular activities. There was a question if it was mandatory for arresting agencies to report any student criminal activity to the school? The answer was no and Jim Chupaila explained that the District finds out about student arrests in a variety of ways.

Tom LaRose discussed that the Grimshaw Physical Education website has been put together by Cheryl Polinsky with updated PE activities, videos for fitness for adults and kids. There is a Jump Rope for Heart link on the website (Mr. LaRose gave a brief description). Jennifer Blossey will be “slimed” for the event and Ms. Polinsky has a goal of beating our best year of \$6,800 this year.

XIV. Proposed Executive Session -

- A. Enter into Executive Session at 7:13pm for the purpose of contract negotiations and a specific student’s discipline.

Motion: 1st: Mark Johnson 2nd: Michael LaCava

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

- B. Reconvene into Open Session at 9:00 p.m.

Motion: 1st: Michael LaCava 2nd: Don Dodge

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

XV. Adjournment Time at 9:01 p.m.

Motion: 1st: Michael LaCava 2nd: Tom Scofield

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Vanessa Tryon

District Clerk