

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 9, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education of Lake Forest Community High School District #115, County of Lake, State of Illinois, was held on Monday, April 9, 2007 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

On Roll Call the following Members were found to be present:

Mary Ritter, Secretary	Dick Block, Member
Marilyn Harlow, Member	Jim Carey, Member
Sharon Golan, Member	Janet Nelson, President
Tom Neri, Vice President	

Administration Present:

Dr. Harry Griffith, Superintendent
Jay Hoffmann, Principal
Allen Albus, Deputy Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Jennifer Hermes, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
Dr. Dennis Morgan, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel
Gary Pickens, Director of Technology
Tony Fillipo, Instructional Director, Wellness and Technology

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Nelson announced that the Board has completed its self-evaluation. Board goals are still under construction and will be adopted by the end the school year. Construction on the renovation is moving along and is on time. The Board will have a special Meeting on April 16, 2007 to review more bids. Mrs. Nelson welcomed Nicki Snoblin and John Scribner, who will be joining the Board in May. As this is her last meeting, she expressed her thanks to the community, high school staff and administration. She thanked the Board members, commenting that the future of the school is in good hands and said it was an honor to represent the high school. She specifically thanked Mary Ritter for her help and for her many years of service to the high school.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Griffith reported that the district will host a reception to thank Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Ritter for their service to the District. He introduced Principal Jay Hoffmann who reported that April would be a busy month with activities such as the Alumni Wall of Fame Induction, Student Service Honors Night, Student/Faculty Basketball Game, Earth Week, NHS and Cum

Laude Induction and the musical, Peter Pan. Student Council President, Sarah Quon noted that students are very busy with Earth Week activities and Prom.

Dr. Griffith updated the Board on the US China Engagement Act Presentation sponsored by 10th District Congressman, Mark Kirk. China's Consul General of Chicago will attend a reception and roundtable discussion to explore ways to open a dialogue with the country of China.

Dr. Griffith is working with an area-wide coalition formed to support Congressman Kirk's efforts to sponsor legislation to assist with federal funding for North Chicago School District, a property-poor community with over 1000 dependents of military personnel. Approximately 1/3 of the community is tax exempt. The district receives state aid, but not enough to close the gap to deliver a quality education to its constituents. The federal government supplement is at risk because of the way the formula is structured. Glenview and Highland Park are also affected. The coalition is in favor of a long-term fix and urges the federal government to respond and step up and recalibrate the funding formula to take care of the dependents of our military personnel.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation

REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Tony Filippo, Instructional Director of the Wellness and Applied Technology presented an overview of his departments. He reported that his three full-time and 2 part-time applied technology staff members serve 527 students in 14 semester sections and 7 year long sections. The average class size is 18.8. The Applied Technology curriculum includes Woods, Transportation and CAD Architecture. They are in the process of conducting best practice research. The department strives to prepare students to be the best in their field of endeavor, challenge all students to maximize their abilities and reflect the needs and expectations of the community and society.

The Wellness staff includes 9 full time and 2 part time staff member who deliver an extensive array of options in Health, Integrated Wellness, Strength and Conditioning, Wall Climbing and Driver Education to 1263 students in 57 semester sections. Average class size is 22.2. The Wellness staff seeks to encourage participation in a lifetime of physical activity and enhance social emotional development with a new Freshman Wellness Initiative in the 2007-08 school year.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Education Committee

Mr. Block reported that the committee continues their discussion of offering Mandarin Chinese and noted that the internal department assessment is underway. The committee reviewed proposed summer workshops for curricular work, concerns about reading skills and the textbook requests for the coming school year.

Board Operations Committee

Mrs. Harlow reported that the committee reviewed construction updates and that the project is on schedule with no significant problems. They reviewed the proposed contract to extend the contract with Olsen and endorsed the scope definition based on design development documents. They also discussed possible uses for West Campus.

Finance Committee

Mr. Neri announced that the committee discussed the tax levy extension, 2006-07 projections and the amended 2006-07 Budget. These items are on the agenda for action at tonight's meeting.

Joint Shared Services Committee

Mrs. Golan reported that the committee met and discussed plans for shared technology services in District 115 and 67. The committee also discussed a plan for coordination of K-12 projects in assessment, reading achievement and social emotional learning.

Policy Committee:

There was no meeting this month.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 2007-2008 Board of Education Goals

Mrs. Nelson announced that since the Board's goals are still under construction, no action will be taken at this meeting.

Approval of New Textbooks for 2007-2008

MOTION: Mrs. Ritter moved and Mr. Block seconded that the Board of Education approve the new textbooks for the 2007-2008 school year as presented.

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

ROLL CALL: Aye: Block, Harlow, Carey, Neri, Golan, Ritter, Nelson
 Nay: None

Motion Carried

Approval of Tentative Amended 2006-07 Budget

The passage of the referendum has impacted the 2006-2007 budget. Mr. Albus detailed the procedure for amending the budget which includes, placing the budget on public display for 30 days, publishing a legal notice establishing a hearing date on May 14th and conducting a public hearing at the May 14th Board Meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Neri moved and Mr. Carey seconded that the Board of Education adopt the procedure for amending the 2006-2007 Budget as presented.

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

ROLL CALL: Aye: Harlow, Neri, Carey, Golan, Ritter, Block, Nelson
 Nay: None

Motion Carried

Jennifer Hermes presented year-end projections. She noted that it has been a good year with stable, predictable revenue sources. Expenditures are well underneath the budget. The District experienced very good benefit rates this year resulting in a slight surplus. In the area of student tuition, specifically in Special Education, there was a slight decrease in spending as out-placed students have been mainstreamed and returned to the high school to be educated by our staff. The overall operating funds balance will be approximately \$500,000 greater than anticipated at the beginning of the year.

Approval of West Campus Athletics Lockers

Bid packages and specifications were distributed to locker vendors for specially designed heavy, duty, ventilated athletic lockers for West Campus.

MOTION: Mr. Neri moved and Mr. Carey seconded that the Board award the Athletic Locker contract to Larson Equipment and Furniture Company in the amount of \$97,613.00 as presented.

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

ROLL CALL: Aye: Neri, Carey, Golan, Harlow, Nelson
 Nay: Block
 Abstain: Ritter

Motion Carried

Approval of Pepper Construction Company Pay Request #2

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Harlow and seconded by Mr. Neri that the Board approve Pepper Construction Company's Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$886,552.14 as presented.

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

ROLL CALL: Aye: Carey, Golan, Ritter, Block, Harlow, Neri, Nelson
 Nay: None

Motion Carried

Approval of Perkins & Will Invoice No. 55583

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Golan and seconded by Mr. Neri that the Board approve Perkins & Will's Invoice #55583 for Professional Services rendered through March 2, 2007 in the amount of \$318,041.27.

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

ROLL CALL: Aye: Golan, Ritter, Block, Harlow, Neri, Carey, Nelson
 Nay: None

Motion Carried

Approval of Personnel Reports

MOTION: Mr. Carey moved and Mr. Neri seconded that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report as presented.

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

ROLL CALL: Aye: Ritter, Block, Harlow, Neri, Carey, Golan, Nelson
 Nay: None

Motion Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Nelson reported that the Consent Agenda includes:

Approval of Financial Reports:

Financial Reports: The List of Checks Written and Direct Deposit Payroll for March 8, 2007 to April 4, 2007 as follows:

Education Fund	\$ 470,211.14
Building and Maintenance Fund	191,964.49
Transportation Fund	39,489.07
Site and Construction Fund	908,032.21
Direct Deposit Payroll & Taxes	<u>1,567,528.29</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,177,225.20

The Treasurer's Report, Revenue/Expense Reports dated April 4, 2007 as presented.
The Financial Report for the period ending April 4, 2007.

Minutes of the March 12, 2007 regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting and the Executive Session of March 12, 2007.

Destruction of audio recordings of October 17, 2005.

Mrs. Ritter requested that the Executive Session Minutes of March 12, 2007 be removed from the Consent Agenda for revision and be brought back to the next meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Carey moved and Mrs. Golan seconded that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of the March 12, 2007 Executive Session Minutes as presented.

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

ROLL CALL: Aye: Harlow, Carey, Golan, Ritter, Block, Neri, Nelson
 Nay: None

Motion Carried

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Mrs. Nelson announced that the next Regular Business Meeting will be held on Monday, May 14, 2007 in Council Chambers at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Neri moved seconded by Mr. Block that the Board of Education of Education adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:34 p.m.

On voice vote, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.