

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 11, 2006**

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, December 11, 2006 and called to order at 7:01 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

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

Administration

Present:

Dr. Harry Griffith, Superintendent
Jay Hoffmann, Principal
Allen Albus, Deputy Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Jennifer Hermes, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
Gary Pickens, Director of Technology

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Janet Nelson announced that a tentative 5-year agreement has been reached with the teachers. She commented that the Board holds the teaching staff in high regard and is pleased that the tentative agreement is a fiscally responsible one that supports competitive salary and benefits. She underscored that the Board is committed to being good stewards of the tax-payers' dollars and also to continuing the tradition of excellence at Lake Forest High School. Mrs. Nelson thanked all involved in negotiations for their efforts.

Janet thanked the community for support of the referendum and announced that the building project will soon be underway. She announced that the Board will need to be flexible over the next few months to accommodate special meetings to keep the project on schedule. She also asked that the public be patient as there will be many important and thoughtful decisions to be made throughout the course of the project.

Three residents have been selected to assist the Board of Education and administration with the oversight of the construction project. She noted that many qualified residents expressed interested in assisting the high school. Ross Friedman, Byron Prais and Augie Ziccarelli have been appointed to serve on this committee. She welcomed them to the team. Mrs. Nelson thanked all who volunteered to serve in this capacity.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Griffith encouraged Board members to attend the ED-RED Legislative Dinner on January 29. He commented that this is a good opportunity to interact with local legislators, state officials, and other educational leaders. Jay Hoffmann announced that five of our teachers, Dan Coad, Steve Forgette, Jim Gantt, Ariel Landvick, and Mary Beth Nawor, have been nominated for Golden Apple Award. Congratulations to these fine teachers. Mr. Hoffmann noted that Ravi Mulani received a perfect score of 2400 on the SAT and that LFHS graduate Elise Wang was named a Rhodes Scholar.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Education Committee

Mary Ritter announced that the committee supported the approval of the new courses and name changes being presented to the Board this evening. Mary said that the committee discussed the Auto Shop/Transportation class as its location will be impacted due to the construction project. The committee unanimously endorsed continuation of the program and a Best Practice review of this program will also be conducted for determinations of future plans. Mrs. Ritter noted that the committee also discussed an ACT scores recap presented by Thor Benson.

Board Operations Committee

Board Finance Committee

Jim Carey reported that the committee reviewed the 2006 tax levy and recommends Board approval. The committee discussed the budgeting process in light of the successful passage of the referendum. He welcomed the three residents to the Project Advisory Committee. He concluded his remarks by stating that the Finance Committee reviewed the architectural fees and recommends approval of the Perkins & Will contract to the Board of Education.

Joint Shared Service Committee

Sharon Golan reported that the committee discussed rental options for summer school to be held at District 67, as the high school campus will be closed over the summer. The committee also discussed the framework for sharing expenses at West Campus and the working relationship and future opportunities for Lake Bluff District 65.

Policy Committee

There was no Policy Committee report.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Implementation of the Capital Project

Mark Jolicoeur from Perkins & Will discussed the logistics of the bid process for the upcoming construction project. The process and staging is designed to have minimum impact of the students and staff, be of financial benefit and be a framework for completing the project on time and on budget. Mark also discussed the various committees and teams involved in making recommendations to the Board and presented a flow chart illustrating the process.

Jim Hintz announced that over the Winter Break a temporary parking lot will be constructed just south of the football field. The tennis courts in the back of the school will be converted to parking and a construction fence will be erected to control the construction staging area behind the high school. The staging area will be off limits to all traffic, students, staff and the community for safety purposes. More specific logistical information will be sent to families, staff and neighbor, and posted on the high school website prior to return from break.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Resolution providing for the issue of \$54,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2006, of Lake Forest Community High School District Number 115, Lake County, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest

Elizabeth Hennessy of William Blair and Company reported that long and intermediate term interest rates are at 30 year low levels and interest earnings will be maximized by issuing the approved \$54 million currently. She announced that Standard and Poor's affirmed the District's highest possible rating and Moody's Investors Services upgraded the District to their highest possible rating.. Ms. Hennessy also provided a comparative pricing analysis.

MOTION: Mrs. Harlow moved and Mr. Neri seconded that the Board of Education approve the Tentative 2006 Levy presented.

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

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

Motion Carried

Adopt 2006 Tax Levy

Mr. Allen Albus presented the 2006 Tax Levy to the Board of Education at the November 13, 2006 meeting. The proposed levy is \$27,483,616 (exclusive of Bond and Interest), which represents a 5.99% increase over the 2005 Tax Levy.

MOTION: Mr. Carey moved and Mrs. Golan seconded that the Board of Education adopt the 2006 Tax Levy 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
 Absent: None

Motion Carried

Approval of Perkins and Will Contract

Mr. Jim Hintz worked with the Architect and attorney to revise the standard AIA contract document to protect the district's interest. Board member Dick Block reported that the Board of Education reviewed the terms of the contract in detail. President Nelson reported that the district has been working with Perkins and Will for over four years.

MOTION: Mrs. Golan moved and Mrs. Harlow seconded that the Board of Education approved the Perkins and Will contract as presented.

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

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

Approval of Asbestos Abatement Proposal from Carnow, Coinbear & Associates

Dr. Griffith reported that Mr. Jim Hintz received four proposals to design the Asbestos Abatement work needed prior to construction at both East and West Campus. After a thorough review of the proposals, Jim recommends Carnow, Coinbear & Associates be awarded the contract.

MOTION: Mrs. Harlow moved and Mr. Carey seconded that the Board of Education approved the Carnow, Coinbear & Associates proposal to design and manage the asbestos abatement 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
 Absent: None

Approval of Resolution Authorizing Amendment to the Joint Agreement Between Participating Districts for the Lake County Area Vocational System and Lump Sum Payment of \$148,724.70 in the 2007-08 School Year Budget

Dr. Griffith announced that the Tech Campus facilities are in need of significant repairs. Each participating school district has been asked to pay a portion of the cost based on enrollment. He explained how Lake Forest High School students utilize Tech Campus. He discussed enrollment numbers and described the how the District's share of the renovation was calculated. Dr. Griffith noted that Board Education Committee met and reviewed the information and unanimously endorsed the resolution.

MOTION: Mrs. Ritter moved and Mr. Neri seconded that the Board of Education approved the Resolution authorizing amendment to the Joint Agreement Between Participating Districts for the Lake County Area Vocational System and the lump Sum payment of \$148,724.70 as presented.

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

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

Approval New Courses and Name Changes for 2007-08

Principal Jay Hoffmann gave a brief overview of the process used to select new courses. He reported that a Curriculum Committee composed of a representative from each department and Thor Benson meet in the fall to review the merits and viability of curriculum proposals submitted by staff. The proposals are then presented to the Board Education Committee. The Committee unanimously endorsed the recommendation.

MOTION: Mrs. Ritter moved and Mrs. Harlow seconded that the Board of Education approved the new courses and course name changes for 2007-2008 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
 Absent: None

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Nelson reported that the Consent Agenda includes:

Minutes of the November 13, 2006 Regular Business meeting.

Minutes of the November 13, 2006, November 14, 2006, December 3, 2006 Executive Sessions.

Destruction of audio recording of the Executive Sessions from June 20, 2005.

Financial Reports:

Financial Reports: The List of Checks Written and Direct Deposit Payroll for October 26, 2006 to December 6, 2006 as follows:

Education Fund	\$ 489,748.59
Building and Maintenance Fund	411,125.47
Transportation Fund	101,560.46
Direct Deposit Payroll & Taxes	<u>1,646,451.76</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,648,886.28

The Treasurer's Report, Revenue/Expense Reports dated December 6, 2006 as presented.

The Financial Report for the period ending December 6, 2006.

MOTION: Mr. Carey and Mr. Neri seconded that the Board of Education approve the Consent agenda 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
Absent: None

Motion Carried

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Mrs. Nelson Announced that the next Regular Business Meeting will be held on Monday, January 22, 2007 in the Lake Forest High School Library.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Carey moved seconded by Mr. Neri that the Board of Education of Education adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:45 p.m.

On voice vote, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.