

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 13, 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, November 13, 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
Dr. Sam Bell, Instructional Director, Social Studies
Jim Sullivan, Instructional Director, Science

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Janet Nelson thanked the Lake Forest High School community for its support of the referendum. A resolution of appreciation was presented to the Vote YES for LFHS campaign steering committee. Mrs. Nelson expressed gratitude to the LFHS administration, staff, and Board of Education for the hours of planning to take Lake Forest High School from a great high school to a world class high school. She announced there will be a Public Hearing tomorrow night in the Public Room to hear comments regarding renewal of Driver Education and Physical Education waivers. Another meeting has been scheduled for 8am on Monday, November 27 at the high school to canvass the votes. Janet noted that the LFHS and Lake Forest District 67 Board representatives and Dr. Griffith will be presenting an overview of the shared service initiative at the Illinois Association of School Boards Annual meeting in November.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Griffith thanked the Board, administration, and the high school community for addressing the needs of today's students as well as future Lake Forest High School students. Similarly, he expressed appreciation for the talented group of mothers and citizens of the YES Committee.

Dr. Griffith described the process for implementation of the referendum. Jay Hoffmann and Sarah Quon overviewed the upcoming events and projects at the high school. Sarah reported that the Student Council will adopt five families over the holidays. Anne Whipple announced that the Instant Alert notification system will soon be in place at the high school this year for emergency parent and staff announcements. Parents will be receiving information explaining this system.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Education Committee

Mary Ritter announced that the Board would be holding a hearing to review renewal of state waivers. A Special Board meeting is scheduled for November 14 at 7 pm to discuss this issue. Jay Hoffmann gave an update on the social/emotional initiative regarding a potential future character education program. The committee reviewed the Charm Foundation's Character Education Partnership. The specific program will be TEM – Teach, Educate, and Motivate.

Dr. Griffith gave a brief overview of the usage of the Technology Campus by Lake Forest High School students. He announced that the Board Education Committee discussed the 10 year building project the Technology Campus has proposed to fund remodeling. The Education Committee unanimously voted to endorse LFHS's continued participation in the Lake County Tech Campus. They recommend to the Board to approve participation in funding of the updating of the campus which benefits many of our students, as well as points to LFHS as a leader county wide in education for all students.

Board Operations Committee

Marilyn Harlow reported the committee reviewed construction implementation plans. Architects will now work to finalize plans and phase in construction over the next 18 months. She explained that the work will begin over winter break with the construction of a temporary parking lot by the pool. Initial bid packages will be presented to the Board in December. Sharon Golan described ways that the committee will keep the community informed.

Board Finance Committee

Tom Neri announced the next meeting of the Board Finance Committee is scheduled for December 5, 2006. The committee will discuss the 2006 Tax Levy and implementation of the sale of the building bonds.

Joint Shared Service Committee

There was no JSSC report.

Policy Committee

There was no Policy Committee report.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Social Studies

Sam Bell presented an overview of the current Social Studies program. 90% of LFHS students are enrolled in Social Studies. In 2006, students took 393 AP exams and the average score was 3.93 out of 5. He stated 91% of the scores were 3 or higher. The department is considering expanding options by offering Latin American Studies and Middle Eastern Studies in 2007-08. The department is also considering introducing African Studies and a one-semester class addressing 21st Century Western Europe and North America in 2008-09. A research writing manual has been designed for use in all Social Studies classes.

Science

Jim Sullivan presented an overview of the Science program and its goals. He noted that the department has worked to increase the use of Elawa Farm for environmental field work. The department has also begun to implement curriculum alignment initiatives that were completed this summer and track student participation in science and monitor student success. The Science Department looks forward to double lab periods in science to increase authentic investigations and beginning an effort to convert a chicken coop into a science field station at Elawa Farm.

ACTION ITEMS

Adopt Tentative 2006 Levy

Allen Albus presented a brief overview of the preliminary 2006 Tax Levy.

MOTION: Mrs. Golan 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

Approval of Personnel Report

Dr. Morgan gave a brief update on the mentoring program and evaluation process.

MOTION: Mrs. Ritter moved and Mr. Carey 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: Harlow, Neri, Carey, Golan, Ritter, Block, Nelson
 Nay: None
 Absent: None

Motion Carried

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Nelson reported that the Consent Agenda includes:

Minutes of the October 23, 2006 Regular Business meeting.

Destruction of audio recording of the Executive Sessions from May 16, 2005.

Financial Reports:

Financial Reports: The List of Checks Written and Direct Deposit Payroll for October 19, 2006 to October 25, 2006 as follows:

Education Fund	\$ 400,357.25
Building and Maintenance Fund	85,246.93
Transportation Fund	22,945.13
Direct Deposit Payroll & Taxes	<u>1,414,639.78</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,923,189.09

The Treasurer's Report, Revenue/Expense Reports dated October 31, 2006 as presented.

The Financial Report for the period ending October 31, 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: Neri, Carey, Golan, Ritter, Block, Harlow, Nelson
 Nay: None
 Absent: None

Motion Carried

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Mrs. Nelson Announced that the next Regular Business Meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, 2006 in Council Chambers at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Carey moved seconded by Mr. Block 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.