

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 23, 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, October 23, 2006 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at Lake Forest High School.

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

Absent: 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 Nelson suggested that the Public Participation portion of the meeting precede the President's report and the Board unanimously agreed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lake Forest Education Association President, Evan Richards, reported that the members of the LFEA support the upcoming building referendum and donated \$1,000 to the Vote Yes for LFHS Committee. He thanked the Board of Education and the Administration for their vision and courage to take on this important challenge. Mr. Richards reported that the faculty is currently working without a contract.

Mr. Bill Griffin, Republican Candidate for State Representative (58th District) announced his support of the Building Referendum.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Nelson thanked the LFEA for their generous support of the referendum. She also thanked members of the VOTE YES Committee, the hosts and hostesses for opening their homes for presentations, Gary Pickens and his crew for setting up for the presentations, Anne Whipple for her organizational skills, and Dr. Griffith for the number of presentations he has made.

Mrs. Nelson reported that Board and community continue to embrace the concept of Shared Services which was initiated in June 2004. Action items on the agenda tonight include extending our Shared Services Agreement with District 67 and adding Lake Bluff District 65 as well as extending Dr. Griffith's association as Superintendent of the High School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Griffith expressed his thanks to Gary Pickens and Brad Balonick for their technical support at the many community forums and coffees. He asked Principal Hoffmann to report on the activities around campus.

Mr. Hoffmann reported on testing, fall sports, and the success of the all school play. He then introduced Sarah Quon, Student Council President. Sarah reported that about 970 students attended the homecoming dance and over \$4,000 was raised. She invited Student Council Vice President Collin Murphy to describe current service projects. Collin reported that elementary school students from North Chicago have been invited back to the high school this year for trick or treating. Other service projects include collecting gently used Halloween costumes to be donated to an elementary school in Highwood, entertaining Westmoreland residents, babysitting for McKenzie Johnson two to three times per week.

Dr. Griffith commented on the great spirit of LFHS students. He announced that there will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 pm to discuss renewal of waivers for athletics and Driver Ed.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Education Committee

There was no report. The next meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2006 at 8:30 am in the Superintendent's Conference Rm.

Board Operations Committee

There was no report. The next meeting is scheduled for November 9th at 4:00 pm at the high school.

Board Finance Committee

Tom Neri reported that the Finance Committee met with District 67 Finance Committee on October 19. The committees reviewed a draft of the Shared Services Business Services Proposal, a draft of the Shared Services agreement and discussed new reporting formats.

Joint Shared Service Committee

Sharon Golan reported that the group met on October 10th and held a preliminary discussion of the Shared Service Assessment document. She thanked everyone who participated in the survey. Deputy Superintendent Allen Albus attended the meeting and

presented an overview of the Shared Services Business Service Proposal. The Committee endorsed this plan. The group also discussed establishing a coordinated method for collecting data and measuring articulation between the districts. The next meeting is scheduled for November 14th at 4:00 pm at District 67.

Marilyn Harlow gave an overview of a Shared Services Assessment. Overall, respondents have been pleased with the implementation of the Shared Services Concept over the past two years. Significant cost savings were presented at the meeting. There were four recommendations for further improvement:

- Continue and expand Shared Services.
- Investigate combining technology functions.
- Implement a formal departmental planning process for K – 12 curriculum articulation.
- Develop a metrics analysis culture and tools for measuring student performance and school improvement.

Dr. Griffith thanked the Shared Service Committee members for creating the Assessment and Board members and Administration for completing the survey. He reported that there is a climate of cooperation at the board level and he thanked the board for their continued support.

Policy Committee

There was no Policy Committee report.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Shared Services Agreement

Dr. Griffith summarized that the new agreement would include District 65 and extend Shared Services through 2011.

MOTION: Mrs. Harlow moved and Mrs. Golan seconded that the Board of Education approve the Shared Services Agreement as presented.

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

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

Motion Carried

Approval of Shared Services Business Services Proposal

Deputy Superintendent Allen Albus gave a brief overview of the proposal. He reported that the proposal was reviewed and endorsed by the Joint Shared Services Committee and the Finance Committee.

MOTION: Mr. Neri moved and Mr. Carey seconded that the Board of Education approve the Shared Services Business Services Proposal as presented.

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

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

Motion Carried

Approval of Delineating Agreement

Mrs. Nelson gave a brief overview of the Delineating Agreement. Dr. Griffith thanked the Board and spoke with enthusiasm of future.

MOTION: Mr. Block moved and Mr. Neri seconded that the Board of Education approve the Delineating Agreement as presented.

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

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

Motion Carried

Approval of Allocation of Special Costs for Shared Services

Mrs. Nelson reported that the Board would bring this back to Executive Session for further discussion.

Approval of Personnel Report

Dr. Morgan gave an update on the mentoring program and reported that there will be a formal report to the Board in March.

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

Motion Carried

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Nelson reported that the Consent Agenda includes:

Approval of Liquid Asset Fund Resolution.

Approval of Carol White as Asbestos Manager.

Minutes of the September 18, 2006 Regular Business meeting and Budget Hearing,
Minutes of the September 18, 2006 Executive Sessions.

Destruction of audio recording of the Executive Sessions from March 21st and April 18th,
2005.

Financial Reports:

Financial Reports: The List of Checks Written and Direct Deposit Payroll for September
14, 2006 to October 18, 2006 as follows:

Education Fund	\$ 1,920,644.70
Building and Maintenance Fund	373,598.17
Bond and Interest Fund	15,236.31
Transportation Fund	40,232.74
Direct Deposit Payroll & Taxes	<u>1,123,744.70</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,473,456.71

The Treasurer's Report, Revenue/Expense Reports dated October 18, 2006 as presented.

The Financial Report for the period ending October 18, 2006.

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

Motion Carried

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL.

It was moved by Mr. Block and seconded by Mr. Neri and approved by unanimous voice vote of all members present to move into Executive Session to discuss Personnel.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Mrs. Harlow moved and Mrs. Golan seconded that the Board of Education adjourn Executive Session and return to open session.

On voice vote, the motion carried.

Approval of Allocation of Special Costs for Shared Services

MOTION: Mr. Neri moved and Mr. Carey seconded that the Board of Education approve the Allocation of Special Costs for Shared Services as presented.

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

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

Motion Carried

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

MOTION: Mr. Block moved seconded by Mr. Carey that the Board of Education of Education adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 9:45 p.m.

On voice vote, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.