

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 13, 2010**

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 Tuesday, April 13, 2010 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. at West Campus in the Boardroom.

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

Marilyn Harlow, Vice President
Dick Block, Secretary
John Scribner, Member
Nicki Snoblin, Member
Jim Carey, Member
Todd Burgener, Member
Sharon Golan, President

Administration Present:

Dr. Harry Griffith, Superintendent
Allen Albus, Deputy Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Jennifer Hermes, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
Dr. Julie Cooley, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Michael Cyrus, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Jay Hoffmann, Principal
Dr. Merry Quinn, Student Services Director
Cornelius DuBose, IT Director

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President, Sharon Golan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed members of the audience.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Griffith introduced Cindy Housner, founder and executive director of Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association (GLASA). She announced that GLASA, an organization that offers services and sponsors events for youth and adults who have a physical or visual impairments, is hosting the 2nd Annual Great Lakes Regional Games 2010 on May 21-23, 2010 at Vernon Hills High School. Five Lake Forest athletes will be competing.

REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS:

There were no reports.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee

Mrs. Harlow reported that the committee met on April 8th and focused on review and discussion of the Post High School Committee recommendations that will be presented tonight. The committee has followed the progress of this committee since its inception 2 years ago. The Education Committee had an in-depth discussion of the summary report and has unanimously endorsed the proposed recommendations. Mrs. Snoblin complimented the Post High School Committee on the amount and quality of the work that went into the recommendation.

Operations Committee

Mr. Block reported that the Operations Committee has not met since the last meeting but will meet on May 4th at 8:am at West Campus.

Finance Committee

Mr. Carey reported that the Finance Committee met in March. At the March meeting, proposals on the custodial contract and the bus contract were reviewed and sent back for additional work on pricing which ultimately resulted in lower costs for the District. Both contracts are recommended for approval and are on tonight's agenda. Mr. Carey reported that Mr. Albus continues to look for opportunities to reduce expenses throughout the District. Mr. Carey suggested that it was important to have some parameter resolutions in place on changes in bond interest rates to allow the Board to move quickly to take advantage of savings if rates change. The next meeting of the Finance Committee is tentatively scheduled for April 20 at 7:30 a.m. with District 67's Finance Committee.

Tri-District Committee

There was no report.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mrs. Harlow, the Board's NSSSED representative, reported that NSSSED Budget season is coming up. She also noted that the high school will receive a best practice award for Social Recreation Collaboration at the 9th Annual Best Practice Showcase at New Trier High School on April 20th.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Dr. Griffith introduced Districts 115 and 67 IT Director, Cornelius DuBose, who reported on the progress of the Fiber Optic Wide Area Network Project. The new fiber optic network connects City sites and school sites, provides redundancy, creates additional possibilities for sharing between the City and the schools and provides new/enhanced capabilities for schools, including centralized backups, video surveillance, use of new technologies and centralized management. Mr. DuBose reported that a Fiber Optic Services Committee composed of school officials, city officials and community members has been formed to explore future shared uses of this technology.

Dr. Griffith announced that two years ago post high school planning emerged as a topic for school improvement by the Board of Education to review the quality of services for all students. Dr. Julie Cooley presented an overview of the work and recommendations of the Post High School Planning Committee whose objectives were to research and implement a college counseling and post high school planning program based on best practice. Dr. Cooley and Dr. Merry Quinn created a staff committee, a parent advisory and an action plan of activities. After the committee reviewed and summarized best practices literature, conducted site visits of similar schools and analyzed the current programs and surveys taken by seniors and senior student parents, they conducted student and parent focus groups. Key findings included student and parent's desire to receive support that reflects their individual needs, more help on timelines and deadlines, clarification for students on how decisions on courses taken at the high school can affect post high school options and increased technology resources and support for parents during the post high school planning process. The committee recommended reorganizing the Student Services Department formalizing each counselor as the college/career counselor for all students, organizing around specialty areas and geographic regions to build expertise and provide more support to colleges, revitalizing the college and career resource center, using late start days to assist students and conducting a comprehensive communications audit.

Mrs. Golan opened the floor for public comment. Dianna Miller of 1020 Timber Lane, Jenny Kronauer of 991 Newcastle, Cristina Lowe of 5096 Green Bay Road, Jim Nondorf of the University of Chicago, Julie Eckert of 518 Forest Cove, Bob Marshall 95 S. Waukegan Road, Michael Freeman, 1430 Harlan, Mary Ritter of 1041 Timber Lane and Stanley Dee 326 Witchwood expressed their concerns about the recommended changes in the Student Services Department.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the 2010-2011 Olson Bus Contract Extension

MOTION: Mr. Block moved and Mr. Scribner seconded that the Board approve the 2010-2011 Olson Bus Contract extension as presented.

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

ROLL CALL: Aye: Snoblin, Carey, Harlow, Scribner, Block, Burgener, Golan
 Nay: None

Motion Carried

Approval of the 2010-2011 GCA Cleaning Contract Renewal

MOTION: Mr. Scribner moved and Mrs. Harlow seconded that the Board approve the renewal of the 2010-2011 GCA Cleaning Contract Renewal as presented.

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

ROLL CALL: Aye: Scribner, Carey, Harlow, Snoblin, Block, Burgener, Golan
 Nay: None

Motion Carried

Approval of Lake Forest /Lake Bluff Cooperative Paper Bid

MOTION: Mr. Burgener moved and Mrs. Snoblin seconded that the Board of Education approve the 2010 Paper Bid on behalf of the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Paper cooperative as presented.

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

ROLL CALL: Aye: Carey, Burgener, Harlow, Scribner, Block, Snoblin, Golan
 Nay: None

Motion Carried

Rejection of Bid for Replacement of West Campus Generator

MOTION: Mrs. Harlow moved and Mr. Carey seconded that the Board of Education reject the Charles Equipment Energy Systems bid for the replacement of the West Campus generator and that the project be re-bid to ensure that the District is receiving the best price.

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

ROLL CALL: Aye: Burgener, Carey, Scribner, Harlow, Snoblin, Block, Golan
 Nay: None

Motion Carried

Approval of Human Resources Report

MOTION: Mrs. Harlow moved and Mrs. Snoblin seconded that the Board approve the Human Resources Report as presented.

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

ROLL CALL: Aye: Snoblin, Carey, Harlow, Block, Scribner, Burgener, Golan
 Nay: None

Motion Carried

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mrs. Golan reported that the Consent Agenda includes:

Approval of Financial Report and Schedule of Checks Written

Approval of Financial Reports:

Financial Reports: The List of Checks Written and Direct Deposit Payroll for
From March 4, 2010 o April 7, 2010:

Education Fund	\$	661,165.29
Building and Maintenance Fund		319,577.46
Debt Service Fund/Construction		1,250.00
Transportation Fund		116,345.11
Capital Projects Fund/ General		-
Capital Projects Fund/SEDOL		205,723.37
Procurement Card Expenses		73,998.86
Direct Deposit Payroll & Taxes		<u>2,288,133.85</u>
Total Expenditures	\$	3,666,193.94

Approval of Minutes: Including minutes of a Regular Meeting on March 9, 2010, and minutes of an Executive Session, March 9, 2010,
Destruction of audio recordings: None

Acknowledgement of Donation

MOTION: Mr. Carey moved and Mr. Scribner 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: Snoblin, Scribner, Block, Harlow, Carey, Burgener, Golan
Nay: None

Motion Carried

FOIA REQUEST:

Online Data Services, LLC. PO Box 1476, Decatur, GA 30031
Steve Verdung, Sr. Account Manager, One North America
Stephanie Banchemo, Chicago Tribune, 435 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no Executive Session.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board discussed the poor quality of the acoustics in the Board Room when a large group of people are in the room.

The Board discussed the college counseling restructuring, noting that the new plan is an affirmation of the quality of the counseling staff in general. Board members commented that they have also received a lot of positive e-mails and phone calls in support of the restructuring and that the Board appreciates hearing all sides.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:	April 14	Service Recognition Night 7:30 p.m. RMA
	April 15	Parent Meeting – Restructuring
	April 17	College Readiness 101 8:30 - noon
	April 20	Percussion Festival 7:30 p.m. RMA
	April 23	Junior Parent Meeting “College Selection Panel”
	April 29	All School Musical (Through May 1)
	April 30	Teacher Day of Non-attendance
	May 11	Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. West Campus Board Room

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 11, 2010 7:00 p.m. Board Room

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Mr. Carey moved and Mr. Scribner seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

On voice vote, the motion carried

Mrs. Golan declared the meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.