

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 12, 2008**

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, May 12, 2008 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Lake Forest City Hall.

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

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

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
Jay Hoffmann, Principal
Michael Cyrus, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Golan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She noted that the Board strives to maintain an on-going conversation with the public in order to understand the community's aspirations for the education program, to communicate the performance of students in the district and to serve as an advocate for improvements in the programs. The public is invited to attend Board meetings to share opinions and ask questions or to contact the Board President and Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Griffith asked Mr. Hoffmann and Student Council President, Jenna Stern to provide an overview of activities at the high school. Jenna reported that Prom was a success with a record of nearly 900 students in attendance. She said that class officer elections are over and that Seniors have decided to donate to the Environmental Club's recycling project as part of their class gift. They will also donate a sign for the main entrance to the school. Mr. Hoffmann reported that Prom was very successful due to a combined effort of parents, deans and most of all, the students. Year-end activities are winding down but will end on a high note with music performances and Honors Night.

Mrs. Golan, Dr. Griffith and Mr. Hoffmann thanked Jenna for serving as the student body representative at Board meetings and wished her good luck in college.

Dr. Griffith reported that May enrollment at the high school is 1747.

Nancy Gunder, Grant Chair for the LFHS Foundation, gave the Board an update on Foundation activities. Mrs. Gunder reported that Mike Cyrus is working with the Foundation to develop a program for continuing education for teachers. The program will be funded by the Foundation, which has pledged \$20,000 per year for three years to assist teachers who are pursuing National Board Certification or advanced degrees in their major or area of expertise. This departure from the usual Foundation funding focuses on supporting the teachers' commitment to students and to continuing to provide a challenging curriculum.

Dr. Griffith provided an update on the Mandarin Chinese Culture Curriculum Initiative in grades K-12 and his recent trip to Shanghai to meet with officials from our sister school. He reported that two new teachers, Jessica Wang (DPM) and Jun Wang (LFHS), have been hired and will begin in the fall.

Lake Forest High School recently won a \$5000 Allstate Foundation award for providing one of the best safe driving programs in the region. Students in Telecom and Mass Communication classes joined forces to produce public service announcements about drinking and driving.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee

Mrs. Harlow reported that the Education Committee met on April 15th and endorsed the recommendation from the Substance Abuse Committee to hire a tri-district Substance Abuse Program Coordinator and to provide additional staff training. They also discussed the findings of the Tri-District Assessment Committee in their search for an information data warehousing program to be shared by all three districts. The program would provide data on students throughout their school careers to be used for a variety of assessments. Cost for the program will be shared by Districts 65, 67 and 115. The Education Committee also heard proposals from the Daily Schedule Committee. Any changes to the current schedule will be implemented in the Fall of 2010. The next meeting will be on May 19th at 2:00 p.m. in the Baggett Room.

Operations Committee

Mrs. Snoblin reported that Mr. Albus presented a draft of the 2-year plan at their May 6th meeting. They discussed book buy and fee payment options. ISBN numbers of books in use at the high school will be posted on the website for parents who would prefer to buy their books from sources other than the high school. The committee received an update on possible tenants for the West Campus facility. The next meeting will be on June 12th at 7:30 a.m. at West Campus.

Finance Committee

Mr. Carey reported that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the vendor contracts for soft drinks and snacks at the high school at their May 7th meeting. They also discussed outsourcing the flex spending program and interviewed representatives of two auditing firms. Status of the Little Scouts program was discussed and revenues of \$200,000 for the District is projected. Mr. Albus gave an overview of the fees for the 2008-09 school year. He presented fees and textbook information from 6 area schools. LFHS receives minimal State and Federal funding to offset the cost of its programs. Property tax revenues are also lower in the District than in the benchmark districts in the comparison. The Board is tasked with trying to find funding sources other than a capital referendum which would raise taxes to maintain the programs at the high school. One alternate funding source could be revenue obtained by leasing space at West Campus to outside tenants. This would help relieve the pressure on parents to pay increased fees without cutting programs or services or going for a capital referendum.

Joint Shared Services Committee (JSSC)

The committee has not met since the April Board Meeting.

ANNUAL LIAISON REPORTS

There were no reports.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Building Use Agreement – District 115/67

Boards from District 115 and 67 will be asked to approve the 25 year building agreement for West Campus. The Districts will share operating expenses, custodial, HVAC and security expenses for the new administrative space at West Campus.

MOTION: Mr. Carey moved and Mrs. Snoblin seconded that the Board of Education approve the Building Use Agreement By and Between the Boards of Education of Lake Forest Community High School, District 115 and Lake Forest School District 67 as presented.

On voice vote, the motion carried

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 9, 2008

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Carey and seconded by Mr. Block that the meeting be adjourned.

On voice vote, the motion carried

Mr. Golan declared the meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.