

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 12, 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, October 12, 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
Nicki Snoblin, Member
Todd Burgener, Member
Jim Carey, Member
Dick Block, Secretary
Sharon Golan, President

Absent: 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
Cornelius DuBose, IT Director
Jay Hoffmann, Principal

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President, Sharon Golan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Griffith asked Mr. Hoffmann to report on activities at the high school. Mr. Hoffmann introduced Student Council President, Caroline Stride and asked her to update the Board on student activities. Caroline reported that with Spirit Week and Homecoming activities over students are concentrating on other fund raising activities such as Project Safe Prom, the Ron Santo Walk to Cure Diabetes. Funds raised at the Homecoming Dance have been donated to Project Education Plus in Chicago. The Prom theme this year will be Neon Nights.

Mr. Hoffmann reported that PLAN/PSAT testing for sophomores and juniors will occur on October 13th. Freshmen will engage in Freshman Orientation II activities with senior mentors.

Mr. Hoffmann introduced Librarian, Kerry Littel who presented an overview of the new Library website. Parents, student and teachers can access the website to find reference databases, downloadable audio books, research resources and book and author lists. The staff recommends the citation guides and resources link on the page to their students. The website will continue to be updated and improved as new options become available.

Dr. Griffith introduced Norm Goldring, from College Bound Opportunities, a group of concerned community members in District 113 who mentor and coach college-bound students at the poverty level from their junior year in high school through their senior year in college. They have accepted 57 students into the program in the past 5 years. The mentoring begins as students go through the college selection process and beyond. Mentors help high school students identify scholarships during the application process and assist college seniors with internships, job training, and tips on how to interview. Prerequisites for acceptance into the program include a minimum GPA of 2.8 (4.0 scale) and the need for financial aid.

Dr. Julie Cooley reviewed the redesigned college program and the new College Planning Guide. The new guide includes examples of letters that students use as check lists. A full report will be made at the November meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lake Forest resident, Gary Finley asked that the Board consider putting Class Rank on report cards.

Sherry Doherty expressed her concerns about College Counseling.

CHANGE IN AGENDA

Mrs. Golan asked for a motion to move Item G: Reports and Discussions forward on the Agenda.

MOTION: Mr. Block moved and Mr. Burgener seconded that the Board of Education approve moving Item G: Reports and Discussions forward on the Agenda.

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

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Social Worker, John Maher, Dean, Jennifer Knight and senior students, Parker Stride and Adrienne Mocogni reported on progress on the Emotional Wellness Initiative and the results of the staff and student School Climate and Culture Survey.

Social Worker, Maggie Harmsen reported on the Illinois Youth Survey, which is done every 2 years in high schools. Data from the survey is used to develop programs to teach students about healthy lifestyles and how to make good decisions. Compared to 2006 and 2008 survey results, it appears that 10th and 12th grade alcohol, binge drinking and cigarette use is trending downward. Continued collaboration with community resources and parent groups and coordination with middle schools is planned as the Emotional Wellness Initiative grows.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee

Mrs. Harlow reported that the committee met on September 23rd and saw a preview of the report presented this evening. They also reviewed a preliminary report on Career Counseling. The next meeting is a joint meeting with District 67's Education Committee and District 65 staff that will focus on Special Education. It will be held on October 15th at the high school. Another meeting has been scheduled for December 2nd.

Operations Committee

Mr. Block reported that the Operations Committee met on October 4th to establish parameters surrounding the Pilot Booster Club Community program for sponsorships. The Board discussed the program in their summer meeting and the Booster Club has drafted their ideas on parameters and the next step will be to meld the input from both sources. The next meeting will be in the Wedge Café at East Campus on November 2nd at 8:00 am.

Finance Committee

Mr. Carey reported that the committee has not met since the last Board Meeting. He noted that the opportunity for refinancing the District's debt is no longer viable. He asked Mr. Albus to update the Board on the status of overdue payments from the State of Illinois. Mr. Albus reported that he has received word from the Illinois Association of Illinois School Boards that Districts would get the fourth quarter payment from last year in December. The State still owes 3 payments totaling approximately \$750,000, however, payment is not anticipated in the next 3 or 4 years.

Tri-District Committee

Mr. Burgener reported that the Committee will meet on October 18th at 4:00 pm. at West Campus

Joint Shared Services Committee

Mrs. Golan reported that the committee interviewed 2 superintendent search firms. The search process will involve and require community assistance.

Anne Whipple updated the Board on communication efforts over the summer months. Mrs. Whipple noted that last year the Board had over 100 opportunities to meet face to face with the public. The website is constantly being updated and improved and coverage in local newspapers has been increased. Efforts over the summer included updating District information sheets, developing the District Dashboard with information from various sources, and holding meetings with area realtors.

LIAISON REPORTS

There were no Liaison Reports.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Service Contract with Exec Connect

Two superintendent search firms were interviewed by the District 115 and 67 school boards. The cost to hire the firm will be split by the two districts.

MOTION: Mr. Burgener moved and Mrs. Snoblin seconded that the Board approve the approval of the service contract with Exec Connect.

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

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

Motion Carried

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mrs. Golan reported that the Consent Agenda includes:

Approval of Financial Reports and Schedule of Checks Written

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From September 2, 2010 to October 6, 2010:

Education Fund	\$	1,238,796.26
Building and Maintenance Fund		247,920.50
Debt Service Fund		---
Transportation Fund		46,257.20
Capital Projects Fund/ General		26,011.00
Procurement Card Expenses		55,309.09
Direct Deposit Payroll & Taxes		<u>1,947,967.75</u>
Total Expenditures	\$	3,562,261.80

Approval of Minutes: Including minutes of a Regular Meeting on September 7, 2010, an Executive Session on September 7, 2010, and a Public Hearing on September 7, 2010.

Destruction of audio recordings: November 11, 2008

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

Motion Carried

FOIA REQUESTS:

No FOIA requests have been received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Be True to Your School – October 23
 Late Start Day – October 27
 Parent Teacher Conferences – No School - November 4
 No School – November 5

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 9, 2010 7:00 p.m. Board Room

ADJOURNMENT:

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

On voice vote, the motion carried

Mrs. Golan declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.