

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204
 BOARD OF EDUCATION
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
 BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007
 7:00 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRESENT **ABSENT**

Mr. Mark N. Pera, President	<u>X</u>	—
Mr. James A. Kohlstedt, Vice President	—	<u>X</u>
Dr. Arthur W. Sprague, Jr., Secretary	<u>X</u>	—
Mrs. Heather H. Alderman	<u>X</u>	—
Dr. John T. Polacek	<u>X</u>	—
Mr. Allen D. Polich	<u>X</u>	—
Mr. William F. Purcell	<u>X</u>	—
Ms. Carolyn Achepohl (arrived 7:30pm)	<u>X</u>	—

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Dennis Kelly	Ms. Joyce Marine	Dr. Tim Kilrea
Mr. David Sellers	Mr. Dave Franson	Mr. Ed Tennant
Mr. Terry Wethington	Mr. Jeremy Vrtis	Mr. Bob Sherman
Mr. Bob Fritch	Ms. Rebecca Rivan	Ms. Laura Van Winkle
Ms. Lilane Koehn Mace	Mr. Joe Idaszak	Ms. Nadine Sebastian
Mr. Jeff Johnson	Mr. Mark R. Kropke	Ms. Amy Velasquez
Ms. Jennie Fanta	Ms. Antaash Umar	

VISITORS PRESENT

Ms. Cecelia Konovsky	Mr. Frederick Herti
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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Pera at 7:00 p.m.

ACTION NO. 1: Agenda Approval/Order of Business

With the request to table Unfinished Business Action item, “Out-of-District Settlement Agreement,” until after the second Closed Session, Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Purcell, to approve the agenda as amended.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 2: Adjournment into Closed Session

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss collective negotiation and confidential personnel issues.

On roll call:

Ayes: Mrs. Alderman, Mr. Polich, Dr. Polacek, Dr. Sprague, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Pera
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Kohlstedt

The motion was adopted, and at 7:00 p.m., Mr. Pera adjourned the meeting into Closed Session.

At 7:35 p.m., the meeting reconvened in Open Session with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2007 Property Tax Levy

Mr. Pera opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2007 Property Tax Levy and asked for visitors' comments.

ACTION NO. 3: Close Public Hearing

There being no comments from the public, Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, that the Public Hearing be closed.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING – Waiver of 105 ILCS 5/27-24.3 Allowing for Two Hours of Behind-the-Wheel Instruction and Eleven Hours of Driving in a Controlled Situation as an Equal Substitution for Six Hours of Behind-the-Wheel Instruction

Mr. Pera opened the Public Hearing on the Waiver of 105 ILCS 5/27-24.3 Allowing for Two (2) Hours of Behind-the-Wheel Instruction and Eleven (11) Hours of Driving in a Controlled Situation as an Equal Substitution for Six (6) Hours of Behind-the-Wheel Instruction and asked for visitors' comments.

ACTION NO. 4: Close Public Hearing

There being no comments from the public, Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Purcell, to close the Public Hearing.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

OPEN SESSION – COMMUNICATIONS

Western Springs resident, Cecilia Konovsky, addressed the Board about the South Campus boys' athletic locker room. Ms. Konovsky voiced concern about the inadequate number of showers and lockers and

size of the locker room, stains on the walls and ceiling, lack of a ventilation system to control moisture, and lack of a towel laundry service. She asked that the Board be proactive and improve the locker room to make it more hygienic. Dr. Kelly responded that steps are already being initiated to address many of Ms. Konovsky's concerns. Gel dispensers are being installed in high traffic areas, the wood seating in locker rooms are being replaced with more hygienic, easier-to-clean benches, coaches will be meeting on a regular basis with Buildings and Grounds staff, and school nurses have been instructed to alert administrators if any patterns of illness surface, especially among athletes. Additionally, summer improvements to the locker rooms may include shifting locker rooms and showers.

Faculty Association President Jeremy Vrtis first wished the Board a happy holiday season and then asked the following staff members in the Math/Science Division to introduce themselves: Bob Sherman, Rebecca Rivian, Laura Van Winkle, Kelly Swaine, Amber Dvorak, Brian Keller, and Mark Kropke.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Student Representative to the Board, Carolyn Achepohl, reported that LT students and staff sponsored 122 children in the Secret Santa program and that 330 community children attended Holiday Write Night. Upcoming school events include holiday assemblies on December 20, Brownstock on December 21, and the All-School Assembly at the end of January. Ms. Achepohl then invited the Board to the Winter Festival of Music on December 18, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the South Campus Fieldhouse.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT

First, Dr. Kelly noted that the Board sponsored two area children as part of Secret Santa.

He then presented the Vita Plena award to Terry Wethington, LT teacher since 1983 in the Physical Welfare/CoCurriculars Division. Specializing in dance studies and serving as head advisor to the award-winning Eurythmics, Mr. Wethington is referred to as the "King of Dance" at LT. Other activities include choreographing school musicals and assisting with the LT Variety Show. Dr. Kelly added that Mr. Wethington is always one of the first to come forward to offer assistance when help is needed. Accepting the Vita Plena award, Mr. Wethington thanked everyone at LT, saying that he's very thankful he can spend his career at Lyons Township High School.

Next, Dr. Kelly spoke of the concurrence among Lyons Township schools to form a Data Consortium, where K-12 data will be collected, analyzed, and disseminated. The information--to be provided to teachers--will earmark areas of low student achievement so that instruction can be created to better meet the needs of the students. Additionally, the data will allow the progress of students to be tracked. Dr. Kelly is hopeful that the Data Consortium guidelines will be available by the January 2008 Board meeting.

Last, Dr. Kelly explained that the reporting of the School District goals will be done monthly at Board committee meetings and quarterly, written and orally, at Board meetings. Faculty and staff will receive a quarterly e-mail "blast" updating the progress of the goals.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 5: Adoption of 2007 Property Tax Levy Resolution

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Polich, to adopt the 2007 property tax levy resolution.

On roll call:

Ayes: Dr. Sprague, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Polich, Dr. Polacek, Mrs. Alderman, Mr. Pera
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Kohlstedt

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Sellers reported that the 2007 levy represents a 4.98% increase over tax year 2006 for a total of \$48,775 million.

ACTION NO. 6: Driver's Education Waiver Request

Mr. Polich moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve the request for waiver of 105 ILCS 5/27-24.3 allowing for two (2) hours of behind-the-wheel instruction and eleven (11) hours of driving in a controlled situation as an equal substitution for six (6) hours of behind-the-wheel instruction.

On roll call:

Ayes: Dr. Polacek, Mr. Purcell, Mrs. Alderman, Dr. Sprague, Mr. Polich, Mr. Pera
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Kohlstedt

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Eggerding explained that this action is for a one-year Illinois School Code waiver request. The waiver would let us continue to offer range instruction in addition to behind-the-wheel instruction by requesting that the controlled range time be allowed as a substitute for some of the behind-the-wheel driving time in a dual-control car. The Illinois State Board of Education's (ISBE) response to the waiver request should be received by early February.

ACTION NO. 7: Driver's Education Proposal

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve the driver's education proposal – option 1 – as presented.

On roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Polich, Dr. Polacek, Dr. Sprague, Mr. Purcell, Mrs. Alderman, Mr. Pera
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Kohlstedt

The motion was adopted.

This Board action will allow the driver's education program to continue to offer controlled range driving instruction along with actual behind-the-wheel street driving instruction in a dual-control car if the Illinois State Board of Education approves our waiver request.

ACTION NO. 8: Transition Program/Humanities Proposal

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Mr. Purcell, to approve the curriculum change proposals as presented for English, reading, and world history, effective for the 2008-2009 school year.

On roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Purcell, Mr. Polich, Dr. Polacek, Mrs. Alderman, Dr. Sprague, Mr. Pera
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Kohlstedt

The motion was adopted.

The approved changes to the humanities areas of the Transition Program will provide preparatory-level students with coordinated curriculum and personalized education and will also provide teachers in the program with staff development time. Mrs. Alderman congratulated Mr. Eggerding and his staff for a tremendous job on revamping this program.

Alternative Program Report

Mr. Eggerding briefly updated the Board on the Alternative Program since its overhaul in 2005, praising its dedicated staff. He also discussed two recently-added options to students, the Ombudsman program and Class.com. South Campus Associate Principal, Therese Nelson, introduced the following Alternative Program staff members: Amy Velasquez, Program Coordinator; Antaash Umar, English/Math instructor in the program; and Jenny Fanta, Social Worker. Mr. Purcell praised the Alternative Program staff for doing a great job.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 9: Construction Projects for Summer 2008

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Purcell, to approve proposed construction projects #1, #2, and #5: remodeling of the South Campus Library, remodeling of the Simulator Room to become the Athletic

Training facility, and the installation of a fully automated, timer-controlled sprinkler system for West Athletic Field.

On roll call:

Ayes: Dr. Sprague, Mr. Purcell, Mrs. Alderman, Dr. Polacek, Mr. Polich, Mr. Pera
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Kohlstedt

The motion was adopted.

The Board decided to postpone remodeling the current South Campus athletic training room into two classrooms until a determination can be made whether to utilize that area for additional locker room space.

ACTION NO. 10: Summer Programs Report

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to approve the recommendations for the 2008 Summer Programs.

On roll call:

Ayes: Mrs. Alderman, Mr. Polich, Dr. Polacek, Dr. Sprague, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Pera
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Kohlstedt

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Eggerding mentioned that the Summer Programs have grown over the past years and that online registration will be available for both the summer academic and activity programs. Room assignments have been adjusted so as not to interfere with the South Campus summer remodeling work.

ACTION NO. 11: South Campus Chiller/HVAC Equipment Bid

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to award the bids for the purchase of an air conditioning chiller from Thermo Systems for \$110,600.00 and a cooling tower from Maddock Industries for \$25,373.00.

On roll call:

Ayes: Dr. Sprague, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Polich, Dr. Polacek, Mrs. Alderman, Mr. Pera
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Kohlstedt

The motion was adopted.

School Board Calendar for January 2008

The Board scheduled upcoming committee meeting dates for the month of January.

ACTION NO. 12: Approval of Consent Agenda

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

LTHS Monthly Financials

Approval of Lyons Township High School monthly bills in the amount of \$4,868,137.20.

Approval of Lyons Township High School financial statement for the month ending November 30, 2007.

LADSE Financials

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$1,446,822.71.

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education financial statement for the month ending November 30, 2007.

HUMAN RESOURCES

LTHS Buildings/Grounds, Classified/Non-Contractual, and/or ParaEducator Staff

Resignation

Joseph Genna, Jr., South Campus Locker Room/Student Assistant, effective November 27, 2007.

Karen Hagl, North Campus Physical Education-Pool ParaEducator, effective December 21, 2007.

Megan Mastroianni, South Campus Transition ParaEducator, effective January 8, 2008.

LTHS Administrative and/or Certified Staff

Leaves of Absence

Annette Orrico, Science, April 7, 2008 – June 6, 2008.

LADSE

Employment

Eva Pilch - 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local funding program, beginning November 19, 2007.

Laurie Orr - 1.0 DHH Interpreter, subject to the Local funding program, beginning November 26, 2007.

Katrina Saieg - 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local funding program, beginning December 4, 2007.

Catherine Aro - 1.0 Occupational Therapist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning December 10, 2007.

Deeona Jindra - 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local funding program, beginning December 6, 2007.

Leave of Absence

Shari Holt - .8 Speech Language Pathologist, effective 3/3/2008.

Amy Laskowski - 1.0 School Psychologist, effective April 10, 2008.

Carrie Smith - 1.0 Teacher, effective February 4, 2008.

Sheila Bryck - 1.0 Speech Language Pathologist, effective March 31, 2008.

Regina Ortiz-Anderson - 1.0 Occupational Therapist, effective December 11, 2007.

Minutes:

Regular Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions – November 19, 2007

Curriculum Committee of the Whole – December 4, 2007

Superintendent’s Search Ad Hoc Committee – December 6, 2007

Facilities Committee – December 7, 2007

Curriculum Committee – December 12, 2007

ACT Test Prep Class Salary Increase

Illinois Junior Classical League Convention

WLTL Trip to Intercollegiate Broadcast System Conference

Additional 2007 Summer School Graduates

College Board Membership Dues, 11/01/07-10/31/08

Disposal of Surplus Property

Model United Nations Club Competition

On roll call:

Ayes: Dr. Polacek, Mr. Purcell, Mrs. Alderman, Dr. Sprague, Mr. Polich, Mr. Pera
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Kohlstedt

The motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 13: Adjournment into Closed Session

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss confidential student and personnel issues and potential litigation.

On roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Polich, Dr. Polacek, Dr. Sprague, Mr. Purcell, Mrs. Alderman, Mr. Pera
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Kohlstedt

The motion was adopted, and at 8:34 p.m., Mr. Pera adjourned the meeting into Closed Session.

At 9:45 p.m., the meeting reconvened in Open Session.

ACTION NO. 14: Out-of-District Residency Settlement Agreement

Mrs. Alderman moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve the out-of-district residency settlement agreement concerning Students #397xxx and #391xxx

On roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Purcell, Mr. Polich, Dr. Polacek, Mrs. Alderman, Dr. Sprague, Mr. Pera
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Kohlstedt

The motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 15: Student #397xxx

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to approve the expulsion of Student #397xxx, effective immediately through June 12, 2008, the end of second semester of the 2007-2008 school term (not including 2008 summer session). However, the expulsion will be held in abeyance, allowing the student to return to school, contingent on Student #397xxx and parents adhering to the terms of a mutually agreed-upon behavior contract.

On roll call:

Ayes: Dr. Sprague, Mr. Purcell, Mrs. Alderman, Dr. Polacek, Mr. Polich, Mr. Pera
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Kohlstedt

The motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 16: Adjournment

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to adjourn the meeting.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

President:

Secretary: