

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM
MONDAY, JUNE 18, 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>

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Dennis Kelly	Ms. Joyce Marine	Mr. Scott Eggerding
Mr. Dave Franson	Mr. David Sellers	Ms. Jennifer Bialobok

VISITORS PRESENT

None signed in

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pera called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ACTION NO. 1: Agenda Approval/Order of Business

With the addition to the agenda of “Additional Employment for Select Support Personnel,” Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to approve the agenda as amended.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 2: Adjournment into Closed Session

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss confidential student information and the acquisition or sale of real property.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted and at 7:02 p.m., Mr. Pera adjourned the meeting into Closed Session.

At 7:40 p.m., the meeting reconvened in Open Session.

OPEN SESSION – COMMUNICATIONS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT

Dr. Kelly provided the Board with a summary of this year's School District's goals, saying that many of the goals necessitated making adjustments within our system, gathering data, and setting a focus. He emphasized the importance of the changes in IT and Testing and Assessment, which will allow us to make decisions and recommendations based on data rather than just perceptions and assumptions. We will increase the number of students we ask to "stretch" to take higher-level classes and will ask to consolidate academic goals for next year, possibly working through a committee. Mr. Pera suggested that next year, each Board committee review the goals that are applicable to the corresponding committee; doing this four times a year should enable the Board to better monitor the progress of the goals. Dr. Kelly recommended that before the 2007-2008 school year begins, the Board and Administration should meet to determine next year's goals. Dr. Kelly additionally stated that students will be surveyed in October regarding school climate.

Resolution Honoring LT Boys' State Tennis Doubles Team

The Board acknowledged the resolution honoring Dave Robare and John Smits, along with their coaches, Bill Wham, Paul Krick, and Ron Leban, for finishing the season with a first-place win in Boys' Doubles Tennis at the IHSA State Boys' Tennis meet in May 2007.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 3: Classified/Non-Contractual Employees' Handbook

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve the Classified/Non-Contractual Employees' Handbook.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 4: Classified/Non-Contractual Supervisors' Handbook

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to approve the Classified/Non-Contractual Supervisors' Handbook.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 5: Student #397xxx

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to hold in abeyance the expulsion hearing of Student #397xxx provided that Student #397xxx and his parents abide by the terms contained in the Settlement Agreement, including that the Student will not seek re-enrollment in the School District through the conclusion of the 2007-2008 school year.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 6: Matching Funds Arrangement with West Central Cable Agency

Mr. Polich moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve an increase in the FY2007-2008 LTTV program equipment budget in the Educational Fund in the amount of \$96,000, contingent upon \$48,000 of revenue to be received from the West Central Cable Agency.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

Prior to the vote, discussion ensued about the necessity and benefit of new cameras to the educational experience of students involved in LTTV. Mr. Sellers reassured the Board that expending additional dollars would not take away from other education programs. Some Board members questioned whether Riverside-Brookfield High School should contribute their fair share, since they use some of our equipment. Mr. Polich asked to review the fund balance of Comcast. Mr. Eggerding promised to provide information about LTTV classes and programs to the Board.

ACTION NO. 7: Construction Change Orders

Mr. Kohlstedt moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to 1) approve change order credit amounts with The Kenneth Company totaling \$24,280.20 and 2) authorize the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$9,160.00 to First Fence Inc. for the fencing improvements previously included in the contract with The Kenneth Company.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 8: Real Estate Consulting Services

Mr. Kohlstedt moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to contract the real estate consulting services of Belcaster Realty Group, LLC.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Belcaster will evaluate land adjacent to our Willow Springs property.

ACTION NO. 9: Additional Summer Employment

Dr. Sprage moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve two days of employment for the two vocational program coordinators and the two inclusion facilitators in our Special Education Department and two days of employment prior to the opening of the 2007-2008 school year for Amy Velasquez, Director of the Alternative Program.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

The combined additional cost amounts to \$4400 and will allow a smoother, more prepared start to the programs at the beginning of the school year.

End-of-Year Summary

Mr. Franson highlighted the 2006-2007 school year for the Board and reflected on what may come in the 2007-2008 year. He first acknowledged Jennifer Bialobok for coordinating *Matters of Pride*, which details LT's many academic and co-curricular accomplishments throughout the school year. He noted that this year we continued to build a culture of reading through the Literary Lions Book Club, ESP, and the summer reading list. The first year of the pre-paid lunch program was also very successful. When asked to comment on the school climate, Mr. Franson responded that our school climate is a "positive of LT" and that more students are reporting questionable behavior, allowing administrators to react. Mr. Kohlstedt requested information on the utilization of the Performing Arts Center and whether we can monitor how many students are involved in clubs and connected to LT; Mr. Eggerding said that once the current data collection system is cleaned up, data will be collected and compared. Mr. Polich asked to view comparisons among comparable schools regarding numbers of suspensions and expulsions.

Annual Review of Prohibited Gifts – Ethics Officer Policy 4.08.2

As stipulated in the Board policy, Prohibited Gifts – Ethics Officer Policy 4.08.2 must be reviewed on an annual basis. Mr. Sellers reported that many staff members successfully completed the quiz on prohibited gifts. Dr. Sprague suggested that perhaps students and parents should be made aware of the policy; Ms. Bialobok answered that although the policy has been mentioned in the fall school newsletter, but next year it will be included in both the fall and spring issues. Mr. Polich suggested possibly posting the policy on the school website.

School Board Calendar for August 2007

Mr. Pera suggested that prior to Board meetings, committee chairs should talk to administrators to set a few workable dates. He also mentioned that not every committee needs to meet before every Board meeting and that committee meetings should not be all scheduled the week before a Board meeting. The Board then scheduled some committee meeting dates for the month of August 2007.

ACTION NO. 10: 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 \$4,247,617.71.

Approval of Lyons Township High School financial statement for the month ending May 31, 2007.

LADSE Financials

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$1,937,032.31.

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education financial statement for the month ending May 31, 2007

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Employment

Dawn Cimmino, North Campus Weekend Security, effective May 26, 2007.

Steve Hernandez, North Campus Weekend Security, effective June 9, 2007.

David LaBarbera, North Campus Maintenance, effective June 11, 2007.

Sherilyn Monkemeier, South Campus, Fine Arts, Choral Accompanist ParaEducator, effective August 23, 2007.

Reemployment

Pamela Brock, North Campus Special Education ParaEducator, having completed the NCLB approval requirements, effective August 16, 2007.

Aurora Colon, North Campus Special Education ParaEducator, having completed the NCLB approval requirements, effective August 16, 2007.

Darwin DePina, South Campus Special Education ParaEducator, having completed the NCLB approval requirements, effective August 16, 2007.

Clarissa Gonzalez, South Campus ESL ParaEducator, having completed the NCLB approval requirements, effective August 16, 2007.

Mary Lempa, South Campus Special Education ParaEducator, having completed the NCLB approval requirements, effective August 16, 2007.

Cynthia Lopez, South Campus Functional ParaEducator, having completed the NCLB approval requirements, effective August 16, 2007.

Margaret McCain, South Campus Special Education ParaEducator, having completed the NCLB approval requirements, effective August 16, 2007.

Mary Ann Rivera, South Campus Special Education ParaEducator, having completed the NCLB approval requirements, effective August 16, 2007.

Linda Sprengel, South Campus Special Education ParaEducator, having completed the NCLB approval requirements, effective August 16, 2007.

Transfer

Marcia Malek, from Administrative Assistant, Level 5, Student Activities, to Administrative Assistant, Level 5, Buildings and Grounds, effective August 1, 2007; wage \$16.68 per hour.

Resignation

Dawn Cimmino, North Campus Weekend Security, effective May 26, 2007.

Bree Torres, Administrative Assistant, Level 5, Buildings and Grounds, effective July 31, 2007.

Retirement

Susan Rice, North Campus, College/Career ParaEducator, effective June 7, 2007.

LTHS Administrative and Certified Staff

Employment

Andrea Collins, Global Studies Division (Social Studies), BA, Step 2, .6 F.T.E., effective August 23, 2007.

Virginia Condon, Language Arts Division (English), MA, Step 10, .6 F.T.E., effective August 23, 2007.

Robert Fichter, Physical Welfare Division, MA, Step 6, 1.0 F.T.E., effective August 23, 2007.

Michael Morrison, Global Studies Division (Social Studies), MA, Step 11, 1.0 F.T.E.

Resignation

Sara Sanchez-Mustapha, Fine Arts Division (Foreign Language), effective June 13, 2007.

Attila J. Weninger, Director of Human Resources, effective June 30, 2007.

LADSE

Employment

Alessandra Messina - .5 ParaEducator (short-term), subject to the Local funding program, beginning May 22, 2007.

Resignations

Amy Durkalski - 1.0 Teacher, effective June 8, 2007.

Pam Flood - .8 Speech Language Pathologist, effective June 8, 2007.

Megan Sergesketter – 1.0 Speech Language Pathologist, effective June 8, 2007.

Sarah Prouty – 1.0 Psychologist, effective June 8, 2007.

Rebecca Novotny – 1.0 Speech Language Pathologist, effective June 8, 2007.

Katie Mulcahy - .45 Speech Language Pathologist, effective June 8, 2007.

Minutes:

Regular Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions – May 21, 2007

Technology Committee – May 31, 2007

Negotiations Committee – Open and Closed Sessions - June 1, 2007

Curriculum Committee of the Whole – June 6, 2007

Negotiations Committee – Open and Closed Sessions - June 12, 2007

Human Resources Committee – June 14, 2007

Resolution of Appointment to DAOES Board of Directors: Scott Eggerding

Award of Bids

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| 1. Yearbook Printing | Walsworth Publishing
(3-year contract) | \$287,917.34 |
| 2. Beverage Vending Machines | Pepsi Americas
(3-year contract) | |

Illinois Association of School Boards 2007-2008 Annual Dues: \$6,731

Administrators' Salaries 2007-2008

National School Boards Association 2007-2008 Annual Dues: \$3700

North Central Association (NCA) Accreditation Dues 2007-2008: \$625

Classified/Non-Contractual Employees' Salaries for 2007-2008: 4%

Donations

1. 1999 Pontiac Sunfire, valued at \$2,600, to the Automotive Programs, by Mr. Wes Rehwoldt.

Stipend Committee Recommendations

1. Theatre Board: Current two stipends increased to 9.0% each
2. Jazz Band: Additional 8% stipend for second jazz band
3. Juggling Club: Eliminate stipend
4. National Hispanic Institute: NHI Head: 3.96%; NHI Assistant: 2.64%
5. Student Council: Sponsor: 20%
6. Boys' Lacrosse: Assistant coach: 14.4%

Prevailing Wage Resolutions for Lyons 204 and LADSE

Township School Treasurer Expenditure

Disposal of Surplus Equipment

National Junior Classical League Convention

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

Before adjourning into Closed Session, Mr. Pera requested that at a later date, Brian Nolan, Director of Student Activities, report back on the effectiveness of the Student Council stipend position.

ACTION NO. 11: Adjournment into Closed Session

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

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted and at 8:55 p.m., Mr. Pera adjourned the meeting into Closed Session.

At 9:40 p.m., the meeting reconvened in Open Session.

ACTION NO. 12: Adjournment

Mr. Polich moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to adjourn the meeting.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

President:

Secretary: