

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204  
 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
 BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM  
 MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007  
 6:30 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>	___
Dr. John T. Polacek	<u>X</u>	___
Mr. Allen D. Polich	<u>X</u>	___
Mr. William F. Purcell	<u>X</u>	___
Mr. Todd M. Shapiro	<u>X</u>	___
Mr. Dan Micek (arrived 7:30 p.m.)	<u>X</u>	___

**STAFF PRESENT**

Dr. Dennis Kelly	Ms. Joyce Marine	Dr. Attila Weninger
Mr. David Sellers	Mr. David Franson	Mr. Scott Eggerding
Ms. Jennifer Bialobok	Ms. Rebecca Rivan	Mr. Ed Tennant
Ms. Leslie Stickels		

**VISITORS PRESENT**

No Visitors Signed In

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Pera called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**ACTION NO. 1: Agenda Approval/Order of Business**

The following changes to the agenda were requested: Unfinished Business, Action Item #1 should read, “2007 Summer Curriculum and Program Development Workshops.” To New Business, Action, add “Extending Enrollment for Special Education Students through their 22<sup>nd</sup> Birthday.” To the Consent Agenda, add “FCCLA National Leadership Conference,” “Strohm Diversity Scholarship,” and “The Patricia Daley Wilson Nursing Scholarship.” Additionally, a student matter listed on the Closed Session agenda will be tabled. Dr. Polacek then moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, 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 confidential student matters including student discipline, a confidential personnel issue, and collective bargaining.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted, and at 6:32 p.m., Mr. Pera adjourned the meeting into Closed Session..

### **OPEN SESSION**

At 7:37 p.m., the meeting reconvened in Open Session with first a moment of silence to honor the memory of the slain Virginia Tech University students followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Faculty Association President Rebecca Rivan welcomed faculty members from the Physical Welfare Division.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT**

Student Representative to the Board Dan Micek shared with the Board that 7,052 items were collected for this year's very successful food drive, the Senior Citizens' Prom is May 6, and Student Council will provide gifts for all LT staff members during Staff Appreciation Week.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT**

Dr. Kelly presented the Board with a written update detailing the progress of the 2006-2007 District Goals.

Additionally, Dr. Kelly told the Board that later on during tonight's meeting, he will ask them to be proactive and take action on an issue that will impact some of our Special Education students by allowing students in our Functional Program to attend LT next school year even though they will soon turn 21-years-old. The current Illinois regulation allows Special Ed students to attend public schools only through their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, However, there is a strong possibility that Illinois lawmakers will vote this summer to extend Special Education students' rights to a public school education until their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Dr. Kelly's proposal to the Board is not only in the best interest of the students, but it will also assist with processing and scheduling our students.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**ACTION NO. 3: 2007 Summer Curriculum and Program Development Workshops – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Mr. Shapiro moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to approve the 2007 Summer Curriculum and Program Development Workshops.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

The District will provide \$14,738.40 toward the cost of the summer workshops with the additional \$9,331.97 being funded through grant monies.

**ACTION NO. 4: Residency Policy – Revised – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Mr. Kohlstedt moved, seconded by Mr. Purcell, to approve the revised Residency Policy and its associated guidelines.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

Dr. Kelly explained that Illinois School Code does not permit interest to be charged on non-resident tuition. He added that non-residency is a big issue for all schools. Mr. Pera stressed the importance of sending to parents a detailed letter explaining the revised Residency policy, to which Dr. Kelly responded that parents will be notified about the policy and its guidelines in a separate mailing. The District's revised guidelines will also be widely publicized to parents and the community via our website, newspapers, and through the associate schools. Because students will have to prove in-district residency prior to or during August registration, Mr. Shapiro asked that the Board be provided with a report at the August or September Board meeting summarizing the effectiveness of providing residency documentation during the registration process.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ACTION NO. 5: Establishment of Regular Board Meeting Dates for May 2007-April 2008**

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve the following regular Board meeting dates:

May 21, 2007	June 18, 2007	August 20, 2007	September 17, 2007
October 15, 2007	November 19, 2007	December 17, 2007	January 22, 2008
February 19, 2008	March 17, 2008	April 21, 2008	

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

The regular Board meetings are scheduled for the third Monday of the month, except for the January 22, 2008 meeting (fourth Tuesday) and the February 19, 2008 meeting (third Tuesday). Open Session will begin at 7:30 p.m.

**ACTION NO. 6: Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Independent Audit**

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Polich, to accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

The audit was prepared by Virchow, Krause & Company.

**ACTION NO. 7: Facilities Improvement and Capital Outlay Recommendations for 2007-2008**

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Polich, to approve the recommended capital outlay purchases and facilities improvement projects for the year 2007-2008.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

The approved action authorizes \$886,695 for capital outlay purchases and \$1,836,390 for facilities improvement projects.

**2007-2008 Textbook/Instructional Material Change Requests – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Mr. Eggerding presented the first reading of the 2007-2008 Textbook/Instructional Material Change Requests, which will have a second reading in May. Priority was given to books five years or older, and \$160,000 in Illinois textbook loans will be accessed. Mr. Sellers was asked to provide information at the next Board meeting about net revenues realized over the past five years from our book rental program.

**ACTION NO. 8: Student #398xxx, Expulsion Hearing Held in Abeyance**

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Mr. Purcell, to hold in abeyance the expulsion hearing of Student #398095; should Student #398xxx attempt to re-enroll at Lyons Township High School prior to the end of the first semester of the 2007-2008 school year, expulsion hearing proceedings will be immediately reinstated.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

**ACTION NO. 9: Professional Appraisal System Oversight Committee Recommendations**

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to approve the recommendations of the Professional Appraisal System (PAS) Oversight Committee.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

These two approved recommendations will be implemented for the 2007-2008 school year.

**ACTION NO. 10: F.T.E. Request 2007-2008**

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve an additional .5 F.T.E. for 2007-2008.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

The approved .5 F.T.E. includes an additional .2 F.T.E. for the African-American Liaison position, an additional .2 F.T.E. for the Alternative Program, and an additional .1 F.T.E. for Special Education.

**ACTION NO. 11: ParaEducator Employee Recommendations**

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve the release of the following ParaEducators at the end of the 2006-2007 school term:

**Addesso, Julie**  
**Baukys, Jazmina**  
**Bennis, Judity**  
**Best, Kathryn**  
**Brock, Pamela**  
**Casey, Carolyn**  
**Cernetig, Victoria**  
**Colon, Aurora**  
**DePina, Darwin**  
**Gavin, Maura**  
**Glennay, Katherine**  
**Gonzalez, Maria**  
**Gonzalez, Clarissa**  
**Harris, Sheldon**  
**Houtman, Marla**  
**Lempa, Mary**  
**Lopez, Cynthia**  
**McCain, Margaret**  
**Mhoon, Season**  
**Murphy, Michael**  
**Pierson, Franklin**  
**Powell, Jennifer**  
**Rivera, Mary Ann**  
**Scanlon, Joe**  
**Semaan, Gregory**  
**Sprenzel, Linda**

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

The released ParaEducators will be re-employed by the District when they have provided to the District the necessary documentation to meet NCLB Approved Status requirements.

**ACTION NO. 12: Extending Enrollment for Special Education Students through their 22<sup>nd</sup> Birthday**

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to allow Special Education students in the Functional Program to attend Lyons Township High School through their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

This Board action allows students in the Functional Program to attend LT for an additional school year.

**School Board Calendar for May 2007**

The Board scheduled committee meetings for the month of May 2007.

Before the Consent Agenda vote, Dr. Kelly congratulated current South Campus Assistant Principal, Ed Piotrowski, on his appointment as North Campus Associate Principal for next school year.

**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 \$4,000,242.71.

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

**LADSE Financials**

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$1,889,311.42.

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

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

**LTHS Buildings/Grounds, Classified, and/or ParaEducator Staff**

Employment

**Robert Ebner**, South Campus Night Foreman; effective no later than May 1, 2007.

Reassignment

**Kim Svozil**, from a Level 5 Administrative Assistant in the College/Career Center to a level 4 Administrative Assistant as Registrar, North Campus, effective July 1, 2007.

Resignation

**Michael Mesich**, South Campus Groundskeeper, effective April 16, 2007.

Intermittent Family Medical and Leave Act

**Barbara Hamilton**, Monday-Friday, half days.

**Sheldon Harris**, ParaEducator, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 03/13/07-05/24/07

**Administrative and/or Certified Staff**

Employment

**Christopher Bass**, Language Arts (English), 1.0 F.T.E., effective August 23, 2007, BA, Step 1.

**Sarah Bien**, Fine Arts (Foreign Language-Mandarin Chinese), .8 F.T.E., effective August 23, 2007, BA, Step 2.

**Kelly Dostal**, South Campus Assistant Principal, effective July 1, 2007, 1.0 F.T.E.

Reassignment

**Julia Brenson**, from Mathematics Teacher to Director of Assessment, effective July 1, 2007.

**Ed Piotrowski**, North Campus Associate Principal, effective July 1, 2007.

Reemployment

**Carlene Kinzie**, Fine Arts (Art), 1.0 F.T.E., effective August 23, 2007, BA, Step 3.

**Nicole Lombardi-Reyes**, Language Arts (English), 1.0 F.T.E., effective August 23, 2007, BA, Step 5.

**Antaash Umar**, Alternative Program, 1.0 F.T.E., effective August 23, 2007, MA, Step 5.

Leaves of Absence

**Kirsten Manthei**, Language Arts (English), 08/27/07-09/14/07.

**Katharine Sullivan**, Language Arts (English), 08/23/07-09/28/07.

**Bill Lanspeary**, Math/Science (Science), Intermittent FMLA, March 7-16, 2007.

**Vicki Reid**, Language Arts (English), 05/26/07-06/08/07

Resignation

**William Frey**, Physical Welfare (Health), effective end of 2006-2007 school year.

**LADSE**

Employment

**Margaret O'Neill** - 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning March 13, 2007.

**Bridget Buending** - 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning March 20, 2007.

**Nancy Hails** - 1.0. Paraeducator, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning March 20, 2007.

**Dianna Argol** - 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning April 3, 2007.

**Monica Mockus** - .4 DHH Interpreter, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning April 9, 2007.

FMLA Leave of Absences

**Sari Haro** - 1.0 Speech/Language Pathologist, effective October 1, 2007 through December 21, 2007.

**Kacey Lazzarotto** - 1.0 ECE Program Coordinator, effective August 27, 2007 through September 28, 2007.

**Sarah Stoodley** - 1.0 Vocational Service Provider, effective September 28, 2007 through January 9, 2008.

Resignations

**Warren Schmakel** - 1.0 ParaEducator effective March 23, 2007

**Eileen Newman** - 1.0 ParaEducator effective March 23, 2007.

**Amanda Janik** - 1.0 DHH Signing Aide effective March 23, 2007.

**Beth Dorfman** - .6 School Psychologist effective June 8, 2007.

**Kate Herakovich** - 1.0 Speech/Language Pathologist effective June 8, 2007.

**Nancy Hogan** - .6 Transition Experience Facilitator effective June 8, 2007.

**James Kupres**-1.0 School Social Worker effective June 8, 2007.

**Dalia Lietuvninkas** - .4 Occupational Therapist effective June 8, 2007.

**Donald Raci** - .5 DHH Guidance Counselor effective June 8, 2007.

**Unemployment Compensation Service Provider: Personnel Planners, Inc.**

**Minutes:**

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

Finance Committee – March 23, 2007

Facilities Committee – April 5, 2007

Human Resources Committee – April 12, 2007

Curriculum Committee – April 12, 2007

**IHSA Membership Renewal 2007-2008**

**Student Teaching Agreements with Cooperating Universities/Colleges**

**Extended Summer Contracts**

**Award of Bids**

1. Combination Locks	Samaco Supply	\$ 25,785.00
2. TI-84+ Graphing Calculators	D&H Distributing Co.	\$ 71,512.50
3. Gym Uniforms	R & M Specialties	\$24,895.00
4. Classroom Furniture	Frank Cooney Company	\$15,861.60
(Student Desks, Teacher Desks & Chairs & File Cabinets)	School Specialty	\$ 7,173.97
5. SC Storm Sewer Repair	C.J. Erickson Plumbing	\$99,940.00

**IAPA Letter of Understanding: SC Student Services Health Office ParaEducator Position**

**FCCLA National Leadership Conference**

**Strohm Diversity Scholarship**

**Patricia Daley Wilson Nursing Scholarship**

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

**ACTION NO. 14: Adjournment into Closed Session**

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss student discipline and a confidential personnel matter.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted, and at 8:45 p.m., Mr. Pera adjourned the meeting into Closed Session.

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

**ACTION NO. 15: Expulsion of Student #395xxx**

Mr. Shapiro moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to expel Student #395xxx through the end of the 2006-2007 school year. Student #395xxx will be allowed to attend the 2007 summer school session beginning on June 18, 2007.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

**ACTION NO. 16: Adjournment**

Mr. Shapiro moved, seconded by Mr. Polich, to adjourn the meeting.

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

President:

Secretary: