

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204
 BOARD OF EDUCATION
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
 BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2007
 7:20 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 7:30pm)	<u>X</u>	—

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Dennis Kelly	Ms. Joyce Marine	Mr. Scott Eggerding
Mr. David Sellers	Ms. Jennifer Bialobok	Mr. Dave Franson
Ms. Amy McNamara	Ms. Joan Stopka	Ms. Leslie Stickels
Ms. Carlene Kinzie	Mr. Ed Tennant	Ms. Zuellen Wiersma
Ms. Marcia Poore	Mr. Mark Dahl	Ms. Meredith Sheriff
Mr. Ron Kiesewetter		

VISITORS PRESENT

Ms. Marilyn Kosin

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pera called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

ACTION NO. 1: Agenda Approval/Order of Business

With the request to pull New Business-Action Item 2, “Out-of-District Residency Settlement,” from the agenda, Mr. Shapiro moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, 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 legal matters and review Closed Session documentation.

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 7:20 p.m., Mr. Pera adjourned the meeting into Closed Session.

At 7:30 p.m., the meeting reconvened in Open Session with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN SESSION – COMMUNICATIONS

The following members of the Fine Arts Division joined Faculty Association Vice President Amy McNamara at tonight's meeting: Joan Stopka, Marcia Poore, Zuellen Wiersma, Carlene Kinzie, Ron Kieseletter, and Mark Dahl.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Student Representative to the Board, Dan Micek, reported that the All-School Assembly received the best response ever from students, who enjoyed seeing the Jesse White tumblers perform. Mr. Micek thanked all who supported the assembly and Pack the Place. He additionally reported that the Diversity Assemblies, one at each campus, went very well. Upcoming Student Council events include the North Campus Blood Drive and the King of Hearts Dance on March 3.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT

Dr. Kelly provided an update on the 2006-2007 School District goals, reporting that school climate and school behavior surveys are being investigated and that different approaches for suspended students will be shared at a later Board meeting. Dr. Kelly also reported that that we're working to increase enrollment in upper-level classes, enrollment in AP classes is being encouraged, a Transition Program survey is being developed, and more options for tutoring are being offered. Regarding the 2006-2007 Technology goal, the IT Department has been reviewing the school's network infrastructure.

Mr. Tennant is also investigating why approximately 900 calls alerting parents that buses would be running late due to freezing temperatures didn't go through via the electronic phone tree.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 3: Award of Summer Work Bids

Mr. Kohlstedt moved, seconded by Mr. Polich, to approve the summer work bids (roof, remodeling projects, ceiling tile, floor tile, curtain divider, asbestos abatement, parking lot resurfacing) as recommended by the Administration, including each of the alternate bids recommended by the school architect if the District budget allows.

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 parking lot resurfacing will be completed by August 20; a plan is in place to ensure that parking will always be available at both campuses throughout the project. School District architect, Dwain Lutzow, indicated that the resurfacing will provide 20-25 years of successful use of the parking lots. Mr. Sellers asked the Board for their acknowledgement to proceed with the bid specs for sewer work, to which the Board gave their ok. Mr. Kohlstedt remarked that the Board was successful in receiving advantageous bid results because they began the process early; the bids fell well within budget.

Retaining Legal Counsel for Residency Issues

Deleted:

The Board chose to table this item.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 4: Return of Title I Funds

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to return Title I funds for the 2006-2007 school year.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Eggerding stated that this is the most opportune time to withdraw from Title I funding, which represents a very small portion of the LT budget: We have made AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) in all areas, we will still submit our School Improvement Plan to the state, and we will continue to measure our progress. Because Title I funding regulation strictly limits the number of students who can benefit from the federal money, returning the funds allows us to better direct our resources toward a great number of students who require additional assistance. At least 67 school districts in Illinois have already removed themselves from federal sanctions by returning Title I funds. Mr. Eggerding additionally assured the Board that returning Title I funds in no way affects Special Education funding.

School Board Calendar for March 2007

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

Prior to Consent Agenda action, Dr. Sprague noted that only the written minutes of the Closed Session portions of Board meetings from June 2006 through December 2006 will be released under the Consent Agenda, and that any recordings of Closed Session during that time period still require confidentiality. Additionally, the Board has determined that the audiotapes of Closed Session meetings of February 23, 2005 through August 15, 2005 can now be destroyed.

Also prior to the Consent Agenda vote, Mr. Kohlstedt inquired whether the amount of time needed to administrate \$500 scholarships is fiscally sensible. Dr. Kelly assured the Board that administrative time spent on the scholarships is minimal and indeed beneficial.

ACTION NO. 5: 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 \$4,249,790.74.

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

LADSE Financials

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$1,372,401.80.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Employment

Michael Ash, Systems Technician, North Campus, effective March 5, 2007.

Daniel Godfrey, Systems Technician, North Campus, effective February 26, 2007.

Termination

Edward Smith, Student Assistant, North Campus, effective February 21, 2007.

LTHS Administrative and/or Certified Staff

Leaves of Absence

Vikki Reid, English teacher, for the 2007-2008 school term.

Lorena Samaniego Lagis, Art teacher, first semester of the 2007-2008 school term (08/23/07-01/17/08).

Sara Sanchez-Mustapha, Foreign Language teacher, from February 9, 2007 through April 20, 2007.

Resignation

Natalie Carlson, Business Education teacher, effective June 8, 2007.

Alma Preciado, Foreign Language teacher, effective June 8, 2007.

Emma Zone, English teacher, effective June 8, 2007.

LADSE

Employment

Sandra Farmer - 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning January 24, 2007.

Michael Lopez - .5 ParaEducator, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning January 23, 2007.

Eileen Newman – 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning January 24, 2007.

Hannah Markko – 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning January 29, 2007.

Richard Weinert – 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning February 2, 2007.

Mary Sanders - .5 ParaEducator, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning February 5, 2007.

Leaves of Absence

Victoria Schwarz - .8 School Psychologist, effective May 11, 2007 through June 8, 2007.

Beatriz McGuire - .2 Occupational Therapist, effective March 1, 2007 through June 8, 2007.

FMLA Leave of Absence

Keri Federici – 1.0 ParaEducator, effective January 29, 2007.

Resignations

Megan Kirby - 1.0 ParaEducator, effective January 26, 2007.

Jorie Kaspar – 1.0 ParaEducator, effective February 2, 2007.

Angela Wolz - 1.0 ParaEducator, effective February 1, 2007.

Diane Kaczmarek - 1.0 ParaEducator, effective January 30, 2007.

Minutes:

Regular Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions – January 22, 2007

Curriculum Committee – February 6, 2007

Facilities Committee – February 7, 2007

January 2007 Graduates

Lion Trip to NSPA/JEA Journalism Convention

TAB Trip to NSPA/JEA Journalism Convention

Astronomy Trip to Observatories of Arizona

Close Up Washington, D.C. Trip 2007

Congressional Debate IHSA & ICDA State Tournaments

Michael Ross Anderson Memorial Theatre Scholarship

Jenna Johnson Memorial Scholarship

League of Women Voters of LaGrange Area Scholarship

Robert Straube Memorial Art Scholarship

The Kathleen Warble Memorial Scholarship

Release of Closed Session Documentation:

June 19, 2006	August 21, 2006	September 18, 2006
October 16, 2006	November 20, 2006	December 18, 2006

Approval to Destroy Recorded Closed Session Documentation:

February 23, 2005	February 28, 2005	March 14, 2005
March 21, 2005	April 11, 2005	April 12, 2005
April 18, 2005	April 26, 2005	April 29, 2005
May 11, 2005	May 16, 2005	June 1, 2005
June 14, 2005	June 20, 2005	August 11, 2005
August 15, 2005		

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.

ACTION NO. 6: Adjournment into Closed Session

Mr. Polich moved, seconded by Mr. Kohlstedt, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss confidential personnel matters and potential litigation.

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, and at 8:22 p.m., Mr. Pera adjourned the meeting into Closed Session.

At 9:10 p.m., the meeting reconvened in Open Session.

ACTION NO. 7: Adjournment

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to adjourn the meeting.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

President:

Secretary: