

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204
 BOARD OF EDUCATION
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
 BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009
 6:45 p.m.

<u>BOARD OF EDUCATION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
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>	---
Mr. Kevin McDermott (arrived 7:30pm)	<u>X</u>	---

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Dennis Kelly	Ms. Joyce Marine	Mr. Scott Eggerding
Dr. Tim Kilrea	Mr. David Sellers	Mr. Dave Franson
Ms. Jennifer Bialobok	Mr. Ed Tennant	Mr. Jeremy Vrtis
Ms. Joan F. Stopka	Ms. Leslie Stickels	Ms. Zuellen Wiersma
Ms. Jane Ewing	Ms. Marcia J. Poore	

VISITORS PRESENT

Ms. Victoria Franzese Mr. Raju Patel

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Pera at 6:45 p.m.

ACTION NO. 1: Agenda Approval/Order of Business

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

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 personnel matters and to review Closed Session documentation

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On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted, and at 6:45 p.m., Mr. Pera adjourned the meeting into Closed Session.

At 7:34 p.m., the meeting reconvened in Open Session with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN SESSION – COMMUNICATIONS

Faculty Association President Jeremy Vrtis thanked the Board and Dr. Kelly for recognizing Jeanne Pakovits with the Vita Plena award a few months ago. He then asked the following staff members from the Fine Arts Division to introduce themselves: Joan Stopka, Mary Rohlicek, Kris Scriba, Zuellen Wiersma, Marcia Poore and Jane Ewing.

Area resident and LT alum, Victoria Franzese, requested that as part of a good government agenda, the Board consider posting the District's accounts payables on the LT website in a pdf format. Mr. Sellers responded that Ms. Franzese's request would be simple to honor; however, he asked that any questions or concerns from the public regarding the financial information posted be first brought to the Business Office for clarification. Mr. Sellers assured the Board that the accounts payable information is all public information and that posting it on our website would be a service to the community.

Mr. Pera added that the accounts payable information will likely be posted on our website following the March Board meeting.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Student Representative to the Board, Kevin McDermott, reported the following LT activities: the February 6th annual All-School Assembly has been broadcast on LTTV; the Relay for Life garage sale netted about \$5,000; WLTL's Rockathon realized \$16,000+ during the 88.1 hours on the radio, and the proceeds will be used for equipment and keeping the station open; *Annie Get Your Gun* will be presented February 19-22; famed jazz trombonist Tom Garling will perform on Feb. 24; and LT's last home basketball game is against Hinsdale Central on Feb. 27.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT

Dr. Kelly presented the Vita Plena award to Assistant Principal, Kris Costopoulos. Ms. Costopoulos began her LT career ten years ago as Director of Student Activities. Bringing all LT students together for the All-School Assembly was her brainchild. Ms. Costopoulos was also the originator of Relay for Life at LT, where last year over \$100,000 was raised by hundreds of LT students who have become involved with this charitable endeavor. In 2005, Ms. Costopoulos became an Assistant Principal, where she has proven to be

a great communicator who can work effectively with our most troubled students. Dr. Kelly praised “Miss C” for having a positive impact and never giving up on hundreds of students.

Ms. Costopoulos responded that she’s grateful to be a part of LT and that she enjoys working at the school. After thanking the Board for supporting the All-School Assembly, she introduced her father and aunt along with several friends who were in the audience.

Dr. Kelly next discussed the reality that future budget reductions will need to be instituted in order to be proactive in dealing with the .1% CPI that will affect LT’s future revenues, especially starting with the 2010-2011 school year. He praised the Board for being fiscally prudent and stressed the importance of being flexible and cautious about the future. At the April 20th Board meeting, suggestions for budget reductions will be presented to the full Board.

SUPERINTENDENT’S SEARCH

Mr. Pera shared that five outstanding candidates will be interviewed the week of February 23 and that a new superintendent will probably be named no later than the March 16th Board meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 3: 2009-2010 Textbook/Instructional Material Change Requests

Mr. Purcell moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve all requests and budget figures as presented regarding the 2009-2010 Textbook/Instructional Material Change Requests.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Eggerding reported that this second reading has very few changes from last month’s first reading. An unexpected benefit is that the Illinois Textbook Loan Program has decided to alter its textbook loan cycle, which will allow LT to qualify for state textbook loan monies this year; as a result, we will now be able to access \$148,731.73 of state-provided textbook funds. Mr. Sellers added that LT does a good job of repairing textbooks and replacing them when necessary.

Summer Reading and Math Program Review

As directed by the Board, Mr. Eggerding reviewed the class grades and test scores in English and Math for those students who participated in the Summer Reading and Math Experience courses. What he discovered was that the impact of the summer courses was insignificant despite the significant Board financial contribution to offer quality summer remedial/enrichment classes to those students who could

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benefit from additional instruction. Additionally, only a very small percentage of students who qualified for the programs enrolled in them. Mr. Eggerding recommended that the Summer Reading and Math Experience courses be discontinued for the summer of 2009 and instead suggested that the school offer courses more closely aligned to freshmen courses during the summer of 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 4: Independent Audit of Fiscal Year 2007-2008

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Polich, to approve the 2007-2008 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

This report was prepared for Lyons Township High School by Virchow Krause & Company. Dr. Sprague noted that the auditor was highly complimentary of Mr. Sellers and his department.

Advanced Placement Scholars

Mr. Eggerding reviewed with the Board LT's 2007-2008 AP Scholar information as provided by the College Board. He was proud to report that 194 students qualified for Scholar status and that 586 students took AP exams. Mr. Kohlstedt emphasized that students who score well on AP tests realize astounding college tuition savings. Mr. Polich noted the increase over the years in the number of students who take the tests.

School Board Calendar for March 2009

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

Prior to the Consent Agenda vote, Dr. Sprague stated that after reviewing the Closed Session documentation, the Board determined that only the written minutes of the Closed Session portions of Board meetings from June 2008 through December 2008 would be released under the Consent Agenda and that any recordings of Closed Session during that time period would still require confidentiality. The Board additionally determined that audiotapes of Closed Session meetings of February 2007 through June 2007 could now be destroyed.

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 \$5,061,719.73.

Approval of Lyons Township High School financial statement for the month ending January 31, 2009.

LADSE Financials

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$1,627,816.28.

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education financial statement for the month ending January 31, 2009.

HUMAN RESOURCES

**LTHS Buildings and Grounds, Classified/Non-Contractual, and
ParaEducator Staff Employment Recommendations**

Employment

Michael Crotty, South Campus Buildings and Grounds Temporary Custodian, effective February 5, 2009.

Reassignment

Celyce Dombro, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Human Resources (Certified), effective February 23, 2009.

Ofelia Enciso, from Buildings and Grounds South Campus Temporary Custodiana to a Full-Time North Campus Custodian, effective February 2, 2009.

Thomas Cozza, from a Buildings and Grounds South Campus Temporary Custodian to a Full-Time South Campus Custodian, effective February 9, 2009.

Family and Medical Leave of Absence

Zofia Walkosz-Strzelec, Buildings and Grounds Custodian, effective January 29, 2009.

Retirement

Jerry Brassel, South Campus Buildings and Grounds Custodian, effective April 30, 2009.

Resignation

Jose Feliciano, Buildings and Grounds Custodian, effective January 30, 2009.

Season Mhoon, South Campus Special Education ParaEducator, effective February 19, 2009.

Juan Rodriquez, Buildings and Grounds Temporary Custodian, effective January 30, 2009.

LTHS Administrative and Certified Staff Employment Recommendations

Employment

Cindy Herrera, Physical Welfare Department, Health (2nd semester), .3 F.T.E.

Reassignment

Andrew Newcomb, Global Studies Division, reassigned as the Assistant Division Chair, effective August 20, 2009.

Resignation

Julia Brenson, Assessment and Research, effective June 30, 2009 (to be reassigned to the classroom).

Renee Castro, Foreign Language, effective June 5, 2009.

LADSE Staff Employment Recommendations

Employment

Laura Sicignano – 1.0 DHH Interpreter, subject to the Local funding program, beginning January 20, 2009.

Jessica Vilchis – 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local funding program, beginning January 26, 2009.

Leaves of Absence

Katherine Pennacchio - 1.0 Teacher, effective January 5, 2009.

Katrina Saieg – 1.0 ParaEducator, effective February 2, 2009 for approximately 4-6 weeks.

Resignations

Cassandra Grissom - 1.0 ParaEducator, effective February 5, 2009.

Minutes:

Special Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions – January 19, 2009
Regular Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions – January 20, 2009
Special Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions – January 26, 2009
Finance Committee – February 4, 2009
Curriculum Committee – February 11, 2009
Human Resources Committee – February 12, 2009

January 2009 Graduates

Issue Notice to Remedy

Release of Closed Session Documentation

Closed Session Minutes Approved for Release

June 16, 2008	August 18, 2008	September 15, 2008
October 20, 2008	November 17, 2008	November 24, 2008
December 4, 2008	December 15, 2008	

Closed Session Audiotapes to be Destroyed

February 20, 2007	March 6, 2007	March 12, 2007
March 19, 2007	April 5, 2007	April 12, 2007
April 16, 2007	May 2, 2007	May 3, 2007
May 21, 2007	June 1, 2007	June 12, 2007
June 14, 2007	June 18, 2007	

Personnel Agreement between School District and District Employee

Scholarships

1. Marilyn Kendall Memorial Scholarship

TAB Trip to NSPA/JEA Spring 2009 Convention

Award of Bids

1. Photography Services Root/HR Imaging Photography 3-year contract
2. NC Pool Locker Room
Locker Replacement Lyon Workplace Products \$47,976.00
Tile Replacement Johnson Floor Company \$47,348.00

Italian Exchange Program Trip – March-April 2010

Congressional Debate Trips – March & April 2009

Retirement Celebration 2008-2009

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 6: 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 8:31 p.m.

President:

Secretary: