

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204
 BOARD OF EDUCATION
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
 BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM
 MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009
 6:30 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRESENT

ABSENT

Mr. Mark N. Pera, President	<u>X</u>	—
Mr. John T. Polacek, Vice President	<u>X</u>	—
Dr. Arthur W. Sprague, Jr., Secretary	<u>X</u>	—
Mrs. Heather H. Alderman	<u>X</u>	—
Dr. George R. Dougherty	<u>X</u>	—
Mr. William F. Purcell (arrived 7:05pm)	<u>X</u>	—
Mr. Todd M. Shapiro	<u>X</u>	—
Mr. Kevin McDermott (arrived 7:30pm)	<u>X</u>	—

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Dennis Kelly	Ms. Joyce Marine	Mr. David Sellers
Dr. Tim Kilrea	Mr. David Franson	Mr. Scott Eggerding
Ms. Jennifer Bialobok	Mr. Jeremy Vrtis	Mr. Bob Sherman
Mr. Ed Tennant	Mr. Dave Paske	

VISITORS PRESENT

No one signed in.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pera called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ACTION NO. 1: Adjournment into Closed Session

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss confidential personnel matters.

On roll call:

- Ayes: Mr. Shapiro, Dr. Sprague, Mrs. Alderman, Dr. Polacek, Mr. Dougherty, Mr. Pera
- Nays: None
- Abstain: None
- Absent: Mr. Purcell

The motion was adopted, and at 6:30 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.

ACTION NO. 2 Agenda Approval/Order of Business

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

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

OPEN SESSION – COMMUNICATIONS

Faculty Association President Jeremy Vrtis welcomed the following members of the Special Education Department: Chris Foley, Olga Boutov, Joe Pepitone, Mike Detzner, Nekeia Wilson, Scott Yount, Brian Murray, Tiz Lambert, Susan Lawson, Dave Paske, Sabrina Beaudry, Joan Crawford, Dan McCarthy, Bill Soltys, Danielle Poczatek, Neil Goldman, Gail White, Karen DalPorto, Bridget Martino, Allison Sandor, Nora Bowker and Rosemarie Ulrich.

Former LT Principal, John L. Young, thanked Dr. Kelly for “taking a chance” and hiring him in 1994. He expressed his sincere gratitude to Dr. Kelly, not only for his treasured friendship, but for being “like a brother.” Mr. Young presented Dr. Kelly with a clock to signify the time he will now have in retirement to pursue his other interests. Dr. Kelly thanked Mr. Young for being a “wonderful guy” who lives by the motto he instilled in the students at LT during his tenure: to be a friend and to make LT the friendliest school in the nation.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

For Kevin McDermott’s final report as 2008-2009 Student Representative to the Board of Education, he reported the following: the Eurythmics performance was wonderful, both boys’ and girls’ water polo teams won sectionals, the Psych Fair will be the evening of May 26, a guitar recital is scheduled for May 28, Baccalaurate is on May 31 and Graduation is June 7. Mr. McDermott thanked the Board for his opportunity to serve as the Student Representative. Mr. Pera remarked that Mr. McDermott was a very articulate Student Rep and that his contributions were greatly appreciated.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT

First, Dr. Kelly praised Kevin McDermott for the maturity he has displayed as Student Representative to the Board and then presented him with a plaque from the Illinois Association of School Boards for his service to the LT Board.

Next, Dr. Kelly recognized Student Assistant Tom Kazda as the recipient of the May Vita Plena award, remarking that Mr. Kazda exemplifies the image we try to portray with our student assistants. Attending many extra-curricular school events just to support students and being familiar with the names of most North Campus students, Mr. Kazda has shown a lot of compassion and understanding for students during his ten years of employment at LT; he has even compiled sports clippings as a way of highlighting some students who normally wouldn’t be acknowledged. Mr. Kazda responded by noting that he has never received any greater job satisfaction than from his job at LT and that his position at the school has provided him the opportunity to be a positive force in students’ lives. Mr. Kazda also acknowledged his wife, Lavetta, also an LT employee, for her influence on students.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 3: 2009-2010 Late Arrival Dates and Professional Learning Communities

Mrs. Alderman moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to approve the amended 2009-2010 school calendar, denoting late start days, school improvement days and Institute Days, which reflect implementation of Professional Learning Communities.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 4: Special Education Program Coordinator FTE Request

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve the additional .5 FTE for the position of Special Education Program Coordinator.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

Dr. Kilrea remarked that the position will be closely monitored to see if this increase will impact the work load.

Humanities Program Presentation

Karen Raino, Gretchen Kulat, Gina Wuttke, Amy McNamara and John Cronfel, all teachers in the Humanities Program, presented a PowerPoint presentation depicting the first year of this student program. Students involved in the freshman-level Humanities courses attend classes in English, Reading and World History in three-hour blocks of time, which allow for the teaching of interdisciplinary units and implementation of projects covering cross-curricular skills. Mrs. Alderman labeled the program “fabulous” and Ms. McNamara noted the instructors’ appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to be involved in this innovative curricular program.

NEW BUSINESS

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Grant Award

On behalf of Don Stone, sales manager of Cintas First Aid and Safety, Athletic Director John Grundke announced that Lyons Township High School is one of 100 (out of 600) schools that applied for and will receive a complimentary automated external defibrillator from Cintas. The donation is part of a national grant program to promote awareness of sudden cardiac arrest and provide schools with greater access to lifesaving AED technology.

Administering Medications to Students at School Policy 5.14.1 – Revised – First Reading

School nurses Debbie Clay and Julie Loftus brought forth this first reading of our school policy and medication authorization form that require updating to keep us in compliance regarding self-administration of asthma medication. The paragraph regarding “stock medication” will be removed from the procedures/guidelines of the authorization form for the second reading next month and will be updated at a later date. The Board will again review and then adopt this revised policy at the June meeting.

English IV Advanced Placement Literature and Composition Textbook Change Requests – First Reading

Mr. Eggerding presented as a first reading the textbook change requests for next year’s English IV AP Literature and Composition course. The books will be on display for one month, and these change requests will again be presented to the Board as a second reading in June.

ACTION NO. 5 2008-2009 Amended School Calendar

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to approve the 2008-2009 amended school calendar.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

The amended '08-'09 calendar has removed all emergency days and shows 176 accumulated days as required by law to qualify for general state aid.

ACTION NO. 6: Resolution to Intervene in Property Tax Objection

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Tax Objection Complaint Proceedings Pending in the Circuit Court of Cook County.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

A favorable outcome for the District in this UPS tax objection intervention could provide an additional \$200,000+ in revenue per year for all future years.

April 15, 2009 LTCAC Meeting Consensus

Lyons Township Community Advisory Council Co-Chairman, Marilyn Kosin, shared with the Board recommendations/comments from the April 15, 2009 Lyons Township Community Advisory Council meeting regarding the future of LT as the new superintendent takes the leadership reins. Ms. Kosin emphasized that LT's pride and tradition and its wonderful diverse programs provide the basis for the feelings of pride of many LTCAC members. Ms. Kosin then invited the Board to attend the annual LTCAC dinner meeting on May 20, 2009. feelings

School Board Calendar for June 2009

The Board scheduled committee meeting dates for the month of June 2009.

ACTION NO. 7: 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 \$4,671,963.63.

Approval of Lyons Township High School financial statement for the month ending April 30, 2009

LADSE Financials

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$2,007,206.70.

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education financial statement for the month ending April 30, 2009.

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Employment

Bradley Meath, South Campus Weekend Security, effective May 8, 2009.

Intermittent Family Medical Leave Act

Josephine Hagle, North Campus Duplication Technician, effective for the 2009-2010 school year.

Retirement

Patricia Sup, South Campus ParaEducator, effective June 4, 2009.

Resignation

Zofia Szkodon, Temporary Custodian at North Campus, effective April 17, 2009.

LTHS Administrative and Certified Staff Employment Recommendations

Resignation

Paige Beaumont, Applied Technology Department, effective June 5, 2009.

Brian Nolan, Director of Student Activities, effective June 30, 2009.

LADSE Staff Employment Recommendations

Employment

Tara Moore - 1.0 Speech/Language Pathologist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 17, 2009.

Non-Renewal

Carol Braun - 1.0 Educational Support Staff, effective June 30, 2009 (revision to correct erroneous termination date on original letter dated March 17, 2009).

Termination

Katrina Saieg - 1.0 ParaEducator, effective May 5, 2009.

Minutes:

Regular Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions – April 20, 2009

Special Meeting: Board Reorganization – May 4, 2009

Committee Meeting of the Whole – May 7, 2009

Curriculum Committee – May 12, 2009

Human Resources Committee – May 12, 2009

2009 (Unofficial) Graduates

2008-2009 Retirement Celebration Report

Award of Bids

1. Classroom/Office Furniture	Lowery McDonnell Company	\$32,877.10
2. TI-84+ Graphing Calculators	D & H Distributing Company	\$52,486.50
3. Printing of Student Newspaper	Regional Publishing Corporation (3-yr. contract)	
4. Gym Uniforms	A & R Screening	\$22,630.00
5. SC Boys Athletic Shower Room	Riverside Plumbing	\$28,600.00

Western Springs-Hinsdale Kiwanis Club Scholarship

2009-2010 Classified/Non-Contractual Employee Handbook

On roll call:

- Ayes: Mr. Shapiro, Dr. Sprague, Mr. Purcell, Mrs. Alderman, Dr. Polacek, Mr. Dougherty,
Mr. Pera
- Nays: None
- Abstain: None
- Absent: None

The motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 8: Adjournment

Mr. Shapiro moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to adjourn the meeting.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

President:

Secretary: