

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204
 BOARD OF EDUCATION
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
 BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM
 MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009
 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>	—
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. Tim Kilrea	Ms. Joyce Marine	Mr. Scott Eggerding
Mr. David Sellers	Mr. David Franson	Ms Jennifer Bialobok
Mr. Ed Tennant	Mr. Jeremy Vrtis	Ms. Leslie Stickels

VISITORS PRESENT

Mr. Steve Dorris	Ms. M.J. Dorris	Mr. Sean McKeon
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CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pera called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 student and personnel issues.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted, and at 6:35 p.m., Mr. Pera adjourned the meeting into Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION

At 7:37 p.m., the meeting reconvened in Open Session with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Pera reported that because Dr. Kelly was not available to attend tonight's meeting, Dr. Kilrea would be assisting with the evening's agenda.

ACTION NO. 2: Agenda Approval/Order of Business

With the request to pull New Business Action Items #5 and #6 until after the second Closed Session, Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to approve the agenda as amended.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Steve Dorris, parent of a freshman daughter currently enrolled in the Alternative Program, discussed his concern about recent changes in the program. He stated that the Alternative Program exemplifies part of LT's Mission Statement and rescues students who would normally fall through the cracks of regular school. He added that the program helped his daughter to feel a sense of belonging. Mr. Dorris requested a copy of the District's 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 budgets and asked that the Board reconsider their change to the Alternative Program. He then thanked Alternative Program staff members.

Sean McKeon, a student in the Alternative Program, next addressed the Board and stated he was speaking on behalf of the other Alternative Program students in attendance at the meeting. He agreed with Mr. Dorris' sentiments, adding that the students feel a sense of unity and trust the staff. Mr. McKeon asked the Board to accommodate and respect what he said.

Faculty Association President Jeremy Vrtis thanked outgoing Board members Jim Kohlstedt and Al Polich for all their work with the Faculty Association. Next, the following members of the Language Arts Division introduced themselves: Karen Raino, Marie Gillespie, Lawrence Keller, Brad Anderson, Vikki Reid, Tammy Fear-Petrakis, Chris Thomas, Jessica Roessler, Maureen Mohan and Amy McNamara.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Student Representative to the Board Kevin McDermott reported that \$4000 was raised at the Change for Change concert. Upcoming activities include AP tests, *Tens by Teens*, the computer drive on May 9, and the Eurythmics dance concert May 14-16 in the Reber.

Mrs. Alderman congratulated Kevin for receiving the West 40 Scotly (School Citizen of the Year) Award.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT

In Dr. Kelly's absence, Dr. Kilrea gave the Superintendent's Report, starting with presenting this month's Vita Plena award to George Lowen, Global Studies Assistant Division Chair and Business Teacher. Mr. Lowen has

provided excellent leadership to his students and peers at LT over the past eleven years. He was a founding member of the LT TechCorp program and a major influence in launching LT's Computer Recycling Drive. Mr. Lowen's associates describe him as dedicated, selfless, and the voice of reason. Mr. Lowen thanked Dr. Kilrea, Dr. Kelly and the Board for his honor and additionally acknowledged the wonderful employees he's worked with these past years.

Dr. Kilrea next recognized the following students who were Gold Key winners at the Suburban Chicago Art Region Scholastic Art Awards competition this past February: Anthony Michael, Katherine Sauer, Tim Brockman, Ana Marija Fonceva, Kimberly Kuba, Eric Anfield, Grace Kubilius, Kristen Kula, Caterina Lynch Heidi Marciszewski, Elizabeth Mardiks, Cristina Muzzio, Marija PejkoVIC, Haley Ressler, Kaitlin Roelofs, Emily Skeels, Edward Swierczewski, Jessica Tenuta, and Chloe Von Kluck. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Pera presented them with Certificates of Recognition. Dr. Kilrea then congratulated the students and their parents. Fine Arts Division Chair Les Stickels also congratulated the students and introduced the art teachers who teach their "hearts": Cathy Bogigian, Jamie Rey, Mary Rohlicek, Carlene Kinzie and Patrick Page.

Last, Dr. Kilrea noted that a written update of the District goals was provided to the Board at the table and that another update will be provided at a later date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 3: 2009 Summer Curriculum and Program Development Workshops – 2nd Reading

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Mr. Kohlstedt, to approve the 2009 Summer Curriculum and Program Development Workshops.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

2009-2010 Late Start Dates, School Improvement Dates, & Institute Dates: Professional Learning Communities – 1st Reading

Mr. Eggerding presented a draft calendar for 2009-2010 that designates fifteen late start dates, four half-day School Improvement dates and four District Institute days. Students would start school only one hour later on these proposed late start dates (as opposed to previous years when students would begin school two hours later on late arrival days), thus allowing faculty meetings to be scheduled with subject-areas professional learning communities during the one-hour time slots. The School Improvement days would have students attend in the morning; the afternoons would be utilized for Division and team meetings to develop SMART goals, review data, and plan for late start days. Mr. Eggerding also explained that the Institute days would focus more on the

needs of the Professional Learning Communities or school-wide staff initiatives. These dates were shared with faculty for their input and will be presented as a second reading at the May Board meeting.

School Improvement Status in Illinois Update

Mr. Eggerding shared with the Board a list of 60 Illinois school districts, representing 929 schools, that are in School Improvement status this year, 41 which are to be taken over by the state next year under No Child Left Behind. He noted that, despite academic gains by the districts, it will be almost impossible for most of them to make AYP (adequate yearly progress) and be removed from the list.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 4: Establishment of Regular Board Meeting Dates for May 2009-April 2010

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to establish the regular Board meeting dates for May 2009 through April 2010 as presented.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

The following were approved as regular meeting dates through April 2010:

May 18, 2009	June 15, 2009	August 17, 2009
September 21, 2009	October 19, 2009	November 16, 2009
December 14, 2009	January 19, 2010	February 16, 2010
March 15, 2010	April 19, 2010	

ACTION NO. 5: Authorization for 24- to 36-Month Electricity Purchase Contract

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Kohlstedt, to authorize the Superintendent to sign a contract, with a term ranging from 24 to 36 months and a start date of October 1, 2009, for the purchase of electricity, based on a recommendation to be developed by Scott Pellock, partner and consultant with Vanguard Energy Services, Inc. and that the contract be signed within the month of April 2009. Upon signing this contract, the Illinois Energy Consortium (IEC) will be provided a notice of withdrawal by LTHS, effective October 1, 2009.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Sellers noted the significant savings that can be realized with this new contract, saying that we may be able to purchase electricity at prices ranging from 6.24 cents to 6.90 cents per KWh. Our current purchase price through the IEC is 7.33 cents per KWh. Mr. Pera questioned the viability of entering into a 36-month contract

Covering such a volatile commodity. Mr. Sellers responded that he is comfortable with the new, reputable consultant and that we should be able to lock in a substantial conservative savings, as electric prices are currently at a seven-year low and are likely to increase as the economy recovers.

F.T.E. Request: 1.0 Program Coordinator

Because of the uncertainty at this time concerning next year's Special Education staffing requirements, the Board agreed to table this item until after the Curriculum Committee could meet and further discuss the issue. Hopefully by the May meeting, a determination can be made as to whether to approve an additional .5 F.T.E. or 1.0 F.T.E. Special Education Program Coordinator. Ms. Joan Crawford, one of two Special Ed Program Coordinators, stated that the Program Coordinators, along with the Director of Special Education, have put in a lot of overtime this year to manage the current caseloads. It was noted that American Reinvestment Recovery Act (ARRA) funding may cover some of the cost.

Restructuring Plan

The Board decided to table this item until May.

School Board Calendar for May 2009

The Board decided to wait until the May 4, 2009 Reorganization Meeting to schedule committee meetings for the month of May.

Prior to the Consent Agenda vote, Mr. Pera asked Mr. Sellers whether a student travel budget should be developed. Mr. Sellers responded that a committee is currently working on a travel policy.

ACTION NO. 6: Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Kohlstedt moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

LTHS Monthly Financials

Approval of Lyons Township High School monthly bills in the amount of \$5,282,388.07.

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

LADSE Financials

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$1,791,494.53.

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

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

Employment

Belinda Gonzalez, Temporary Custodian at South Campus, effective April 13, 2009.

Donna Pizzuto, Administrative Assistant to Special Education, South Campus, effective April 6, 2009.

Zofia Szkodon, Temporary Custodian at North Campus, effective April 13, 2009.

Reassignment

Gary Morrill, from Student Assistant, North Campus, to Student Assistant Coordinator, South Campus, effective July 1, 2009.

LTHS Administrative and Certified Staff Employment Recommendations

Employment

Kerry Santoro, World Languages Department, German Teacher, .8 F.T.E., MA, Step 4, effective August 20, 2009.

Reemployment

Maureen Mohan, Language Arts Department, English Teacher, 1.0 F.T.E., effective August 20, 2009.

Resignation

Deborah Brumley, Language Arts Department, effective June 5, 2009.

Gretchen Kulat, Language Arts Department, effective June 5, 2009.

LADSE Staff Employment Recommendations

Employment

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

Sheila McCue - 1.0 School Psychologist Intern, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 17, 2009.

Maria Shea-Michiels - 1.0 School Psychologist Intern, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 17, 2009.

Girija Gullapalli - 1.0 Speech Language Pathologist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 17, 2009.

Leave of Absence

Karen Phomvisay - .6 School Psychologist, effective October 9, 2009.

Resignations

Nicole Miller - 1.0 ParaEducator, effective June 5, 2009.

Lauren Finneke - 1.0 ParaEducator, effective June 5, 2009.

Minutes:

- Regular Meeting – March 16, 2009
- Finance Committee – April 1, 2009
- Human Resources Committee – April 15, 2009
- Curriculum Committee – April 15, 2009

Summer Extended Contracts

IHSA Membership Renewal 2009-2010

Additional January Graduate

Award of Bids

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| 1. SC Public Address System Upgrade | Interstate Electronics Company | \$33,700 |
| 2. Girls' Gymnastics Flooring Replacement | Artisan Flooring | \$62,160 |

Business Professionals of America National Competition – May 2009

Rock Climbing Club Experience – May 2009

Marching Band Performance/Clinic – April-May 2010

Choral Performance Tour to Canada – April 2010

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 7: Adjournment into Closed Session

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

On roll call:

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

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

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 9:26 p.m.

Mr. Pera stated that no Board action will be taken regarding Student #398xxx.

ACTION NO. 8: Resolution Authorizing Notice to Remedy

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to adopt the “Resolution Authorizing Notice to Remedy” as discussed in Closed Session.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 9: Adjournment

Mrs. Alderman moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to adjourn the meeting.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

President:

Secretary: