

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204
 BOARD OF EDUCATION
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
 BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM
 MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2008
 7:00 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRESENT **ABSENT**

Mr. Mark N. Pera, President	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mr. James A. Kohlstedt, Vice President	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
Dr. Arthur W. Sprague, Jr., Secretary	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Heather H. Alderman	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Dr. John T. Polacek	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
Mr. Allen D. Polich	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mr. William F. Purcell	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Kevin McDermott (arrived 7:30pm)	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Dennis Kelly	Ms. Joyce Marine	Mr. Scott Eggerding
Mr. David Sellers	Dr. Tim Kilrea	Mr. David Franson
Mr. Ed Tennant	Mr. Matt Castle	Mr. Toby Casella
Ms. Michele Chapman	Ms. Amber Dvorak	Mr. Brad Anderson

VISITORS PRESENT

Mr. Don Leonard Dr. Jim Surber

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL & PLEDGE

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Pera at 7:00 p.m.

ACTION NO. 1: Agenda Approval/Order of Business

With the addition of a Closed Session item, Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Mr. Purcell, to approve the agenda as amended.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 2: Adjournment into Closed Session

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Mr. Purcell, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss legal matters and a confidential personnel issue and to review Closed Session documentation.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted, and at 7:00 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

Faculty Association President Jeremy Vrtis stated that he looked forward to working again with the Board this year.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD REPORT

Mr. McDermott announced the following upcoming events: Freshman Experience Day on August 20, the Back-to-School Barbecue on August 22 for Board members and staff, Co-Curricular Night on August 27, football vs. Sandburg on August 29, a staff potluck dinner on September 12 followed by football against Hinsdale Central, and Homecoming week October 6-11, which will focus on raising awareness for Hurricane Katrina.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT

Dr. Kelly first reviewed the summer at LT, reporting on summer facilities projects: the re-tiling of the South Campus pool is on schedule, the new Conference Center at South is already in use, and the West Field renovation is almost complete. Additionally, 32 classrooms and the South Campus Library have been renovated. The summer programs involved 1000 students in academic summer school, 2700 enrollees in the sports camps, and 1200 participants in the Learn-to-Swim program.

Next, focusing on the beginning of school, Dr. Kelly stated that the new school year will see 564 employees, including 19 new certified hires. About 950+ students will start their freshman year, adding up to a total enrollment of approximately 3,839 students who will begin the 2008-2009 school year on Monday, August 25.

Last, Dr. Kelly introduced to the Board the following new administrators: Michele Chapman, Math/Science Division Chair; Matt Castle, Assistant Principal at South Campus; Toby Casella, Interim Language Arts Division Chair; Brad Anderson, Interim Assistant Language Arts Division Chair, and Amber Dvorak, Assistant Math/Science Division Chair. Mark Dahl, newly named Assistant Division Chair in Fine Arts, was not able to attend the meeting because he was involved in Marching Band practice.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tentative LTHS Budget for FY 2009

Mr. Sellers discussed the tentative 2009 LTHS budget, noting that our interest earnings decreased, the property taxes are less than originally anticipated, and both the Special Ed tuition and property tax objection refunds are higher than expected. The tentative budget, which was approved at the last Finance Committee Meeting of the Whole, will be on public display until it comes to the Board for final approval at the September 15, 2008 Board meeting.

Tentative LADSE Budget for FY 2009

Don Leonard, LADSE Business Manager, said that the '08-'09 LADSE budget amounts to \$18.8 million. Mr. Leonard remarked that a \$360,000 pre-school grant was approved. The LADSE budget will also be brought to the LT Board for approval on September 15, 2008.

Follow-Up on Minority Student Achievement

Principal Dave Franson provided a summary of minority student achievement over the past two years. The unweighted GPA improved and the number of suspensions decreased. He also noted that the formation of the African-American Club was probably instrumental in increasing minority student participation in co-curriculars. However, the number of minorities who pursued post-secondary education options significantly decreased, which may be due to students not reporting their post-LT plans. Mr. Pera requested a comparison between minority students and caucasian students, and Mr. McDermott wondered about the difference in suspensions between South Campus and North Campus. Mr. Franson promised a more extensive report in September.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 3: Exterior Signage

Mr. Polich moved, seconded by Mr. Purcell, to approve exterior directional signage for South Campus at a cost of \$15,200 and exterior identification signage Option 2 for the South Campus fieldhouse, swimming pool, and Performing Arts Center at a cost of \$4,200.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

The total approved expenditure for the exterior signage at South Campus amounts to \$19,400.

ROE Compliance Report

Dr. Kelly discussed the summary report from the Regional Office of Education's (ROE) April 23 and April 24, 2008 compliance visit, saying that the vast majority of items cited were simple life and safety issues that have already been rectified. Additionally, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has assured us that we are in compliance regarding staffing certification. Dr. Kelly said that he will meet with the ROE to amicably resolve all issues; upon resolution, he will write a final report and forward a copy to the Board.

School Board Calendar for September 2008

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

Mr. Purcell voiced his concern over the additional Data Consortium expenses and asked for more comprehensive numbers involving a three- or five-year projection; as a result, the Board decided to pull Approval of Data Consortium Expenses for 2008-2009 from the Consent Agenda pending further information.

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 January 2008 through May 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 August 2006 through January 2007 can now be destroyed.

ACTION NO. 4: Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Purcell moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

LTHS Monthly Financials

Approval of Lyons Township High School monthly bills in the amount of \$9,596,395.34 (June) and \$2,701,023.18 (July).

Approval of Lyons Township High School financial statements for the months ending June 30, 2008 and July 31, 2008.

LADSE Financials

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$3,259,619.94 (June) and \$604,869.86 (July).

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education financial statements for the months ending June 30, 2008 and July 31, 2008.

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Employment

Robyne Recht, Level 5 Administrative Assistant in Testing and Assessment at North Campus, effective July 28, 2008.

Reassignment

Debra Preston, from Student Assistant to ParaEducator in Health Services-SC, effective August 21, 2008.

Reemployment

Anthony Belmonte, Special Education ParaEducator, effective August 21, 2008.

Steven Beranek, Special Education ParaEducator, effective August 21, 2008.

Kathleen Blank, College/Career ParaEducator, effective August 21, 2008.

Jaime Bronuskas, Transition ParaEducator, effective August 21, 2008.

Mary Frances Griffin, Special Education ParaEducator, effective August 21, 2008.

Ruth Kelly, Special Education ParaEducator, effective August 21, 2008.

Stephen Klir, Special Education ParaEducator, effective August 21, 2008.

Dina Messino, Special Education ParaEducator, effective August 21, 2008.

Sherilyn Monkemeier, Music Accompanist ParaEducator, effective August 21, 2008.

Noreen Murphy, Special Education ParaEducator, effective August 21, 2008.

Sara Zajac, Special Education ParaEducator, effective August 21, 2008.

Resignation

Sash Dumanovic, Transition ParaEducator, effective August 21, 2008.

Family Medical Leave Act

Margaret McCain, South Campus Functional ParaEducator, effective August 21, 2008; tentatively for 12 weeks.

LTHS Administrative and Certified Employee Recommendations

Employment

Matthew Castle, Assistant Principal, 1.0 F.T.E., effective July 14, 2008.

Deborah Clay, School Nurse (Student Services), 1.0 F.T.E., BA, Step 8, effective August 21, 2008.

Ryan Darrah, English, 1.0 F.T.E., MA, Step 10, effective August 21, 2008.

Amy Huckstadt, Foreign Language, 1.0 F.T.E., BA, Step 2, effective August 21, 2008.

Jessica Lee, Social Studies, 1.0 F.T.E., MA, Step 3, effective August 21, 2008.

Maureen Mohan, English, 1.0 F.T.E., BA, Step 1, effective August 21, 2008.

Nicole Rausch, Student Services, 1.0 F.T.E., MA 30, Step 8, effective August 21, 2008.

Reemployment

Andrea Collins, Social Studies, effective August 21, 2008.

Resignation

Ryan Dehner, Foreign Language, effective June 24, 2008.

Christina Griffin, Student Services, effective July 28, 2008.

Meredith Sheriff, Student Services, effective July 21, 2008.

Retirement

Gemma Johnson, Social Studies, effective August 20, 2008.

LADSE

Employment

Barbara Berndt - .73 Social Worker, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 18, 2008.

Deanne Doherty - 1.0 School Psychologist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 18, 2008.

JoAnn Ford- Halvorsen - 1.0 School Psychologist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 18, 2008.

Raquel Karczynski - 1.0 Signing Aide, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 18, 2008.

Therese Kraus - 1.0 Teacher, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 18, 2008.

Johanna Krumpolz - 1.0 School Psychologist Intern, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 18, 2008.

Megan Morgan - 1.0 School Speech Language Pathologist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 18, 2008.

Megan Muldoon - 1.0 School Psychologist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 18, 2008.

Laurie O'Connell - 1.0 Physical Therapist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 18, 2008.

Lisa Prosapio - 1.0 School Psychologist Intern, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 18, 2008.

May Sandiego - 1.0 Teacher, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 18, 2008.

Daniel Singer - 1.0 School Psychologist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 18, 2008.

Colleen Slattery - 1.0 Speech Language Pathologist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 18, 2008.

Catherine Thompson - 1.0 School Psychologist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 18, 2008.

Jacqueline Wagner - 1.0 Speech Language Pathologist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 18, 2008.

Jessica Doherty - 1.0 School Psychologist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 18, 2008.

Andrea Yeager - 1.0 Speech/Language Pathologist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 18, 2008.

Kathryn Epstein - 1.0 Occupational Therapist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 18, 2008.

Returning from Honorable Dismissal

Julie Ow - 1.0 Teacher, subject to the Local funding program, returning August 18, 2008.

Julie Whiteman - 1.0 Teacher, subject to the Local funding program, returning August 18, 2008.

Nicole Miller - 1.0 ParaEducator – subject to the Local funding program, returning August 18, 2008.

Katrina Saieg - 1.0 ParaEducator – subject to the Local funding program, returning August 18, 2008.

Deeona Jindra - 1.0 ParaEducator – subject to the Local funding program, returning August 18, 2008.

Resignations

Sarah Heiniger - 1.0 School Psychologist Intern, effective end of 2007-2008 school year.

Faith Burgess - 1.0 School Psychologist Intern, effective end of 2007-2008 school year.

Beatriz McGuire - .2 Occupational Therapist, effective end of 2007-2008 school year.

Catherine Soofi - .8 Speech/Language Pathologist, effective end of 2007-2008 school year.

Kathryn Kunkel - 1.0 Speech/Language Pathologist, effective end of 2007-2008 school year.

Megan Meyer - 1.0 Teacher, effective end of 2007-2008 school year.

Laura Kaehler - 1.0 School Social Worker, effective end of 2007-2008 school year.

Joshua Collins - 1.0 DHH Signing Aide, effective end of 2007-2008 school year.

Karen Connor - 1.0 ParaEducator, effective end of 2007-2008 school year.

Nicole Panik - 1.0 ParaEducator, effective end of 2007-2008 school year.

Laurie Orr - 1.0 DHH Interpreter, effective end of 2007-2008 school year.

Michaela Jozsa - 1.0 ParaEducator, effective end of 2007-2008 school year.

Danielle Delzotti - 1.0 Teacher, effective end of 2007-2008 school year.

Dawn Kooistra - 1.0 ParaEducator, effective end of 2007-2008 school year.

Jennifer Hanyzewski - 1.0 DHH Job Coach, effective end of 2007-2008 school year.

Megan Meyer - 1.0 Teacher (short term), effective end of 2007-2008 school year.

Jennifer Schaffer - 1.0 School Psychologist, effective end of 2007-2008 school year.

Emily Wilberg - 1.0 Teacher, effective end of 2007-2008 school year.

Dianna Argol - 1.0 ParaEducator, effective end of 2007-2008 school year.

Catherine Aro - 1.0 Occupational Therapist, resigned August 7, 2008.

Retirement

Mary Jane Nelson-Stitt - 1.0 Program Coordinator Physical Therapy, effective June 30, 2010.

Virginia Dudzinski - 1.0 COTA, effective the end of the school year 2011-2012.

Elizabeth Miller - 1.0 School Psychologist, effective the end of the school year 2011-2012.

Mariellyn Fagen - 1.0 Speech Language Pathologist, effective the end of the school year 2011-2012.

Patricia Kushner - 1.0 Speech Language Pathologist, effective the end of the school year 2011-2012.

Terminations

Nancy Hails - 1.0 ParaEducator, effective June 3, 2008.

Minutes:

Regular Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions – June 16, 2008

Facilities Committee – June 12, 2008

Facilities Committee of the Whole – July 2, 2008

Facilities Committee – July 16, 2008
Facilities Committee – July 30, 2008
Finance Committee of the Whole – August 7, 2008
Curriculum/Technology Committees – August 12, 2008

ED-RED Membership Dues 2008-2009

Release of Closed Session Documentation

Closed Session Minutes Approved for Release

January 22, 2008	February 19, 2008	March 10, 2008
April 21, 2008	May 19, 2008	

Closed Session Audiotapes to be Destroyed

August 21, 2006	September 7, 2006	September 18, 2006
October 16, 2006	November 20, 2006	December 13, 2006
December 18, 2006	January 22, 2007	

LT Community Advisory Council Members 2008-2009

2008-2009 Classified/Non-Contractual Supervisor Handbook

Award of Bids

1. SC Music Rooms Sound Systems	Roscor Corporation	\$11,758.46
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Donations

1. \$100 cash donation to the Art Department, by Judy Marconi.

2008 Summer School Graduates

Participation in Condemnation of School District Property

Certified F.T.E. Request for 2008-2009

.2 for Functional Program in Special Education
.3 for Physical Welfare Division

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 5: Adjournment

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

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

President:

Secretary: