

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204
 BOARD OF EDUCATION
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
 BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM
 MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010
 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	<u>X</u>	—
Mr. Todd M. Shapiro	<u>X</u>	—
Ms. Therese Murphy (arrived 7:30pm)	<u>X</u>	—

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Timothy Kilrea	Ms. Joyce Marine	Mr. David Sellers
Mr. Ed Piotrowski	Mr. David Franson	Mr. Scott Eggerding
Ms. Jennifer Bialobok	Mr. Ed Tennant	Mr. Bob Sherman
Ms. Leslie Stickels	Mr. Brian Murray	

VISITORS PRESENT

No one signed in.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ACTION NO. 1: Agenda Approval/Order of Buisness

With the request to pull New Business Action Item 2, “LADSE Articles of Agreement,” Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to approve the agenda as amended.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 2: Adjournment into Closed Session

Mrs. Alderman moved, seconded by Mr. Purcell, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations and confidential student matters.

On roll call:

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

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.

OPEN SESSION – COMMUNICATIONS

Joan Rykal, LT Community Advisor Co-Chair, reviewed with the Board the consensus of table discussions from the April 21, 2010 LTCAC meeting. LTCAC members suggested additional opportunities for social action and service projects as well as hands-on experience of the real world, such as medical field trips and a 21st century technology design development course.

Faculty Association President Bob Sherman acknowledged Katie Smith, Coordinator of Assessment & Analysis, for all her efforts regarding the testing of LT students. He additionally acknowledged the Special Ed Department for serving as a resource for gen ed teachers and then had Special Ed staff in attendance introduce themselves: Lisa Nicholson, Scott Yount, Dave Paske, Joe Duffy, Allison Sandor, Leslie Owens, Allyson Voss and Bill Soltys.

Student Hannah Bulger next spoke as a representative of Model UN, noting the many awards received this past year by the club. She thanked the Board for their support.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

For Therese Murphy's final report as 2009-2010 Student Representative to the Board of Education, she announced the following: "One More Time" is this year's June 3rd prom theme, the Senior Honors Assembly and brunch will be May 28, the Relay for Life concert later that same evening at Memorial Park, and Relay for Life on June 12. Other upcoming events noted were the Sophomore Honors Assembly, Theater Board Awards and Baccalaureate. Ms. Murphy expressed gratitude to the Board for her opportunity to serve as the 2009-2010 student rep.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT

Dr. Kilrea presented Laurie Jolicoeur with the Vita Plena award. A teacher in the World Languages Department since 1985, Ms. Jolicoeur has kept Latin alive at LT during a time when other high school Latin programs have been failing. She has accomplished this feat by making Latin a course accessible to all students. Dr. Kilrea repeated the words colleagues have used to describe Ms. Jolicoeur: hard-working, student-centered, a contemplative thinker, super mentor. Mr. Pera added that she is a phenomenal, kid-centered teacher. Ms. Jolicoeur thanked Board members for their support and voiced her appreciation for the honor. She additionally expressed gratitude to Les Stickels and Dave Franson for their support.

Dr. Kilrea next thanked Therese Murphy for being the voice of the student body in her role as Student Representative to the Board of Education and wished her the best at Boston College next year. Mr. Pera presented Ms. Murphy with a plaque from the Illinois Association of School Boards after expressing the Board's appreciation for her commitment, energy and contribution.

Dr. Kilrea then introduced the 2010-2011 and 12th Student Representative to the Board of Education, Haley Bucheleres, whose first official meeting will be in August.

Last, Dr. Kilrea shared with the Board information from the updated township demographic study prepared by Dr. John Kasarda. The report is in conjunction with our associate schools and traces enrollment history and offers various scenarios of enrollment projections through 2025.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 3: Summer 2010 Textbook Adoption

Mr. Dougherty moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to approve the recommended texts for summer reading in English/Language Arts courses for the summer of 2010.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Eggerding stated that the summer texts will also be posted online.

ACTION NO. 4: Decision Ed Data Tools Recommendation

Mrs. Alderman moved, seconded by Mr. Dougherty, to authorize moving forward to negotiate a contract with Decision Ed for \$114,250 for the the first year.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

Per Mr. Eggerding, if a contract can be successfully negotiated, Decision Ed would provide a Cognos data solution designed to get a clear and structured package of data reports to stakeholders at LT for the 2010-2011 school year. The reports would provide our associate schools with better, more detailed reports as well as provide our own teachers with better reports that will enhance PLCs. The contract will come to the Board at a later date for approval.

ACTION NO. 5: Technology-Related Capital Budget FY11

Mr. Shapiro moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve the nine technology-related capital budget items for Fiscal Year 2011 totaling \$329,142.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Tennant explained that the \$329,142 will cover replacing aged devices and improving the file storage infrastructure. Still to be reviewed at a future Technology Committee meeting is an additional \$69,230 that will fund expansion and augmentation of the Tablet PC program.

PLC Update

Mr. Eggerding provided the Board with an update of the Professional Learning Communities that were implemented this school year. Late Start Days, School Improvement Days and Institute Days were devoted to staff members meeting in teams and larger groups, staff development in various areas, dissemination of information, celebration of successes, completion of Essential Outcomes, etc. He added that students should notice more of a change next year and we will seek student input. Mr. Pera noted that he has seen remarkable change and that the Board remains committed intellectually, philosophically and financially to PLCs. He also expressed his appreciation for Mr. Eggerding's efforts along with the teachers' support.

Student Information System Update

Mr. Tennant reviewed with the Board some of the feedback received pertaining to the Student Information Systems (SIS) that were part of the April 26, 2010 SIS Vendor Showcase. Stakeholders who attended the presentations noted that although all systems represent significant steps forward from the present CIMS system, eSchool Plus and Infinite Campus offer solutions that will better meet the needs of LT. The Technology Committee will further discuss the purchase of a new SIS at the June meeting and then present their findings to the entire Board on June 21.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 6: 2009-2010 Amended School Calendar

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to approve the 2009-2010 amended school calendar.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Upon removing all emergency days and showing 176 accumulated days as required by law to qualify for general state aid, the amended school calendar will be submitted to the State Board of Education.

ACTION NO. 7: Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board.

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.

This Board action will allow our school district attorneys, Franczek Radelet P.C., to intervene for only those tax appeals that are of a substantial amount for tax years 2008-2010.

ACTION NO. 8: F.T.E. Increase for Inclusion Facilitation

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to approve an additional 0.8 FTE for Special Education inclusion facilitation.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Piotrowski explained that because of the increased number of students at both campuses who require inclusion facilitation needs, including students on the Autism spectrum, the facilitator increase is appropriate at this time.

ACTION NO. 9: 2010-2011 Classified/Non-Contractual Employee Handbook

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve the 2010-2011 Classified/Non-Contractual Employee Handbook.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

The handbook's revisions involve increasing hourly rates for students who work in the summer programs (based on minimum wage increases) and for those who work for bookstore processing.

School Board Calendar for May-June 2010

The Board scheduled committee meeting dates for the rest of May and for June 2010.

ACTION NO. 10: Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Purcell 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 \$5,513,414.45.

Approval of Lyons Township High School financial statement for the month ending April 30, 2010.

LADSE Financials

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$1,922,324.70.

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education financial statement for the month ending April 30, 2010.

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

Employment

Kyle Uhler, North Campus Maintenance, effective May 10, 2010.

Intermittent Family Medical Leave

Josephine Hagle, North Campus Duplicating, effective for the 2010-2011 school year.

Family Medical Leave

Kay Cammarata, North Campus Administrative Assistant, effective May 6, 2010-May 24, 2010.

Barbara Hamilton, North Campus ParaEducator, effective March 29, 2010.

LTHS Administrative and Certified Staff Employment Recommendations

Employment

Eric Bjornstad, Science Department, 1.0 FTE, BA Step 5, effective August 19, 2010.

Jaime Bronuskas, Science Department, 1.0 FTE, BA Step 1, effective August 19, 2010.

Leilani Dominguez, Science Department, 1.0 FTE, BA Step 3, effective August 19, 2010.

Erica Granada, Special Education Department, 1.0 FTE, MA30 Step 10, effective August 19, 2010.

Lisa Plichta, World Languages Department, 1.0 FTE, BA Step 8, effective August 19, 2010.

Samantha Pomilia, Art Department, .7 FTE, BA Step 5, effective August 19, 2010.

Kristin Read, Science Department, 1.0 FTE, BA Step 2, effective August 19, 2010.

Bradley Skendzel, Physical Welfare Division, 1.0 FTE, BA Step 1, effective August 19, 2010.

Christopher Soppet, Science Department, 1.0 FTE, BA Step 2, effective August 19, 2010; Salary TBD per the negotiated agreement.

Leave of Absence

Gena O'Malley, Language Arts Division, effective September 15, 2010 – December 13, 2010.

LADSE Staff Employment Recommendations

Employment

Caryn Paolini - 1.0 School Psychologist Intern, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 16, 2010.

Rockeya Wilson – 1.0 School Psychologist Intern, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 16, 2010.

Claudia Larivee – 1.0 School Social Worker, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 16, 2010.

Sasha Boheme – 1.0 Speech Language Pathologist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 16, 2010.

Family Medical Leaves

Kelly Stover-Krupske – 1.0 Speech Language Pathologist, effective May 3, 2010.

Resignations

Paula Cook – 1.0 Occupational Therapist, effective June 4, 2010.

Tara Moore – 1.0 Speech Language Pathologist, effective June 4, 2010.

Minutes:

Regular Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions – April 19, 2010

Negotiations Committee – April 26, 2010

Technology Committee – May 4, 2010

Negotiations Committee – May 5, 2010

Curriculum Committee – May 11, 2010

Negotiations Committee – May 12, 2010

Human Resources Committee – May 13, 2010

2010 (Unofficial) Graduates

2010 Retirement Celebration Report

Award of Bids

1. Classroom/Office Furniture	Lowery McDonnell Company	\$38,846.55
2. TI-84+ Graphing Calculators	Scantex Business Systems	\$50,011.50
3. Cap & Gown	Jostens (3-year contract for cap, gown, tassel)	\$15.00
4. Gym Uniforms	A & R Screening	\$24,099.00

Donations

1. Computers to the Business Education Program, approximate value of \$2,600, by John Thompson, American Transport Group.
2. Computers to the Business Education Program, approximate value of \$2,400, by Mr. Harold Gross, American Transport Group.

Disposal of Surplus Equipment

Student Overnight Travel: NHI Midwest Great Debate 2010 – July 2010

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 11: Adjournment into Closed Session

Mr. Purcell moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss confidential student issues and to deliberate concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted, and at 8:37 p.m., Mr. Pera adjourned the meeting into Closed Session.

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

ACTION NO. 12: Student #398xxx

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to expel Student #398xxx through the end of first semester of the 2010-2011 school year.

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.

ACTION NO. 13: Student #402xxx

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to expel Student #402xxx for the remainder of second semester of the 2009-2010 school year. Student #402xxx will be allowed to take summer school during the 2010 summer session.

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. 14: Adjournment

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Purcell, to adjourn the meeting.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

President:

Secretary: