

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204
 BOARD OF EDUCATION
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
 BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM
 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009
 7:15 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRESENT **ABSENT**

Mr. Mark N. Pera, President	<u>X</u>	---
Dr. John T. Polacek, Vice President	<u>X</u>	---
Dr. Arthur W. Sprague, Jr., Secretary	<u>X</u>	---
Mrs. Heather H. Alderman	<u>X</u>	---
Mr. 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. Scott Eggerding
Mr. David Sellers	Mr. David Franson	Mr. Edward Piotrowski
Mr. Ed Tennant	Ms. Jennifer Bialobok	Ms. Mary H. Yena

VISITORS PRESENT

Mr. Don Leonard

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL & PLEDGE

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Pera at 7:15 p.m.

ACTION NO. 1: Agenda Approval/Order of Business

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

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 2: Adjournment into Closed Session

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

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted, and at 7:15 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.

PUBLIC HEARING – Lyons Township High School District 204 FY 2009-2010 Budget

Mr. Pera opened the public hearing on the Lyons Township High School District 204 FY 2009-2010 budget and requested any comments from the public.

ACTION NO. 3: Close Public Hearing

There being no comments from the public, Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to close the public hearing on the Lyons Township High School District 204 FY 2009-2010 budget.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING – La Grange Area Department of Special Education FY 2009-2010 Budget

Mr. Pera opened the public hearing on the La Grange Area Department of Special Education (LADSE) 2009-2010 budget and asked for remarks.

ACTION NO. 4: Close Public Hearing

There being no comments, Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to close the public hearing on the La Grange Department of Special Education FY 2009-2010 budget.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

OPEN SESSION – COMMUNICATIONS

Faculty Association President Bob Sherman thanked the Board for sponsoring the school opening Institute Day breakfast and remarked how happy the association is with the tone that has been set while working collaboratively with the administration. The following members of the Faculty Association Executive Board introduced themselves: Dave Stormont, Kelly Swaine, Brian Murray, Michele Lenz, Keith Bailey, Jim Mshar, Alyssa Kadavy, Amy McNamara and Nikita Hulbert.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD REPORT

After first being congratulated by Mr. Pera for qualifying as a National Merit Semi-Finalist, Ms. Murphy then listed the following upcoming activities: “Lights, Action, Camera” is the theme for Homecoming events October 5-10; Variety Show on October 5 and 6; sale of “Cause and Affect” shirts throughout the school year with the proceeds benefitting a worldwide micro-philanthropy charity; *Under Milk Wood*, on September 24-26; and the October 1st-3rd Comedy Improv Show. Ms. Murphy also remarked about the incredible school spirit at the football games and that some complaints have been voiced about the healthiness of cafeteria foods. Ms. Murphy then proposed that the Board and Student Council officers

attend a bi-yearly breakfast where ideas can be shared. Mr. Pera responded that a breakfast meeting is a great idea and that a date will be scheduled for first semester and again during second semester.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT

Dr. Kilrea first noted how impressed he was with the number of students and faculty who attended the football game at Hinsdale Central. He then reported that over 1500 students were represented at the South Campus Open House and 950 students were represented at North Campus the following week. Regarding the 15 Late Start Days that enable faculty to participate in Professional Learning Communities, Dr. Kilrea commented that although the first endeavor resulted in some positives, it also presented some recommendations for improvement for subsequent Late Arrival Days. Information will be communicated via the e-mail newsletter and announcements. Last, Dr. Kilrea offered congratulations to Therese Murphy and the eight other National Merit Semi-Finalists, saying that we have the same number of qualifying students as last year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 5: Adoption of LTHS District 204 FY 2009-2010 Budget

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to adopt the Lyons Township High School District 204 FY 2009-2010 budget.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Sellers noted that, based on Facility Committee discussions, the final \$61.6 million budget incorporates revisions from the tentative budget approved in August; some capital outlay projects originally deferred can now be funded.

ACTION NO. 6: Adoption of LADSE FY 2009-2010 Budget

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to adopt the La Grange Area Department of Special Education FY 2009-2010 budget.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

The approved \$23.5 million budget includes \$4.9 million in ARRA funds.

Data Consortium Update

Mr. Eggerding reported that the current focus is on district-level reporting, which will enable LT to collect information from the associate districts, create reports and then disseminate the information to the districts. Although the associate school districts are cautious, they are also optimistic and are providing the necessary information to generate the reports.

NEW BUSINESS

Change of Date for January 2010 Board Meeting

The Board agreed to change the date of the January 2010 meeting to Wednesday, January 20, 2010; Barbara Coloroso, a noted authority on bullying, will be speaking to township residents on January 19, the originally scheduled meeting date.

ACTION NO. 7: Underground Storage Tank – Proposed Environmental Consulting to Achieve “No Further Remediation” Status

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to contract Northern Environmental Services to provide professional environmental consulting services at a cost not to exceed \$67,069.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

Kim Miller, Senior Engineer with Northern Environmental, will prepare a Site Investigation Plan and Budget to be submitted to the IEPA. This Plan will evaluate soil and groundwater around the previous sites of underground storage tanks to ensure that the area remains free of contamination and that no risk of environmental hazards remains on our property. Mr. Sellers noted that Ms. Miller will be able to provide a high level of expertise in this extremely specialized area.

Student/Parent Network Access Agreement Form, Policy 6.21.7 Implementing Section, Revised – 1st Reading

Mr. Tennant reviewed with the Board proposed revisions to this policy. The second reading, which will be presented at the October meeting, will include a modification in the wording to clarify that discipline

resulting from a Network policy violation will depend on the level of policy violation, as referenced in the Student Handbook.

ACTION NO. 8: Wireless Data Network

Mr. Shapiro moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to authorize the expenditure of \$157,839.13 to acquire and implement the Ruckus Wireless solutions package.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

This Board approval allows LT to expand its wireless coverage to all areas of the District property. Mr. Tennant reported that the system has been tested and that he's extremely pleased with the results, which will provide better coverage and better service. If necessary, we can add to the system to handle our student and staff population.

H1N1 Update

Mr. Pera stated that both the federal government and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) have predicted an outbreak of the H1N1 flu virus. Although LT does not currently have any cases of H1N1, the school urges students who experience flu-like symptom to not attend school; as a result, in order to be proactive, the Board has decided to recommend suspending only the attendance portion of the final exam exemption policy for the entire 2009-2010 school year; all other components of the policy would remain. Additionally, the exam exemption policy for seniors would also remain unchanged.

ACTION NO. 9: Attendance Component of Final Exam Exemption Policy

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to suspend only the attendance component of the Final Exam Exemption policy for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Mr. Pera and Dr. Kilrea both stressed the importance of attending school and the expectation that students who are well will be in school if they are not ill. Mr. Shapiro added that in past years, the policy has been positive. The administration will revisit the policy this year.

Standardized Tests Student Performance

Mr. Eggerding provided a summary regarding student performance, highlighting that the school's composite ACT score of 24.1 is the highest it has been and that the class of 2009 grew on average from

Explore to ACT by 6.5 points, greater than the national ACT average. Other information shared with the Board included that more students took AP tests than in the past (with more students receiving a grade of 5), nine LT National Merit Semi-Finalists were named, 93.8% of our graduates continued on to a post-secondary educational facility, and \$8 million in scholarship money was accepted by the class of 2009. Mr. Pera praised the overall success of the students taking the AP tests, to which Mr. Eggerding replied that although he is happy with the success, we will be looking into getting even more students motivated to take AP courses and their corresponding exams—focusing on this year’s emphasis of “more students learning more.”

Summer Workshop Report

Mr. Eggerding discussed the seven 2009 summer workshops, saying that although \$20,586.80 was budgeted, only \$14,307.56 was expended. 19 faculty members participated in workshops covering Fine Arts, Language Arts, Global Studies, Math/Science and Special Education.

School Board Calendar for October 2009

The Board determined committee meeting dates for October and will try to follow a similar schedule each month.

Prior to the Consent Agenda vote, Mrs. Alderman requested a long-term calendar detailing projected overnight field trips to better appraise budget costs. Mr. Sellers responded that a committee is in place and that clarification about the overnight field trip policy is forthcoming along with a listing of annual overnight travel requests.

ACTION NO. 6: Approval of Consent Agenda

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

LTHS Monthly Financials

Approval of Lyons Township High School monthly bills in the amount of \$3,446,916.82.

Approval of Lyons Township High School financial statements for the month ending August 31, 2009.

LADSE Financials

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$692,737.50.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Employment

Michael Bruckner, ParaEducator, effective August 25, 2009.

Ashley Cordaro, ParaEducator, effective August 27, 2009.

Ewa Mateja, Temporary Custodian, effective August 31, 2009.

Thomas Mitchell, ParaEducator, effective August 31, 2009.

David Root, Part-Time ParaEducator, effective August 27, 2009.

Maria Rohloff, ParaEducator, effective August 24, 2009.

John Wydra, ParaEducator, effective August 20, 2009.

Family Medical Leave

Beverly Robinson, North Campus Administrative Assistant for the Physical Education/Athletics Department, effective September 9, 2009 through October 12, 2009.

Resignation

Debra Preston, South Campus Health Office ParaEducator, effective September 18, 2009.

LTHS Administrative and Certified Staff Employment Recommendations

Employment

David Root, Applied Technology Department, .5 FTE, BA Step 1, effective August 27, 2009.

LADSE Staff Employment Recommendations

Employment

Maureen Windmoeller - .2 Physical Therapist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 17, 2009.

Jenna Hoehn - 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 17, 2009.

Sandra Orosz - 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 17, 2009.

Dana Reindl -.6 DHH Social Worker, short term leave replacement, subject to the Local funding program, beginning September 29, 2009 through December 15, 2009 approximately.

Mary Berjohn - .6 School Psychologist, short-term leave replacement, subject to the Local funding program, beginning October 6, 2009 through January 25, 2010 approximately.

Melanie Sleeper - 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local funding program, beginning September 14, 2009.

Resignations

Pamela Izquierdo - .5 Speech Language Pathologist, effective August 5, 2009.

Leave of Absence

Kathy Dmochowski - .8 DHH School Social Worker, September 29, 2009 – January 2, 2010.

FMLA

Carrie Smith - 1.0 Teacher, effective January 14, 2010 – April 5, 2010.

Sara Sargent - 1.0 DHH Teacher, effective February 16, 2010 – May 4, 2010.

Amy Laskowski - 1.0 School Psychologist, effective March 8, 2010 through June 4, 2010.

Minutes:

Regular Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions – August 17, 2009

Curriculum Committee – August 27, 2009

Curriculum Committee – September 15, 2009

Technology Committee – September 16, 2009

Human Resources Committee – September 16, 2009

Facilities Committee – September 17, 2009

ISBE Application for Recognition of Schools 2009-2010

Certified FTE Request - .2 Physics

Orchestra Trip to Nashville and Atlanta, March 2010

Lion Trip to NSPA/JEA Fall 2009 Convention

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 10: Adjournment

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

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

President:

Secretary: