

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204  
 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
 BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM  
 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2010  
 7:15 p.m.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**PRESENT**      **ABSENT**

|                                       |          |          |
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| 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**

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

**VISITORS PRESENT**

No one signed in.

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

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

**ACTION NO. 1: Agenda Approval/Order of Business**

With the request to pull agenda item VIII-A-3 (Recommendation to Prepare Bid Specifications for the Food Services Management Contract), 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**

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss confidential 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 7:36 p.m., the meeting reconvened in Open Session with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **OPEN SESSION – COMMUNICATIONS**

Dorina Spiering, teacher of Italian who will be retiring at the end of this school year, thanked the Board, LT and colleagues for the privilege to teach at LT. She also thanked her students who have kept her passion ignited after 35 years of teaching.

Faculty Association President Bob Sherman expressed that, with a new semester, he is looking forward to a new beginning. The following members from Fine Arts then introduced themselves: Lorena Lagis, Carlene Kinzie, Jamie Rey, Mary Rohlicek and Dorina Spiering.

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT**

Ms. Murphy announced upcoming activities, including the IMEA All-State Music Festival, the All-School Assembly, Pack the Place and the Board/Student Council breakfast, which is intended to forge relationships between Board members and student leaders.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT**

Dr. Kilrea presented the Vita Plena award for the month of January to Martha Elliott, Family and Consumer Science Teacher at LT for the past ten years. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Ms. Elliott also serves as the assistant Student Council sponsor and as the initiator of and advisor to the highly successful Catering Club that has catered numerous events. Ms. Elliott thanked the Board for her honor, adding that she is grateful to be able to do what she loves to do every day—working with students and seeing their potential.

Dr. Kilrea next informed the Board about changes in Illinois state law affecting the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Open Meetings Act (OMA) that became effective January 1, 2010. He designated Jennifer Bialobok to serve as the District FOIA officer. Ms. Bialobok has already completed the mandatory online FOIA training and Joyce Marine will also soon complete the training. Changes to the OMA law require public bodies to designate employees to receive training on OMA compliance. The following employees have been designated to complete OMA training: Dr. Kilrea, Jennifer Bialobok, Scott Eggerding, Dave Franson, Joyce Marine, Ed Piotrowski, David Sellers and Ed Tennant. Their names will be forwarded to the Public Access Counselor at the Office of the Attorney General. Board members were encouraged to also complete OMA training. Both FOIA and OMA training must be renewed annually.

Dr. Kilrea continued his Superintendent's Report, explaining to the Board about a new federal education reform program called Race to the Top, which will provide funding as part of ARRA to states that apply and commit to federal school improvement efforts. The Illinois State Board of Education has applied for the Race to the Top grant and LT is one of 350 Illinois school districts to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to participate should the funds become available to our state. We had a narrow window of time to apply; however, because parameters for the federal funding have not yet been designated, schools will have the opportunity to opt out at a later date if they so choose.

Dr. Kilrea then relayed the positive feedback he received from those who attended Barbara Coloroso's presentation on January 19. About 400 parents heard Ms. Coloroso speak about anti-bullying, ethical behavior and parenting skills. A suggestion was made to invite Ms. Coloroso to return to LT to address our teachers and students.

Last, Dr. Kilrea directed the Board's attention to the 2010-2011 *Academic Program Guide* at the Board table.

Mr. Pera shared with the Board that he, Assistant Soccer Coach Kelly Neidig and Dr. Kilrea attended the Township of Lyons Board meeting, where our first-in-state boys soccer team and second-in-state girls volleyball team were recognized and received plaques.

Mr. Pera also expressed his condolences to former Board member Al Polich, whose spouse, Patti, recently passed away.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Textbook/Instructional Material Change Requests – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Mr. Eggerding asked that the Board review the textbook/instructional material change requests, which will be on display for 30 days and brought to the Board for a second reading in February. The District is not in line to receive Illinois textbook loan monies this year.

### **ACTION NO. 3: Fiscal Audit by Independent Auditor for 2008-2009**

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

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.

The report was prepared by LT's independent auditor, Baker Tillyhow Krause & Company. Mr. Pera expressed the Board's confidence in David Sellers and Accounting Manager Kathy Moran and thanked them for their efforts.

**ACTION NO. 4: LT as H1N1 Vaccine Site**

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to approve Lyons Township High School as a site for employees of the Cook County Department of Health to administer the H1N1 vaccine free of charge to interested students and staff on Tuesday, February 9, 2010.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

The vaccines will be administered in North Campus Room 140 and South Campus Gym 1.

**Italian and French Exchanges**

Mr. Franson announced that exchange students from France and Italy will be arriving at LT the end of January; they will be here for about two weeks and will attend some classes with their host students. In turn, on March 20, some of our students will travel to France and Italy.

**December 16, 2009 Lyons Township Community Advisory Council Meeting Consensus**

LTCAC Co-Chair Marilyn Kosin shared the consensus of table discussions in response to questions posed by the Board at the December 16, 2009 LTCAC meeting, which addressed the middle student. Ms. Kosin stressed the importance of communication; she thought the topic was very well presented by Donna Bredrup, Scott Eggerding, Lianne Musser and Katie Smith.

**School Board Calendar for February 2010**

The Board determined committee meeting dates for the month of February.

**ACTION NO. 5: 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 \$4,917,466.65

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

**LADSE Financials**

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$1,491,225.27.

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

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

#### Employment

**Lauren Hernandez**, North Campus Main Office Receptionist/District Switchboard Operator, effective January 19, 2010.

**Ron Malekovic**, North Campus Student Assistant, effective January 4, 2010.

**Rick Passarella**, South Campus Weekend Security, effective December 19, 2009.

#### Reassignment

**Melinda Edwards**, as the Administrative Assistant to the Principal (Classified), effective January 19, 2010.

#### Retirement

**Raymond Monroe**, Buildings and Grounds Maintenance, effective April 30, 2010.

#### Resignation

**Susan Doheny**, ParaEducator Coordinator, effective January 4, 2010.

**Donna Pizzuto**, Secretary for Special Education, effective January 6, 2010.

**Patrick Mucha**, ParaEducator, effective December 18, 2009.

**Wendy Mulligan**, ParaEducator, effective December 18, 2009.

### **LTHS Administrative and Certified Staff Employment Recommendations**

#### Employment

**Rebecca Gemkow**, Language Arts Department, .5 FTE, BA Step 1, effective second semester of the 2009-2010 school year.

Leave of Absence

**Tiziana Lambert**, Special Education Department, May 13, 2010-October 21, 2010.

**Kirsten Manthei**, Language Arts Department, April 12, 2010-June 4, 2010.

Retirement

**Christine Foley**, Special Education Department, Change in retirement date from June 2011 to June 2010.

Resignation

**Alexander Hernandez**, Language Arts Department, effective January 15, 2010.

**LADSE Staff Employment Recommendations**

Employment

**Kori Rentas** - .5 ECE Teacher, (short term leave replacement) subject to the Local funding program, beginning December 15, 2009.

**Jeanne DeBroeck** - .5 DHH Signing Aide, subject to the Local funding program, beginning December 1, 2009.

**Joanne Betke** - 1.0 DHH Signing Aide, subject to the Local funding program, beginning January 4, 2010.

**Dana Reindl** - 1.0 DHH Signing Aide, subject to the Local funding program, beginning January 4, 2010.

FMLA

**Sheila Bryck** - 1.0 Speech Language Pathologist, effective April 14, 2010 through June 4, 2010.

**Minutes:**

Curriculum Committee – December 9, 2009

Regular Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions –December 14, 2009

Curriculum Committee – January 12, 2010

**Student Overnight Travel**

1. IL Junior Classical League Convention – February 2010
2. Eurythmics: National High School Dance Festival – March 2010

**College Board Membership Dues 2009-2010**

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. 6: 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 8:24 p.m.

President:

Secretary: