

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204
 BOARD OF EDUCATION
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
 BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM
 MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009
 7:10 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 (arrived 7:35pm)	<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. Leslie Stickels
Ms. Mary Yena		

VISITORS PRESENT

Mr. Phil Palmer

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Pera at 7:10 p.m.

ACTION NO. 1: Agenda Approval/Order of Business

With the request to pull National Hispanic Institute Student Proposals from the Consent Agenda (Item X-E) and place it under New Business Action Item IX-A-4 and also pull the Facilities Committee meeting minutes from the Consent Agenda (Item X-C-4), Mrs. Alderman moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, 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 Mrs. Alderman, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss confidential personnel and collective negotiating matters.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted, and at 7:10 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

On behalf of the Faculty Association, Vice President Brian Murray thanked the Board for the Institute Day breakfast and then acknowledged the Board's commitment to the community while being teamed with a committed staff. The following members of the Applied Arts Division then introduced themselves: Katie O'Boyle, Martha Elliott, Patty Larson, Dawn Saukstelis, Kate Ebner, David Root and Joe Beam.

Ms. Carlotta Ramirez next spoke on behalf of a group of National Hispanic Institute (NHI) parents in attendance, thanking the Board for striving to raise the academics of LT's Hispanic students and for supporting NHI. She then asked that the Board reconsider its decision to decrease the NHI budget and to take into account the increasing numbers of Latino students at LT that could possibly impact the number of NHI participants. Mr. Pera responded that it was great to see so many supportive parents and explained that the budget, which is fluid every year, in no way diminishes the Board's support for NHI and that the budget also fluctuates for the other student groups.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD REPORT

Ms. Murphy talked about the huge success of Homecoming 2009, noting that participation was up from last year and expressing thanks to NHI students for helping to decorate the gyms. She then announced upcoming events: black-out night at the last home football game, an invitational meet hosted by girls' volleyball, *Othello* on October 22-24 at the Reber, Snowball weekend, NC Blood Drive, and Supplies for Smiles, the collection of money and supplies for Cambodian orphanages. Ms. Murphy then suggested either January 20 or 22 as two possible dates for the Board/Student Council breakfast.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT

Dr. Kilrea began his report by recognizing several student volunteers who donated their time to clean up the South Campus Biology Courtyard. Under the supervision of Science teacher Dave Stormont, the students worked a couple of Saturdays to clear the courtyard of invasive species, such as honeysuckle and buckthorn. In their place, Mr. Stormont's intent is to plant more native species to ultimately create a model of a natural Illinois ecosystem that will be used to educate the students. The following students received Certificates of Recognition from Mr. Pera: Joe Campos, Maggie Galka, Heidi Heim, Jordan Jackson, Kevin Jackson, Kelly Meade, Katy Nichin, Christine O'Brien, Sasha Palmer, David Promisel, Walter Schaefer, Christine Schied, Jennifer Vaile and Danielle Young.

Dr. Kilrea next notified the Board that per Illinois Public Act 096-0434, the District Salary Compensation Report has been posted on the website.

Dr. Kilrea then talked about the revised Travel Request Form, which outlines funding for overnight student trips, adding that our travel budget has greatly increased over the past three years and that it is important to include an essential educational component in the travel request.

Last, Dr. Kilrea shared with the Board a draft of the 2009-2010 District Goals. The goals will be further discussed at the next Curriculum Committee meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 3: Student and Parent/Guardian Network Access Agreement Form, Policy Implementing Section 6.21.7 - Revised

Mr. Shapiro moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve the revised Student and Parent/Guardian Network Access Agreement Form, Policy Implementing Section 6.21.7.

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.

Late Start Update

Mr. Eggerding reported that the past two late start days have greatly improved due to better planning, including incorporating student input about activities. As the weather gets colder, Mr. Eggerding anticipates that more students will arrive at school earlier and participate in planned late start activities.

NEW BUSINESS

Curriculum Change Proposals 2010-2011 – 1st Reading

Mr. Eggerding presented 24 Curriculum Change Proposals that were submitted from almost all divisions. Costs associated with some of the proposals are still being determined. Mr. Dougherty commented that the proposals reaching out to underperforming students were very thoughtful. Mr. Pera praised Ms. Michele Chapman for the Biology and Geometry proposals. A second reading of the Curriculum Change Proposals will be presented to the Board at the November meeting.

2010-2011 School-Term Calendar – 1st Reading

The Board discussed the draft 2010-2011 calendar, specifically the dates proposed for the start of school, winter break and Commencement. A suggestion was made to look into beginning school a week earlier--on August 23, 2010--and scheduling Commencement on June 5, 2011. The dates for winter break will also be reviewed. At the November meeting, the Board will again consider and adopt the proposed 2010-2011 calendar.

ACTION NO. 4: Approval for Architect to Proceed with Bid Specifications

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to authorize the preparation of detailed plans, specifications and bid documents for the projects presented.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

National Hispanic Institute Student Organization Programs 2009-2010

Mr. Pera noted that the NHI proposal requesting approval for several overnight student trips did not match up with the Board's policy regarding overnight student travel. Information such as the level of Board funding, educational value of the proposed trips and whether or not students will be involved in fundraising were omitted from the original proposal. Because the requested trip to Austin, Texas must be booked soon and because the Board did not want to disappoint the students who were planning on participating, Mr. Pera recommended the Board approve only that portion of the request; he then asked Mr. Palacios, NHI advisor, to re-draft proposals for the summer 2010 NHI trips, implementing the revised Travel Request Form. Mr. Pera added that the Board has always supported student trips with educational value, but that the "playing field" has to be the same for all student group trips.

**ACTION NO. 5: National Hispanic Institute Student Organization Programs
2009-2010**

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to approve sending seven students and two chaperones to participate in the November 12– November 15, 2009 NHI National Great Debate in Austin, Texas.

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.

Mrs. Alderman stressed the necessity of a female chaperone accompanying the students, Mr. Shapiro reiterated the importance of fundraising, and Dr. Sprague asked that separate Travel Request Forms be completed for each trip but added that the forms can all be submitted together.

2009 Summer Program Report

Mr. Eggerding reported that this past summer's Academic Program increased by 13% and that 3500+ students participated in the Activity Program. As a result of the Summer Program, eight students were able to complete their requirements for graduation. Mr. Eggerding added that LT was responsible for all academic Special Education Summer Program expenses, totaling \$79,165.28. When Mr. Eggerding suggested the possible necessity of raising Summer Program fees next year, Mr. Pera responded that Summer Program fees should not be increased just to cover the expenses of the Special Education Extended Year Program. Mr. Shapiro asked that surrounding school districts be surveyed regarding their fees for summer courses.

School Board Calendar for November 2009

The Board determined committee meeting dates for November.

ACTION NO. 6: Approval of Consent Agenda

Dr. Polacek 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 \$3,900,932.84.

Approval of Lyons Township High School financial statements for the month ending September 30, 2009.

LADSE Financials

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$2,015,199.46.

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education financial statements for the month ending September 30.

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Employment

Dianora Baliutaviciene, ParaEducator, effective October 5, 2009.

Melanie Grzesik, ParaEducator, effective September 28, 2009.

Retirement

Linda Gilfillan, Administrative Assistant for the Principal, effective October 30, 2009.

Beverly Strance, Administrative Assistant in Human Resources, effective January 4, 2010.

LTHS Administrative and Certified Staff Employment Recommendations

Leave of Absence

Nora Bowker, Special Education Department, March 31, 2010-June 4, 2010.

Susan Murphy, Physical Welfare Department, January 4, 2010-June 4, 2010.

Retirement

Kathy Briestansky, Science Department, June 2013.

Nancy Richter, Learning Resources Division Chair, effective June 2013.

Douglas Stickels, Business Education Department, June 2013.

Marilyn Zimny, Learning Resources Department, June 2013.

Resignation

Michael Wolniakowski, Music Department, effective October 9, 2009.

LADSE Staff Employment Recommendations

Employment

Juliana Anastasiou - 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local funding program, beginning September 23, 2009.

Beth Donnelly - .5 Speech Language Pathologist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning September 28, 2009.

Catherine O’Connell - 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local funding program, beginning October 1, 2009.

Meredith Bolen - .5 ParaEducator, subject to the Local funding program, beginning October 9, 2009.

Resignations

Salena Davila - .5 ParaEducator, effective October 9, 2009.

Melanie Sleeper - 1.0 ParaEducator, effective September 25.

Leave of Absence

Amy Mooney - .4 Occupational Therapist, effective December 21, 2009, return date undecided.

FMLA

Jenifer Mckenzie - 1.0 School Psychologist, effective December 1, 2009, returning January 4, 2010.

Carrie Morfoot - 1.0 DHH Teacher, effective April 6, 2010, returning May 17, 2010.

Minutes:

Regular Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions – September 21, 2009

Human Resources Committee – October 8, 2009

Curriculum Committee – October 14, 2009

Stipend Committee Recommendations

--Special Education Social Worker

Additional LT Community Advisory Council Member

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.

ACTION NO. 7: Adjournment

Mrs. Alderman moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to adjourn the meeting.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

President:

Secretary: