

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2010  
7:30 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. Haley Bucheleres	<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	Mr. Robert Fritch
Ms. Katie Smith	Ms. Ann Stickman	Ms. Martha Elliott
Ms. Kate Ebner	Ms. Gianna Galanti	

**VISITORS PRESENT**

Mr. Phil Palmer                      Mr. Tony Soyak

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Pera at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

With the request to pull the Closed Session agenda and New Business Action Item 2, Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to approve the agenda as amended.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

**PUBLIC HEARING – 2010 Property Tax Levy**

Mr. Pera opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2010 Property Tax Levy and asked for visitors' comments.

**ACTION NO. 2: Close Public Hearing**

There being no comments from the public, Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to close the Public Hearing.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

**PUBLIC HEARING – To Renew a Waiver of 105 ILCS 5/27-24.3 Allowing for Two Hours of Behind-the-Wheel Instruction and Eleven Hours of Driving in a Controlled Situation as an Equal Substitution for Six Hours of Behind-the-Wheel Instruction**

Mr. Pera opened the Public Hearing on the waiver of 105 ILCS 5/27-24.3 allowing for two (2) hours of behind-the-wheel instruction and eleven (11) hours of driving in a controlled situation as an equal substitution for six (6) hours of behind-the-wheel instruction and asked for visitors' comments.

**ACTION NO. 3: Close Public Hearing**

As there were no comments from the audience, Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Dougherty, that the Public Hearing be closed.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

**PUBLIC HEARING – Veterans Day Waiver Request to Attend School on November 11, 2011**

Mr. Pera opened the Public Hearing regarding the Veterans Day waiver request to attend school on November 11, 2011 and asked for visitors' comments.

**ACTION NO. 4: Close Public Hearing**

There being no comments from the public, Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to close the Public Hearing.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

On behalf of the faculty, Bob Sherman wished everyone happy holidays and safe travel and then asked the following members of the Applied Arts Division to introduce themselves: Martha Elliott, Ann Stickman, Kate Ebner and Gianna Galanti.

Co-President of the Para Association, Bill Soltys, also wished the Board and administrators a safe, enjoyable winter break.

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

Ms. Bucheleres noted that both Future Freshman Night and Holiday Write Night were successful events and that Model UN participants recently returned from their conference. Upcoming dates include Brownstock and, for the last time, final exams scheduled after winter break in January. Ms. Bucheleres will also meet with Student Council officers to determine some dates in late January or early February to schedule Breakfast with the Board.

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

Dr. Kilrea discussed the upcoming visit by Barbara Coloroso, an expert in parenting-teaching conflict resolution and anti-bullying efforts. Ms. Coloroso will present to the LT faculty and associate school educators at the January 24th District Institute Day and to parents and community members later that evening in the Reber. The following day, Ms. Coloroso will work with our students during assemblies and in small groups. Dr. Kilrea noted that Ms. Coloroso's presentations support our efforts to focus on a social-emotional component, including our anti-bullying campaign. Mr. Pera asked about the progress of our anti-bullying efforts, to which Mr. Franson responded that we are incorporating this topic into our curriculum.

Dr. Kilrea then extended an invitation to the December 15, 2010 LTCAC meeting, which will feature a presentation by David Sellers on the financial condition of the District.

After presenting Board members with ornaments as a small token of thanks for all they do for students and staff, Dr. Kilrea wished the Board a very happy holiday.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **ACTION NO. 5: Adoption of 2010 Property Tax Levy Resolution**

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to adopt the Resolution Levying Tax for the Year 2010, including all supporting materials.

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.

The corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2010 are \$56,836,386.00, representing an 8.21% increase over 2009.

Mr. Sellers also discussed the change in the tax burden from commercial to residential property, but emphasized that in Cook County, commercial entities are still mainly responsible for the tax base.

**ACTION NO. 6: Renewal of Driver Education Waiver**

Mrs. Alderman moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to approve a five-year waiver of 105 ILCS 5/27-24.3 allowing for two (2) hours of behind-the-wheel instruction and eleven (11) hours of driving in a controlled situation as an equal substitution for six (6) hours of behind-the-wheel instruction.

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.

This adopted five-year waiver gives our students 13 clock hours of driving practice and enables us to serve the needs of all students during the regular school day; our student success rate in fulfilling the Driver's Ed graduation requirement has increased, and our program has proven to be solid and beneficial to our students.

**ACTION NO. 7: Veterans Day Waiver**

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to approve a waiver of the observance of Veterans Day to allow for the respectful recognition of Veterans during the all-school assemblies on November 11, 2011. In compensation for attending school on Veterans Day, LTHS will have a non-attendance day on November 23, 2011.

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.

Mr. Eggerding explained that because of the shift to the new 2011-2012 calendar and due to the successful assemblies that most respectfully recognized and honored Veterans Day, the importance of students attending school on the actual Veterans Day (November 11) carries even more significance. Instead, November 23, 2011, the day before Thanksgiving, will serve as a non-attendance day.

Dr. Sprague said that veterans count on and look forward to the assembly and are quite moved by their recognition. Mr. Franson added that the assemblies spawned a lot of good conversation in the classroom. He also noted that the decorum and respect of our students were impressive.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ACTION NO. 8: National Cattlemen’s Beef Association Test Kitchen**

Mrs. Alderman moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to approve the partnership with the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association for the purpose of establishing a sea level test kitchen at LTHS to test the Association’s recipes.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Mr. Eggerding relayed that this partnership will provide a great opportunity for our culinary students to work with professionals in a field in which they’re interested. As a plus, any equipment purchased for use in our kitchens by the Cattlemen’s Beef Association will remain at LT.

### **School Board Calendar for January 2011**

The Board determined committee meeting dates for January of 2011.

### **ACTION NO. 10: Approval of Consent Agenda**

Dr. Polacek 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 \$5,083,779.17

Approval of Lyons Township High School financial statements for the month ending November 30, 2010.

#### **LADSE Financials**

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$1,730,085.86.

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

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

## Employment

**Russell Varney**, South Campus Weekend Security, effective November 20, 2010.

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

### Leave of Absence

**Lorena Lagis**, Art, March 21, 2011-June 3, 2011.

**Danielle Mackovitch**, FCS, November 22, 2010-February 14, 2011.

## **LADSE Staff Employment Recommendations**

### Employment

**Catherine Smith** - .5 ParaEducator, subject to the Local funding program, beginning November 29, 2010.

### Leave of Absence

**Barbara Curl** – 1.0 School Psychologist (intermittent) FMLA, beginning November 8, 2010.

### **Minutes:**

Regular Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions – November 15, 2010  
Curriculum Committee – December 8, 2010

### **Disposal of Surplus Property**

#### **Donations**

1. Robotic Supplies to Science Department, valued at approximately \$300, by Corey Correnti.
2. Trimline 3500 Treadmill to Special Education Department, valued at approximately \$500, by Mary Jane Nelson-Stitt.

#### **Overnight Student Travel**

1. **Close Up Washington, Washington D.C. - March 2011**
2. **IMEA All-State Festival, Peoria, IL - January 2011**
3. **IL Junior Classical League Convention, Itasca, IL – February 2011**

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.

**ACTION NO. 10: Adjournment**

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

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

President:

Secretary: