

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011
7:20 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 (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
Ms. Jennifer Bialobok	Mr. Ed Tennant	Mr. Bob Sherman
Mr. Brian Murray	Ms. Donna Bredrup	Ms. Leslie Stickels

VISITORS PRESENT

Ms. Pam Kazee	Ms. Sarah Lewensohn	Dr. Jim Surber
Mr. Don Leonard		

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Pera at 7:21 p.m.

ACTION NO. 1: Agenda Approval/Order of Business

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, 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 Mr. Shapiro, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations and to review Closed Session documentation.

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 7:21 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

Faculty Association President Bob Sherman first acknowledged staff members who worked during the snow days and then introduced Will Meuer and Tom Swiontek, two members of the Global Studies Division.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Ms. Bucheleres noted that Barbara Coloroso's presentation to students on bullying was very good. She announced upcoming events--King of Hearts on February 26 and the Board/Student Leader breakfast on March 3. Ms. Bucheleres updated the Board on the progress of the Honor Flight campaign, saying that if we reach our goal of \$50,000, LT will be the first school to sponsor a flight for World War II veterans to go to Washington, D.C. The trip is planned for May 11.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT

Dr. Kilrea presented the Vita Plena award to Lottie Komperda, LT's District driver and part of the snow removal team. At LT since 1992, Ms. Komperda goes above and beyond, always asking what she can do to help. Dr. Kilrea added that she's dependable, hard-working, reliable and can always be counted on to assist in any way. Ms. Komperda gave thanks for her award and then introduced her husband, son and friends in the audience

Dr. Kilrea next recognized 13 students who earned IMEA All-State honors. Mr. Pera presented the following students with Certificates of Recognition for their accomplishment: Kevin Burke ((chorus), Stephaie Diebel (band/orchestra winds), Margaret Farney (chorus), Lise Graham (chorus), William Greelee (orchestra), Danny Hickey (composition and band/orchestra winds), Randall Manning (orchestra), Christine O'Brien (chorus), Andrew Rankin (future music educator), Harrison Reeder (chorus), Thomas Scott (chorus), Lauren Shafer (chorus), and Alessandro Tenorio-Bucci (band/orchestra winds). Dr. Kilrea also extended congratulations to the parents and families of these talented musicians and to their LT music teachers.

Dr. Kilrea then addressed the necessity of making up instructional time lost when school was closed at the beginning of February due to the heavy snowfall. He recommended that the April 29th Institute Day instead be used as a student attendance day, which would assist in getting students ready

for finals the following month. Also, per the LTHSFA negotiated agreement, an additional teacher work day will need to be added to the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Pera remarked that the communications regarding the cancellation of school worked well; Dr. Kilrea added that communications will improve even more with the new Student Information System.

Continuing his update, Dr. Kilrea reported that this year's WLTL Rock-A-Thon, in partnership with LTTV, was the most successful in the history of our school's radio station, raising \$22,700 through great community support.

Last, Dr. Kilrea commented on the February 18th power outage along Willow Springs Road that resulted in South Campus students to be dismissed at 1:45 p.m. that day.

Before proceeding to Unfinished Business, Mr. Pera and Dr. Kilrea provided information to two parents in attendance on how best to address a student matter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 3: Textbook/Instructional Material Change Requests 2011-2012

Mrs. Alderman moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to approve the 2011-2012 Textbook/Instructional Material Change Requests as presented.

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 noted that many of the books being replaced are beyond the five-year minimum.

Textbook/Instructional Material Change Requests 2011-2012: Global Studies – 1st Reading

Change requests totaling \$16,355 for Global Studies materials were presented to the Board as a first reading. They will be on display for 30 days and come back to the Board as a second reading Action item in March.

ACTION NO. 4: Facilities Improvement Bids – Summer 2011

Mr. Purcell moved, seconded by Mr. Dougherty, to approve the summer 2011 facilities improvement bids as presented.

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.

The approved bids include in-house projects (replacement of ceilings, lighting fixtures and flooring in classrooms and hallways including asbestos abatement) along with Bennett Field track surface replacement and general remodeling and mechanical upgrade bids prepared by DLA Architects.

ACTION NO. 5: Amended LADSE Articles of Agreement

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Dougherty, to approve the amended LADSE Articles of Agreement.

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 amended Articles of Agreement were reviewed by outside Counsel; it is anticipated that they will also be approved by the other LADSE members.

Hinsdale District 181 Petition to Withdraw from LADSE

Hinsdale District 181 Assistant Superintendent Pam Kazee, District 181 Board member Sarah Lewensohn, LADSE Executive Director Jim Surber and LADSE Business Manager Don Leonard were available to answer questions from LT Board members regarding 181's request to withdraw its membership from LADSE. Dr. Surber reassured the Board that LT's portion of LADSE costs will not increase nor will our LADSE services decrease as a result of 181's withdrawal from the special education cooperative; he added that although LADSE has cut an additional \$1.2 million from next year's budget, there will be no dramatic reduction in services available to the remaining LADSE districts. Ms. Kazee noted that District 181 is already currently providing a lot of special education services to their students on their own, making them less reliant on LADSE; the District's withdrawal would not result in cost cutting or savings but in a different allocation of funds. Ms. Kazee also stated that although LADSE has done a good job, District 181 would like to supervise the services and staff they're utilizing and control their

allocation of federal funds. They strongly believe that they will be able to continue to provide to their students and community the customization of services to address their students' needs. Dr. Surber agreed with Ms. Kazee's assessment.

ACTION NO. 6 Hinsdale District 181 Petition to Withdraw from LADSE

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to approve District 181's petition to withdraw as a member district from the La Grange Area Department of Special Education.

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.

Ms. Kazee said that Hinsdale District 181 will share their professional development and research with other school districts.

Dr. Kilrea noted that two of three remaining LADSE member districts will need to approve 181's request for withdrawal in order for the measure to be approved.

ACTION NO. 7: Girls' Summer Camp Basketball Expansion

Mrs. Alderman moved, seconded by Mr. Dougherty, to approve the summer Girls' Basketball Camp expansion.

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.

Expanding the Girls' Summer Basketball Camp to five weeks at a cost of \$150 puts it in line with the Boys' Summer Basketball Camp program and fees.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 8: Fiscal Audit by Independent Auditor for 2009-2010

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

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.

ACTION NO. 9: Copier Replacement Purchase

Mr. Shapiro moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve the purchase of eight copiers from Martin Whalen Office Solutions.

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 cost of the copiers is \$103,462, a reduced price if purchased prior to July 1. The new copy machines will generate an increased copy rate and some will provide scanning capabilities.

ACTION NO. 10: Western Springs Metropolitan-Area Network Construction Project

Mr. Shapiro moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, that the District finalize an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Western Springs and Lyons township High School for the construction of a fiber optic network link between the District's South Campus and the WSMAN, as well as 100 mbps Internet services via that fiber optic network.

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.

The Agreement, which includes \$57,287.60 for construction costs and \$2,000 monthly for the recurring Internet services, will increase our capabilities. Mr. Tennant remarked that the 12% increase in technology costs will produce a 600% increase in capabilities. The construction project is scheduled to begin in late spring.

School Board Calendar for March 2011

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

Prior to the Consent Agenda vote, Dr. Sprague stated that after reviewing the Closed Session documentation, the Board determined that only the written minutes of the Closed Session portions of Board meetings from June 21, 2010 through November 15, 2010 would be released under the Consent Agenda and that any recordings of Closed Session during that time period still require confidentiality. The Board additionally determined that audiotapes of Closed Session meetings of February 17, 2009 through August 17, 2009 can now be destroyed.

ACTION NO. 11: Approval of Consent Agenda

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

LTHS Monthly Financials

Approval of Lyons Township High School monthly bills in the amount of \$5,425,143.94

Approval of Lyons Township High School financial statements for the month ending January 31, 2011.

LADSE Financials

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$1,581,819.59.

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education financial statements for the month ending January 31, 2011.

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Employment

Patrick Castillo, South Campus ParaEducator, effective January 27, 2011.

Family Medical Leave

Robert Ebner, South Campus Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, effective January 10, 2011 through April 1, 2011.

Susan Lynch, North Campus Student Services Secretary, effective January 31, 2011 through March 5, 2011.

Resignation

Timothy Forster, WLTL Supervisor, effective February 16, 2011.

Patricia Pears, South Campus ParaEducator, effective January 14, 2011.

LTHS Administrative and Certified Staff Employment Recommendations

Leave of Absence

Danielle Mackovitch, FCS, extension of current leave (*November 22, 2010-February 14, 2010*) to February 25, 2011.

LADSE Staff Employment Recommendations

Employment

Lindsey Slattery- 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local funding program, beginning January 20, 2011.

Ellyn McKinney-Gehrke - .5 DHH Speech Language Pathologist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning January 25, 2011.

Kelly McShane – 1.0 DHH Interpreter, subject to the Local funding program, beginning January 25, 2011.

Colleen Daniel – Part-time ParaEducator, subject to the Local funding program, beginning January 31, 2011.

Leaves of Absence

Becky Perthel – 1.0 Speech Language Pathologist, effective January 24, 2011 for approximately one (1) month.

Kristen Monacella – 1.0 Speech Language Pathologist, effective May 2, 2011 through June 3, 2011.

Lila Evans – 1.0 DHH Speech Language Pathologist, effective August 18, 2011 through November 11, 2011.

Minutes:

- Regular Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions – January 18, 2011
- Facilities Committee of the Whole – February 9, 2011
- Finance Committee – February 15, 2011
- Human Resources Committee – February 15, 2011
- Curriculum Committee – February 16, 2011
- Technology Committee – February 17, 2011

Student Overnight Travel

1. **Snowball – March 2011**
2. **Choral Trip – Decatur, IL – April 2011**
3. **Orchestra Trip to Italy – Spring Break 2013**
4. **IHSA Congressional Debate Tournament – IL Wesleyan – March 2011**
5. **IL Congressional Debate Association State Meet – NIU – April 2011**
6. **Model UN – Northwestern – April 2011**

Release of Closed Session Documentation

Closed Session Minutes Approved for Release

June 21, 2010	August 16, 2010	September 20, 2010
October 18, 2010	November 15, 2010	

Closed Session Audiotapes to be Destroyed

February 17, 2009	February 23, 2009	February 24, 2009
February 25, 2009	February 27, 2009	February 28, 2009
March 9, 2009	April 20, 2009	May 7, 2009
May 18, 2009	June 15, 2009	August 11, 2009
August 17, 2009		

2011 Retirement Celebration Estimate

January 2011 Graduates

World Languages Certified FTE and ParaEducator Requests

Policy Manual Review/Customization by IASB

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.

ACTION NO. 12: Adjournment

Mr. Shapiro moved, seconded by Mr. Purcell, to adjourn the meeting.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

President:

Secretary: