

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204
 BOARD OF EDUCATION
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
 BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM
 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011
 7:00 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. Edward Piotrowski	Mr. Dave Franson
Ms. Jennifer Bialobok	Mr. Ed Tennant	Ms. Katie Smith
Mr. Bob Sherman	Mr. Brian Murray	

VISITORS PRESENT

Ms. Katherine Dudley	Mr. Phil Palmer	Ms. Allison Stuck
Mr. Matt Smith		

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Pera at 7:00 p.m.

ACTION NO. 1: Agenda Approval/Order of Business

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to approve the agenda as presented.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 2: Adjournment into Closed Session

Mr. Dougherty moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss confidential personnel matters, collective bargaining negotiations and the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted, and at 7:00 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

Mr. Pera relayed his condolences on the passing of ParaEducator Gail White.

Faculty Association President President Bob Sherman noted that this week is Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. He then acknowledged Dr. Sprague’s many years of service to the District and congratulated Mr. Palmer for his election to the LT Board.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Ms. Bucheleres shared that everything is winding down for the school year (at least for seniors). Upcoming school events include PSAEs next week followed by AP exams. The Eurythmics Dance Show and *Tens by Teens* are May events scheduled in the Reber. \$45,000 has been raised toward the May 11th Honor Flight excursion that will transport 95 area veterans to the memorials in Washington, D.C. Much credit goes to our associate schools for their fantastic support and efforts toward making this flight a reality.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT

Dr. Kilrea first acknowledged Bill Sprague for all his valuable contributions to LT; he also recognized incoming Board member, Phil Palmer, who will be seated on the LT Board of Education April 27.

Dr. Kilrea next presented an update on our progress towards meeting the School District Goals for 2010-2012. To achieve the overarching goal of “improving the academic achievement of all students,” Dr. Kilrea detailed some of the approaches already instituted and also future plans to ensure success, including the establishment of a Professional Development Committee, implementing a data-driven, decision-making model, designing an improved test prep curriculum, and selecting a nationally-normed Climate Survey to be administered. He announced that the District has met its goals in increasing registration for AP tests by 5% and additionally increasing minority-student participation in extra-curriculars by 5%. The Board received a more detailed written update at their seats. Mr. Pera noted that in August, the Board would like to update and work on the goals, most notably to address under-achieving minority students.

Third, Dr. Kilrea talked about the April LTCAC meeting, which showcased unique learning activities at LT; he also announced LTCAC’s May 18th pizza dinner meeting for members and the Board.

Last, Dr. Kilrea mentioned his trip to Springfield, where he attended sessions concerning the state budget and its impact on schools. Dr. Kilrea noted that our district is fortunate; many other districts are affected because they have not received reimbursement from the state for bills submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 3: 2011 Summer Curriculum and Program Development Workshops

Mrs. Alderman moved, seconded by Mr. Dougherty, to approve the proposals for the 2011 Summer Curriculum and Program Development Workshops.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

Many of the 13 approved proposals are goal-related; some are grant funded. Mr. Pera inquired how the effectiveness of PLCs will be measured, to which Mr. Eggerding responded that it will take at least a year to ascertain the effectiveness of PLCs on core classes.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 4: Establishment of Regular Board Meeting Dates for August 2011 – June 2012

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to establish the following regular Board Meeting dates:

August 15, 2011	September 19, 2011	October 17, 2011	November 21, 2011
December 19, 2011	January 23, 2012	February 21, 2012	March 19, 2012
April 16, 2012	May 21, 2012	June 18, 2012	

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Summer Textbook Adoption – 1st Reading

Mr. Eggerding presented as a first reading required summer reading texts for English/Language Arts courses. The four books will again be presented at the May meeting for Board approval, per the Revised Implementatin of Instructional Materials Policy 6.06. Additionally presented was the list of books available for choice for Preparatory and Accelerated students. These “choice” materials do not have to be reviewed again by the Board in May.

ACTION NO. 5: Exam Exemption Guidelines

Mrs. Alderman moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to approve the Final Exam Exemption Policy for the 2011-2012 school year.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Franson remarked that we have seen fewer suspensions, cuts and unexcused absences. He also explained that exam exemption has been part of the LT culture for a very long time. Ms. Bucheleres added that the opportunity to exempt a final exam is a privilege for students. In response to whether the grade to qualify for exemption should be raised to a B-, Ms. Bucheleres said that allowing a student to exempt a final with a C- grade provides a positive incentive to those middle students who study hard and pay attention in class but still receive a grade of C. The final exam exemption incentive is meant to benefit a majority of students and not just provide a perk to the top students.

ACTION NO. 6: Climate Survey

Mrs. Alderman moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek approve the proposal submitted by School Perceptions to work with LT administrators to design and administrate a parent, staff and student climate survey at a cost not to exceed \$13,300.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

This nationally-normed survey will be administered in the fall of 2011. The majority of responses will be online; paper copies will be distributed to those who have not provided e-mail addresses.

School Board Calendar for May 2011

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

ACTION NO. 7: 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 \$5,595,217.43

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

LADSE Financials

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$2,659,459.78.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Employment

Janice Banks, North Campus ParaEducator, effective April 18, 2011.

Debra Dugan, South Campus ParaEducator, effective April 12, 2011.

Ann Wilson, South Campus ParaEducator, effective April 4, 2011.

Release per Negotiated Agreement

Janice Banks, North Campus ParaEducator, effective June 2, 2011.

Debra Dugan, South Campus ParaEducator, effective June 2, 2011.

Ann Wilson, South Campus ParaEducator, effective June 2, 2011.

Resignation

David Trujillo, South Campus Locker Room Attendant, effective April 18, 2011.

Termination

Anthony Belmonte, North Campus Para Educator, effective April 7, 2011.

LTHS Administrative and Certified Staff Employment Recommendations

Leaves of Absence

Katie Hochberg – Physical Welfare – April 4, 2011-June 3, 2011.

Renee Leiter – Special Education – August 18, 2011-November 10, 2011.

Maria Lopez Yanez – World Languages – January 31, 2011-May 6, 2011.

Anna Meyers Caccitolo – Language Arts – August 18, 2011-November 10, 2011.

Allyson Voss – Special Education – September 26, 2011-December 21, 2011.

Reassignment

Lindsay VanderMeer – Math/Science Assistant Division Chair – effective August 18, 2011.

Resignations

Rebecca Elpus – Music – effective June 3, 2011.

Emily Waldinger – World Languages – effective June 3, 2011.

Certified Staff Requests for Leaves of Absence

Connie Lyda – Fine Arts – Music - .1 FTE – August 18, 2011-June 1, 2012.

LADSE Staff Employment Recommendations

Employment

Dr. Sheryl Wernsing – Director of Special Education, subject to the Local funding program, beginning July 1, 2011.

Jennifer Bolinger - .5 ParaEducator (short-term), subject to the Local funding program, beginning April 4, 2011.

Matthew Hurst - .5 ParaEducator (short-term), subject to the Local funding program, beginning April 12, 2011.

Leaves of Absence

Allyson Piagnarelli - .5 Speech Language Pathologist, effective May 17, 2011 through the end of the school year, and may resume August 18, 2011.

Brandi Miller – 1.0 Occupational Therapist, effective May 16, 2011 through the end of the school year.

Richard Weinert – 1.0 ParaEducator, effective May 16, 2011 through the end of the school year.

Julia Dana – 1.0 Speech Language Pathologist, effective August 18, 2011 through December 22, 2011 (tentative).

Johanna Bruckner – 1.0 School Psychologist, effective August 22, 2011 through October 28, 2011 (tentative).

Resignations

Catherine Smith - .5 ParaEducator, last day worked was April 8, 2011.

Minutes:

Regular Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions – March 21, 2011
Technology Committee – April 7, 2011
Curriculum Committee – April 13, 2011

Summer Extended Contracts

Student Overnight Travel

- 1. French Student Exchange – March-April 2012**
- 2. Italian Student Exchange – March-April 2012**

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 8: Adjournment into Closed Session

Mr. Shapiro moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted and at 8:25 p.m., Mr. Pera adjourned the meeting into Closed Session.

At 8:50 p.m., the meeting reconvened in Open Session.

ACTION NO. 9: 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: