

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204
 BOARD OF EDUCATION
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
 BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM
 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 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. Haley Bucheleres (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 | Ms. Leslie Stickels |
| Mr. Bill Soltys | Mr. Brian Murray | |

VISITORS PRESENT

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| Mr. Phil Palmer | Mr. Bob Boyd | Ms. Mary Carroll Dougherty |
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CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Pera at 7:17 p.m.

ACTION NO. 1: Agenda Approval/Order of Business

With the request to add “Resolution: State Girls Volleyball” to the Superintendent’s District Report, Mr. Purcell moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to approve the agenda as amended.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 2: Adjournment into Closed Session

Mrs. Alderman moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss a confidential student matter.

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 7:17 p.m., Mr. Pera adjourned the meeting into Closed Session.

At 7:37 p.m., the meeting reconvened in Open Session with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN SESSION – COMMUNICATIONS

Faculty Association Vice President Brian Murray acknowledged two great nights of conferences and also great morale among staff resulting from sharing good experiences such as the success of boys football and girls volleyball. Mr. Murray then asked members of the Fine Arts Division to introduce themselves: Jamie Rey, Samantha Pomilia, Lorena Lagis, Carlene Kinzie, Mary Rohlicek, Patrick Page, Elisa Ciaglia, Laurie Jolicoeur, Jane Ewing and Mark Dahl.

Parent Mary Carroll Dougherty next addressed the Board, first remarking how impressed she is with the teachers and the curriculum. She then asked the Board to think about the impact that required sports team practices scheduled for school holidays are having on family life; she would like the Board to consider creating a policy about sports practices instead of leaving the practice schedule up to individual coaches. Mr. Pera responded that Athletic Director, John Grundke, will follow up.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD REPORT

Ms. Bucheleres congratulated the girls volleyball team on their first-place state win. She next remarked that students appreciated and respected the Veterans' Day assemblies and then reminded everyone about Student Council's quest to raise \$50,000 in donations to support Honor Flight, which will allow veterans to travel to Washington, D.C. to visit the war memorials. Upcoming events noted by Ms. Buchleres included Freshman Parent Night, Future Freshman Night, Secret Santa and Holiday Write Night.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT

Dr. Kilrea presented the November Vita Plena award to Mark Dahl, Music Teacher/Assistant Division Chair for Fine Arts. A very talented musician with an impressive background in both teaching and performing, Mr. Dahl has engineered the resurgence of the band program since coming to LT in 2004. Concert Band enrollment has doubled and his leadership of the Marching Band is outstanding. Dr. Kilrea noted that Mr. Dahl brings his passion for music to his students on a daily basis. Mr. Dahl thanked the Board and administrators for the Vita Plena and also thanked his colleagues in the Music Department for their support. He gave special thanks to Huei Pan and to Division Chair, Leslie Stickels, for doing what's best for kids and mostly to his wife, Laura, for her continuous support and encouragement.

Mr. Pera stated that the Board appreciates all that the Fine Arts Division does for LT.

Dr. Kilrea then shared the following information: Attendance at Parent-Teacher Conferences was up seven percent from last year, the annual Senior Citizens' Thanksgiving luncheon is Thursday, November 18. He then congratulations to the girls volleyball team on placing first in state and asked Board Secretary, Bill Sprague, to read a resolution recognizing the team's achievements.

Resolution Honoring LT State Girls Volleyball

Dr. Sprague read into the record and the Board acknowledged the resolution honoring our girls volleyball team for finishing the season with a first-place win at the Illinois High School Association State Girls Volleyball Meet on November 12-13, 2010. The team consisted of the following members: Kaley Babich, Jocelyn Birks, Kelly Blank, Sara Bres, Eve Hoffman, Erin Juley, Alyssa Keeve, Kelsey Keeve, Stephanie Lewaniak, Megan Miller, Kasey O'Malley, Elizabeth O'Malley, Alec Powers (Assistant Coach/Manager), Stephanie Trybul (Student Athletic Trainer), Alexis Viliunas, Julia Watkins, and Laura Williams. Also recognized was head coach Joann Pyritz and assistant coaches George Ushela, Lorie Lowey, Dawn Schabacker, Brad Skendzel and athletic trainer Robert Fichter.

Completing his Superintendent's Report, Dr. Kilrea introduced LT Community Advisory Council Co-Chair, Joan Rykal, who provided member feedback from the October LTCAC meeting.

October 20, 2010 Lyons Township Community Advisory Council Meeting Consensus

Ms. Rykal provided the results of an informal calendar survey conducted at the October LTCAC meeting. Out of 50 responses, 40 respondents were in favor of adopting a 2011-2012 calendar that has first- semester finals scheduled prior to winter break; only ten respondents preferred keeping the calendar as in years past--holding finals after winter break.

Ms. Rykal then shared the consensus of table discussions in response to questions posed by the Board of Education about strengthening articulation efforts with associate schools; the Data Consortium and social-emotional learning issues were two areas that would benefit from increased communication between LT and its associate schools.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 3: 2011-2012 Curriculum Change Proposals

Mrs. Alderman moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve the 2011-2012 curriculum change proposals.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 4: 2011-2012 School-Term Calendar

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to approve the 2011-2012 School-Term Calendar.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

The newly adopted 2011-2012 calendar has first semester (and corresponding finals) ending before the start of the 2011 winter break.

Mr. Eggerding noted one change from the first reading: the October 2011 Institute Day was moved to Columbus Day in order to give back one day at the end of first semester (December 23, 2011, which will be a non-attendance day). Finals and first-semester grades will be submitted upon return from winter break. Mr. Dougherty questioned how the calendar change has been communicated, to which Dr. Kilrea responded that the calendar has been previously shared with associate schools' superintendents. Regarding eighth-grade students who attend LT for math classes, those students will follow LT's calendar schedule for attending their math class. Mrs. Alderman complimented the Board, administrators and teachers for their cooperation in creating this new calendar and for putting kids first.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 5: Estimated Property Tax Levy for 2010

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to approve the draft estimated property tax levy for 2010.

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 proposed \$56.8 million 2010 levy is an 8.22% increase over last year. A public hearing regarding the tax levy is scheduled for December 13, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

ACTION NO. 6: Student #404xxx

Mr. Dougherty moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to hold in abeyance the expulsion hearing of Student #404xxx; should Student #404xxx attempt to re-enroll at Lyons Township High School prior to the end of the 2010-2011 school year (June 9, 2011), expulsion hearing proceedings will be immediately reinstated.

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.

ACTION NO. 7: Summer P.E. Course Request

Mrs. Alderman moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve offering a summer-session physical education course for make-up credit only.

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.

The six-week summer physical education course will allow students who have failed P.E., an LT requirement for graduation, the opportunity to make up the credit during the summer and therefore take academic courses during the regular school year.

ACTION NO. 8: 2010-2012 School District Goals

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve the 2010-2012 School District Goals.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Dr. Kilrea remarked that the overarching goal for the District continues to be “improving the academic achievement of all students,” with the sub-goals serving as the vehicle for how we plan to meet the District’s main goal. He also emphasized that LT encourages all students to participate in co-curriculars because research confirms that grades improve for those students who are involved in extra-curricular activities.

School Board Calendar for December 2010

The Board determined committee meeting dates for December.

ACTION NO. 9: Approval of Consent Agenda

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

LTHS Monthly Financials

Approval of Lyons Township High School monthly bills in the amount of \$6,025,888.65.

Approval of Lyons Township High School financial statements for the month ending October 31, 2010.

LADSE Financials

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$1,458,676.12.

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education financial statements for the month ending October 31, 2010.

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Employment

Tarris Parker, South Campus Weekend Security, effective October 23, 2010.

Reassignment

Marian Lipka, from South Campus Temporary Custodian to Permanent Custodian, effective October 18, 2010.

Family Medical Leave

Christine Malarik, Secretary in Teacher Resource Department, effective October 27, 2010 through January 21, 2011.

Retirement

Sheila Peebles, Secretary in the Learning Resource Center, effective January 14, 2011.

LTHS Administrative and Certified Staff Employment Recommendations

Reemployment

Marissa Kimzey - FCS (0.5 FTE) – effective January 18, 2011.

Leaves of Absence

Ebony Baker, Student Services – April 4, 2011-May 27, 2011.

Jennifer Fanta, Student Services – February 2, 2011-May 13, 2011.

Thomas Freyer – Mathematics – January 31, 2011-February 18, 2011.

Rebecca Rivan – Mathematics – December 17, 2010-February 25, 2011.

Jeremy Vrtis – Mathematics – February 11, 2011-March 25, 2011.

LADSE Staff Employment Recommendations

Employment

Lauren Spodarek – Change from .5 ParaEducator to 1.0, subject to the Local funding program, beginning October 28, 2010.

Resignation

Debra Supple – 1.0 ParaEducator, effective October 13, 2010.

Leaves of Absence

Linda Francois – 1.0 DHH Interpreter, effective September 30, 2010 – unknown return date.

Alessandra Messina – 1.0 Teacher, effective December 24, 2010 – April 8, 2011.

Joanne Messina – 1.0 Transition Consultant, effective November 22, 2010 – 1-3 weeks tentative.

Minutes:

Regular Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions –October 18, 2010

Facilities Committee – November 9, 2010

Finance Committee – November 9, 2010

Curriculum Committee – November 10, 2010

Human Resources Committee – November 11, 2010

Technology Committee – November 11, 2010

Finance Committee – November 11, 2010

Additional LT Community Advisory Council Members

Overnight Student Travel

1. Model U.N. Conference, Chicago – December 2010

Stipend Committee Recommendation

1. Art Club – Additional Assistant Sponsor – 5% stipend (\$2,121.15)

Kathi Best Vocal Music Scholarship

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 into Closed Session

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation.

The motion was adopted, and at 8:28 p.m., Mr. Pera adjourned the meeting into Closed Session.

At 8:40 p.m., the meeting reconvened in Open Session.

ACTION NO. 11: Adjournment

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Dougherty, to adjourn the meeting.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

President:

Secretary: