

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204  
 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
 BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM  
 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010  
 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. David Franson	Mr. Edward Piotrowski
Mr. Ed Tennant	Ms. Jennifer Bialobok	Ms. Costopoulos
Mr. Bill Soltys	Mr. Brian Murray	Ms. Therese Nelson
Mr. Kevin Brown	Ms. Katie Smith	Mr. Bob Sherman

**VISITORS PRESENT**

Mr. Don Leonard                      Mr. Phil Palmer

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL & PLEDGE**

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Pera at 7:03 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**

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss confidential student matters.

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 7:03 p.m., Mr. Pera adjourned the meeting into Closed Session.

At 7:40 p.m., the meeting reconvened in Open Session with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **OPEN SESSION – COMMUNICATIONS**

Faculty Association President Bob Sherman stated that LT is truly a family where we take care of one another, to which Mr. Pera expressed sadness over the recent passing of faculty member Katie O’Boyle. Mr. Sherman next thanked the Board for the opening day breakfast and also acknowledged the results of the renovation of facilities this past summer. Mr. Sherman then recognized the following LTFA officers in attendance: Patti Cryer, Jim Mshar and Brian Murray.

Next, IAPA Co-President, Bill Soltys, complimented Ed Piotrowski, Director of Human Resources, for doing a great job in filling ParaEducator vacancies.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – Lyons Township High School District 204 FY 2010-2011 Budget**

Mr. Pera opened the public hearing on the Lyons Township High School District 204 FY 2010-2011 budget and requested any comments from the public.

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

There being no comments from the public, Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to close the public hearing on the Lyons Township High School District 204 FY 2010-2011 budget.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – La Grange Area Department of Special Education FY 2010-2011 Budget**

Mr. Pera opened the public hearing on the La Grange Area Department of Special Education (LADSE) 2010-2011 budget and asked for remarks.

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

There being no comments, Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to close the public hearing on the La Grange Department of Special Education FY 2010-2011 budget.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

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

Ms. Bucheleres first remarked on the fantastic football game against Hinsdale and then discussed finalizing the plans for “Under the Sea,” the upcoming Homecoming theme. Ms. Bucheleres invited members of the Board to participate in the Homcoming Parade.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT**

Dr. Kilrea updated the Board on a variety of topics: 1) LT experienced a solid school opening. 2) Approximately 1450 parents attended the South Campus Open House. 3) This year’s number of National Merit Semi-Finalists significantly increased over last year; we have 17 students with Semi-Finalist status. 4) The buses will be picking up students an hour later on late start days. 5) In compliance with Public Act 096-0434, the District Compensation Report will be posted on our website. 6) LT has partnered with the Villages of Western Springs and La Grange along with the Park District of La Grange and La Grange Hospital to contract a Willow Springs Road traffic study to determine what can be done to make the area adjacent to South Campus safer. However, it was emphasized that IDOT has final approval over any modifications. 7) About 8,000 fans—the largest crowd in recent times--attended the LT-Hinsdale Central football game.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**ACTION NO. 5: Adoption of LTHS District 204 FY 2010-2011 Budget**

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to adopt the Lyons Township High School District 204 FY 2010-2011 budget.

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. 6: Adoption of LADSE FY 2010-2011 Budget**

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to adopt the La Grange Area Department of Special Education FY 2010-2011 budget.

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.

The approved \$22.5 million FY11 maintenance budget includes \$3.1 million in ARRA funds, which will go back to member districts, along with a LADSE operating budget of \$19.3 million.

Dr. Kilrea confirmed that he is comfortable with the LADSE budget, some of which goes to elementary districts for early childhood training to better prepare township students for school. A question was also raised regarding a member district's petition to withdraw from LADSE. Dr. Kilrea explained that because one of the other LADSE members has already denied approval to withdraw, the matter will now go to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) for consideration.

### **Summer Workshop Report**

Scott Eggerding discussed the 12 summer workshops that covered a variety of subject areas, including science, math, special education, student services and digital photography; 32 individuals participated in the summer workshops. Although \$24,606.08 was initially budgeted out of District funds, the final cost to the District was \$17,559.82. An additional \$12,959.95 was covered through grant funding. Mr. Eggerding stated that we try to utilize grant funding as much as possible.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ACTION NO. 7: Student #402xxx**

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Purcell, to expel Student #402xxx, effective immediately, through second semester of the 2010-2011 school term (June 2011).

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

#### **ACTION NO. 8: Student #402xxx**

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to hold in abeyance the expulsion hearing of Student #402xxx through the end of the 2010-2011 school year, including the 2011 summer session; should Student #402xxx attempt to re-enroll at Lyons Township High School prior to the start of the 2011-2012 school year (August 2011), expulsion hearing proceedings will be immediately reinstated.

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: Student #404xxx**

Mr. Dougherty moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to hold in abeyance the expulsion hearing of Student #404xxx through the end of the 2010-2011 school year, including the 2011 summer session; should Student #404xxx attempt to re-enroll at Lyons Township High School prior to the start of the 2011-2012 school year (August 2011), expulsion hearing proceedings will be immediately reinstated.

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: Summer 2010 Project Change Orders**

Mr. Shapiro moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to approve the change orders presented in conjunction with the summer 2010 construction/remodeling projects.

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.

**Standardized Tests Student Performance**

Mr. Eggerding provided a summary about how LT students performed on standardized tests. Our students did well in all areas: the Class of 2010 posted a very respectable ACT composite score of 23.8, SAT scores are above both the Illinois and national averages, and more students took AP tests and received a score of 5. Mr. Eggerding related that we will be researching which of the standardized tests administered to elementary

students (EXPLORE, MAP, AIMSweb) is the best indicator of potential ACT scores. Mr. Pera announced that eight LT students received perfect ACT scores.

### **Climate Survey**

Mr. Eggerding shared results of a climate survey administered to students this past May 2010; the survey was identical to one given in 2007, but also included five new questions added to gauge the success of measures implemented to address issues found in the earlier survey. He noted that, overall, responses were positive in all areas, but that the comparison between the 2007 and 2010 surveys may not be valid because of inconsistencies in the administration of the survey and technology constraints. Katie Smith further explained that the survey is not valid because since the survey was online, students could take it more than once. Ms. Smith added that we need to find a published norm survey that can be taken in a supervised setting. Ms. Alderman noted that we still need to address the concerns (respect, fair administration of discipline) mentioned in the climate survey.

Mr. Pera asked whether our initiatives to address bullying are working, to which Mr. Franson replied that we are definitely increasing awareness.

Mr. Dougherty voiced how impressed he was with our teachers and Open House.

### **School Board Calendar for October 2010**

The Board determined committee meeting dates for October.

Prior to the Consent Agenda vote, Mr. Pera announced Mrs. Alderman's request to abstain from voting only on Item XI-E-1.

### **ACTION NO. 11: 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 \$4,523,406.07.

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

#### **LADSE Financials**

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$819,231.03.

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

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

#### Employment

**Marisol Cholewick**, ParaEducator, effective August 19, 2010.

**Michael Corrigan**, South Campus Weekend Security, effective August 26, 2010. hour.

**Stardust Faci**, North Campus Student Assistant, effective September 10, 2010.

**Daniel Hogan**, ParaEducator, effective August 19, 2010.

**Dana Krolkiewicz**, ParaEducator, effective August 19, 2010.

**Marian Lipka**, South Campus Temporary Custodian, effective August 31, 2010.

**Catherine O'Connell**, ParaEducator, effective September 7, 2010.

**Margaret Schuler**, ParaEducator, effective September 7, 2010.

**Joseph Simmons**, Temporary Student Services, effective August 26, 2010.

**Katherine Stec**, ParaEducator, effective August 24, 2010.

#### Reemployment

**Ashley Cordaro**, ParaEducator, effective August 19, 2010.

#### FMLA

**Anthony Belmonte**, NC ParaEducator, effective August 19, 2010.

**Kathy Giampapa**, Secretary in the Math/Science Department, effective July 10, 2010-September 17, 2010 and then intermittent leave from September 20, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

#### Resignation

**Dina Messino**, ParaEducator, effective September 2, 2010.

**Nicholas Roche**, ParaEducator, effective September 17, 2010.

Retirement

**Henry Graca**, South Campus Student Assistant, effective December 3, 2010.

**David Pechtold**, South Campus Custodian, effective December 1, 2010.

**LTHS Administrative and Certified Staff Employment Recommendations**

Leave of Absence

**Erica Flounders**, Science, January 3, 2011-March 25, 2011.

Retirement

**Marcia Poore**, World Languages, effective June 2014.

**Susan Schneider**, Physical Education, effective June 2014.

**LADSE Staff Employment Recommendations**

Employment

**Rebecca Bandemier** - 1.0 DHH signing Aide, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 16, 2010.

**Sari Haro** - .6 Speech Language Pathologist (short-term leave replacement), subject to the Local funding program, beginning November 2, 2010.

Resignations

**Jaclyn Seidler** – 1.0 ParaEducator, effective August 16, 2010.

Leaves of Absence

**Lucy Lopata** – 1.0 DHH Signing Aide, effective September 14, 2010 for approximately 7 days.

**Meggan McManama** – 1.0 Speech Language Pathologist, effective November 9, 2010 – February 18, 2011.

**Laura Foster** – 1.0 Speech Language Pathologist, effective December 20, 2010 – April 1, 2011.

**Minutes:**

Regular Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions – August 16, 2010  
Facilities/Finance Committees – September 14, 2010  
Curriculum Committee – September 15, 2010

Human Resources Committee – September 16, 2010  
Technology Committee – September 16, 2010

**ISBE Application for Recognition of Schools 2010-2011**

**Overnight Student Travel**

1. **WLTL Trip to IBS Conference, March 2011**
2. **Lion Trip to NSPA/JEA Fall 2010 Convention, November 2010**
3. **Snowball, November 2010**

**Additional LT Community Advisory Council Members**

On roll call:

- Ayes: Mr. Dougherty, Dr. Polacek, Dr. Sprague, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Shapiro, Mrs. Alderman,  
Mr. Pera
- Nays: None
- Abstain: Mrs. Alderman (only on agenda item XI-E-1)
- Absent: None

The motion was adopted.

**ACTION NO. 12: 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.