

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204
 BOARD OF EDUCATION
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
 BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM
 MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011
 7:15 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRESENT **ABSENT**

Mr. Mark N. Pera, President	<u>X</u>	—
Dr. John T. Polacek, Vice President	<u>X</u>	—
Mrs. Heather H. Alderman, Secretary	<u>X</u>	—
Mr. George R. Dougherty	<u>X</u>	—
Mr. Philip Palmer	<u>X</u>	—
Mr. William F. Purcell	—	<u>X</u>
Mr. Todd M. Shapiro	—	<u>X</u>
Ms. Alivia Sabatino (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. Katie Smith
Mr. Bob Fritch	Mr. Brian Murray	Ms. Ann Stickman
Mr. Kevin Brown	Mr. John Grundke	Ms. Michele Stupak
Ms. Jennifer Szczesniak	Mr. Peter Geddeis	

VISITORS PRESENT

No one signed in.

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 an additional Closed Session item, Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Dougherty, to approve the agenda as amended.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 2: Adjournment into Closed Session

Mr. Palmer moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss probable litigation and personnel matters.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted, and at 7:15 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 Brian Murray commented on the Faculty Association's and Administrators' collaborative and supportive efforts regarding the Homecoming float, raising funds to fight breast cancer and working together on the Professional Learning Team (PLT) to plan Institute Day professional development sessions. Mr. Murray asked the following members of the Applied Arts Division to introduce themselves: Dave Root, Jordan Engelhardt, Patti Cryer, Ann Stickman, Gianna Galanti and Kate Ebner.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD REPORT

Ms. Sabatino reported the following: 2011 Homecoming was the second largest in LT's history; this year, Student Council will focus on donating to Operation Smile, a charity dedicated to funding children with cleft palates; both our golf teams did well at state, with LT boys placing second and our girls' finishing seventh; and coming up is Red Ribbon Week, which is dedicated to drug prevention.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT

Dr. Kilrea recognized students and teachers who participate in the Life Program at the Transition House on Cossitt. Teachers Joe Duffy and Jackie Gay spoke about the facilities at 1205 W. Cossitt—the handicap accessibility, the opportunities offered for students to learn life skills, and the outside garden plot, where students have learned how to plant, manage and grow a variety of vegetables, such as tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and pumpkins, and to appreciate that gardens can promote healthy eating. Community member and Master Gardener Darcy Kriha who, along with her family, volunteers to assist the students in their gardening activities, described to the Board how the students are learning about composting and measuring precipitation with a rain gauge and are even discussing plans to have a stand at next year's LaGrange Farmers' Market. Transition students Matt Mardiks, Tyler Reineke and Brayanna LaConte relayed their positive experiences and appreciation for the Transition House and the adjacent garden. After Mr. Pera presented the students with a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the Board of Education, Dr. Kilrea expressed his gratitude to the Kriha family for their volunteer efforts.

Continuing his Superintendent's Report, Dr. Kilrea reminded the Board about the October 19th LTCAC meeting that will be discussing the website and Infinite Campus and also congratulated both the boys' and girls' golf teams for their success at the state meet.

Last, Dr. Kilrea mentioned that larger crowds are being anticipated at this year's Parent-Teacher Conferences on Oct. 26 and 27.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 3: 2012-2013 School-Term Calendar

Mrs. Alderman moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve the 2012-2013 school-term calendar.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Should they be needed, emergency days are built into the calendar at the end of the school year prior to the start of 2013 summer school.

Young Hearts for Life Update

Jennifer Bialobok provided an update regarding the Midwest Heart Foundation's Young Hearts for Life Screening Program scheduled for November 17 at South Campus and November 18 at North Campus. The screening program, which necessitates a multitude of volunteers, can often detect a potentially fatal heart condition called hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, the most common cause of sudden cardiac death in young adults under 18. Ms. Bialobok noted that the community and parental support of this upcoming screening has been phenomenal; the response for volunteers who have to complete an extensive training session has been remarkable. Ms. Bialobok recognized Parent-Teacher Council Volunteer Pool Chair, Beth Lukaszewicz, for her efforts in securing volunteers. The large number of LT students who have already signed up for the screening after only three days of open registration also points to the positive reaction about this opportunity. Additionally, in order to provide this screening program free-of-charge to any LT student, funds have been generously donated from several entities; many thanks to LT's Board of Education, Boosters, Eileen McMahon Young Hearts for Life Memorial Foundation, Community Memorial Foundation, The Community Bank of Western Springs and Adventist Hospital.

NEW BUSINESS

Curriculum Change Proposals 2012-2013 – 1st Reading

Mr. Eggerding presented the first reading of 20 curriculum change proposals for 2012-2013, which encompass the following Divisions: Applied Arts, Fine Arts, Global Studies, Math/Science, Physical Welfare and Student Services/Alternative Program. Some additions/deletions/changes may be forthcoming for the second reading in November, along with cost estimates of the change proposals.

Level 1 Course Designation Policy Change – 1st Reading

Mr. Eggerding asked the Board to review his recommendation to eliminate the Level 1 designation from existing courses and that instead have all Level 1 courses be designated Level 3 courses for the purpose of a weighted ranking. Mr. Eggerding assured the Board he will be gathering more information

concerning this proposed policy change and that the request for Board adoption may be delayed until after November.

Summer School Report/Recommendations

Mr. Eggerding reported that LT experienced another great summer school session, both with academic summer classes and activity camps. About 1,000 students participated in 2011 academic summer programs, with 14 students graduating at the end of the summer session. Mr. Eggerding mentioned that expanded academic summer course offerings are being considered to allow students to take advantage of more curricular options during the regular school year and that recommendations for activity camps may include additional tuition for some summer programs that require increased staff hours and salaries. Also, the summer 2012 activity program is scheduled to begin one full week after Commencement in case emergency make-up days need to be utilized. No Board action was required at this time.

Co-Curricular Participation Report

Physical Welfare/CoCurriculars Division Chair John Grundke and Director of Activities Peter Geddeis discussed the great year experienced by both our athletic teams and student clubs. In addition to having 41 All-State Athletes, our student athletic teams and clubs sponsored many charity-fundraising events, such as Relay for Life, Pink Out, Erin Potts Memorial Volleyball Tournament, Doctors without Borders and Invisible Children Program. Our Honor Flight efforts raised over \$50,000 and provided the largest “welcome home” at Midway Airport that Honor Flight Chicago has ever seen. As part of our Board goal, participation rates in co-curriculars have increased, particularly in our ethnic sub-groups and most notably our Hispanic student participation rates rose 14%. Mr. Grundke thanked the Board of Education for providing tremendous facilities, stipends, school buses and great opportunities for student athletes and activities. Mr. Grundke also expressed his appreciation to the Board for attending so many events.

Summer Workshop Reports

Mr. Eggerding reported on the summer workshops, noting that 72 staff members participated in 14 workshops. The final total of district expenditures came in at just under \$50,00--\$10,000 less than originally budgeted. Mr. Eggerding thanked the Board for funding these programs, which covered Curriculum, Fine Arts, Language Arts/Science, Math, Science, Student Services and Technology and added that the money and time devoted to the summer workshops were very well spent.

School Board Calendar for November 2011

The Board selected committee meeting dates for November.

ACTION NO. 4: Approval of Consent Agenda

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

LTHS Monthly Financials

Approval of Lyons Township High School monthly bills in the amount of \$4,986,567.59.

Approval of Lyons Township High School financial statements for the month ending September 30, 2011.

LADSE Financials

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$1,442,311.81.

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education financial statements for the month ending September 30, 2011.

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Employment

Hector Aramburu, South Campus Weekend Security, effective September 17, 2011.

Frank Cruz, North Campus Student Assistant, effective September 15, 2011.

Michael Dorris, WLTL Supervisor, effective September 29, 2011.

Theresa Hirstein, ParaEducator, effective September 15, 2011.

Cassandra Peters, ParaEducator, effective September 26, 2011.

Termination

Nathaniel Arger, WLTL Supervisor, effective September 22, 2011.

Resignation

Russell Varney, South Campus Weekend Security, effective September 17, 2011.

LTHS Administrative and Certified Staff Employment Recommendations

Leaves of Absence

Susan O' Rourke, Math, January 30, 2012-June 1, 2012.

Jessica Roessler, English, September 27, 2011-December 22, 2011.

Retirements

Charles Adamovic, Math/Science, effective June 2015.

Kurt Engel, Science, effective June 2015.

Jonathan Moses, Social Studies, effective June 2015.

Zuellen Wiersma, World Languages, effective June 2015.

LADSE Staff Employment Recommendations

Employment

Andrea Klick - 1.0 ParaProfessional, beginning September 15, 2011.

Kari Widlowski - 1.0 DHH Interpreter, beginning September 8, 2011.

Resignation

Ellen Busch - 1.0 Educational Support Staff, effective February 2, 2012.

Janice Dunlap - .2 Occupational Therapist, effective September 29, 2011.

Leaves

Victoria Schwarz - .6 School Psychologist, tentative dates beginning December 8, 2011 and returning January 16, 2012.

Heidi Dore - 1.0 School Psychologist, beginning January 26, 2012 and returning April 23, 2012.

Regina Ortiz-Anderson - .7 Occupational Therapist, tentative dates beginning March 8, 2012 and returning April 23, 2012.

Katherine Smart - 1.0 Speech Language Pathologist, tentative dates beginning April 9, 2012 through June 6, 2012.

Minutes:

Regular Meeting – September 19, 2011

Curriculum Committee – October 6, 2011

Curriculum Committee – October 13, 2011

Overnight Student Travel

1. **Operation Snowball**, Wisconsin, November 2011
2. **Operation Snowball**, Wisconsin, March 2012
3. **NSPA/JEA National High School Journalism Convention**, Minnesota,
November 2011
4. **Model UN**, Chicago, December 2011

Additional LT Community Advisory Council Member

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 5: Adjournment

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to adjourn the meeting.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

President:

Secretary: