

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204
 BOARD OF EDUCATION
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
 BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM
 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2006
 7:00 p.m.

<u>BOARD OF EDUCATION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mr. Mark N. Pera, President	<u>X</u>	—
Mr. James A. Kohlstedt, Vice President (arrived 7:10pm)	<u>X</u>	—
Dr. Arthur W. Sprague, Jr., Secretary	<u>X</u>	—
Dr. John T. Polacek	<u>X</u>	—
Mr. Allen D. Polich	<u>X</u>	—
Mr. William F. Purcell	<u>X</u>	—
Mr. Todd M. Shapiro	<u>X</u>	—
Mr. Dan Micek (arrived 7:30pm)	<u>X</u>	—

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Dennis Kelly	Ms. Joyce Marine	Mr. Scott Eggerding
Mr. David Sellers	Dr. Attila Weninger	Mr. Dave Franson
Ms. Jennifer Bialobok	Mr. Ed Tennant	Ms. Rebecca Rivan
Ms. Amy McNamara	Ms. Julia Brenson	Ms. Jennifer Szczesniak
Ms. Meredith Sheriff		

VISITORS PRESENT

Ms. Angela Curran	Ms. Joyce McFadden	Ms. Dawn Aubirt
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CALL TO ORDER

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

ACTION NO. 1: Agenda Approval/Order of Business

With the request to pull New Business Action Item #5, Mr. Shapiro moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve the agenda as amended.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 2: Adjournment into Closed Session

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss confidential student information and pending litigation.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted, and at 7:03 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

LTHS Faculty Association President, Rebecca Rivan, first thanked the Board for hosting a dinner the first night of Parent-Teacher Conferences and then welcomed the following members of the Math/Science Division: Rebecca Baudler, Annette Bryja Orrico, Julie Brenson, and Jennifer Szczesniak.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Student Representative to the Board, Dan Micek, reported the following: Student Council provided dinner to faculty the second evening of Parent-Teacher Conferences, the Fall Blood Drive netted 126 units of blood, LT decorated a holiday tree at Brookfield Zoo, over 100 Secret Santa children have been sponsored, Holiday Write Night is December 5, and “Luau” will be the King of Hearts theme.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT

Dr. Kelly recognized students and teachers who have been active in the Snowball program—a program dedicated to promoting drug and alcohol prevention along with leadership and communication skills. LT’s program has grown considerably since its inception in 1988; about 200 participants attended this fall’s retreat. Mr. Pera presented Certificates of Recognition to senior Samantha Millsap for her leadership role in Snowball and for designing the winning 30th anniversary logo that will be depicted on state Snowball materials. Also receiving certificates were student Snowball leaders Claire Lewis, Katie Lyons, and Esther Manske, all seniors. Dr. Kelly additionally recognized the following faculty Snowball leaders: this year’s adult directors, Meredith Sheriff and Dave Stormont; Jeanne Widing, who has been a driving force in Snowball over the past eighteen years, and retired teacher Bob Mervine.

Dr. Kelly next announced that LT won an Architectural Award of Merit for its new South Campus facilities.

The Board was presented with updates of the current 2006-2007 District goals. Dr. Kelly reported that progress has been made on the goals, including the following: the liaison position to the African-American community has been filled, research is being collected on successful dropout reduction programs, a school climate survey will be re-administered to students and staff, and AP data has been shared with associate schools in an effort to increase student enrollment in upper-level classes. Another goal update will be provided at the December Board meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 3: Curriculum Change Proposals 2007-2008

Mr. Shapiro moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to approve the 2007-2008 Curriculum Change Proposals.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Eggerding remarked that one of the twenty approved changes involves only a name adjustment, from ESL Program to ELL Program (English Language Learners). He also stated that should the Chinese language courses prove successful and maintain good participation numbers, offering advanced classes in the teaching of Chinese will definitely be explored. Because the scuba diving course proposal failed to gain approval for recommendation at the administrative level, it was suggested that offering the course as an after-school activity or during summer school should be investigated. The projected cost for the Curriculum Change Proposals is \$22,988.

ACTION NO. 4: 2007-2008 School-Term Calendar

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Kohlstedt, to approve the 2007-2008 school-term calendar.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

The first student attendance day of the 2007-2008 school year will be August 27, 2007. Although our associate school calendars are similar to ours, they are not exactly the same; however, we will have the same winter and spring breaks.

ACTION NO. 5: Automated Phone System

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to engage Protus IP Solutions to provide automated emergency notification services for Lyons Township High School District 204.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

The cost of this service to notify students and staff of school closings, emergency situations, etc. will be five cents per each delivered message, amounting to approximately \$250-\$300 per use.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 6: Estimated Property Tax Levy for 2006

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Polich, to accept the draft of the estimated property tax levy for 2006.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

A Public Hearing to discuss the proposed property tax levy increase is scheduled for December 18, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. The District is requesting a 6.02% increase for the property tax levy in the district's operating funds and a 5.75% increase for all funds, including the bond and interest fund. Final Board approval of the property tax levy is also scheduled for December 18.

Resolution to Withdraw from Intergovernmental Workers' Compensation Cooperative

Mr. Sellers discussed with the Board the opportunity to decrease workers' compensation costs by withdrawing from the SELF Insurance Cooperative in order to obtain more favorable bids from other carriers for workers' compensation insurance for the 2007-2008 school year; to proceed, the District would have to give notice of withdrawal by December 1, 2006. Board members voiced concern about making a decision to leave SELF without first obtaining the following information: the number of school districts that have been allowed to re-join SELF, the number of school districts, if any, that have requested re-entry and have been denied, and why workers' comp claims were so high in 2004. Additionally, the Board would also like additional information about AIG, a workers' compensation provider. Mr. Sellers will provide Board members with the requested information, and this topic will again be discussed at the December meeting.

ACTION NO. 7: Residency – Students #399xxx, #397xxx, #397xxx, & #391xxx

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Polich, to authorize counsel to pursue legal action in order to procure back tuition for Students #399xxx, #397xxx, #397xxx, and #391xxx, who attend(ed) Lyons Township High School during a period of time when they did not legally reside in the District. We will seek the services of an attorney who will agree to represent the District on a contingency basis.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 8: Student #398xxx

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Purcell, to hold in abeyance the expulsion hearing of Student #398xxx; should Student #398xxx attempt to re-enroll at Lyons Township High School prior to the start of the 2007-2008 school year, expulsion hearing proceedings will be immediately reinstated.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 9: Commonwealth Edison Request for Additional Easement

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve Commonwealth Edison's request for additional easement, subject to the written agreement and incorporating into the agreement the modifications established just prior to the vote.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

This agreement provides Commonwealth Edison a five-foot-wide easement on LT's property (near the Corral) to service their permanent electrical facility cable.

AP Scholar Report

Mr. Eggerding shared with the Board the 2005-2006 LTHS AP Scholar information along with an eight-year summary of prior AP data.

LT Community Advisory Council Recommendations

LT Community Advisory Council Co-Chairs, Angela Curran and Joyce McFadden, reviewed survey results regarding school safety matters from the October 18, 2006 LTCAC meeting. Recommendations included increasing security presence at the school entryways and staff presence in the hallways. The December meeting will address technology.

School Board Calendar for December 2006

The Board scheduled upcoming committee meeting dates for the month of December.

ACTION NO. 10: Approval of Consent Agenda

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

LTHS Monthly Financials

Approval of Lyons Township High School monthly bills in the amount of \$4,347,694.32.

Approval of Lyons Township High School financial statement for the month ending October 31, 2006.

LADSE Financials

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$1,276,603.51.

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education financial statement for the month ending October 31, 2006.

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Employment

Jozefa Aleszczyk, Custodian at North Campus, effective October 12, 2006.

Sophie Gogola, Temporary Custodian at North Campus, effective November 6, 2006.

Mary Lempa, South Campus, Special Education ParaEducator, effective November 8, 2006.

Lisa Mangini, South Campus, Special Education ParaEducator, effective October 23, 2006.

Maryline Muriel, Temporary Custodian at South Campus, effective October 30, 2006.

Rick Passarella, Weekend Security at South Campus, effective November 11, 2006.

Debra Preston, North Campus Student Assistant, effective November 13, 2006.

David Sykora, Lead Maintenance at North Campus, on as-needed basis.

Andrew Szymel, South Campus Student Assistant, effective November 8, 2006.

Steve Yates, Lead Custodian at South Campus, on as-needed basis.

Resignation

Keith Smith, South Campus Student Assistant, effective November 20, 2006.

LTHS Administrative and/or Certified Staff

Employment

Anita Hilton, Student Support Counselor at North Campus, .6 F.T.E. for the remainder of the school year, effective December 4, 2006 (MA Step 1) (116 days).

Reassignment

Nikita Hulbert, to .2 F.T.E. as the African-American Liaison, effective second semester 2006-2007.

Carolyn Mertz, English, from .6 F.T.E. to .7 F.T.E., replacing Nikita Hulbert in her second semester Composition class.

Leaves of Absence

Sara Sanchez-Mustapha, Foreign Language, effective February 20, 2007, returning after a six-week leave in March.

Mica Vahl, Social Studies, effective May 22, 2007 through the end of the first semester of the 2007-2008 school year.

LADSE

Employment

Jaclyn Seidler – 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning October 16, 2006.

Salena Davila – 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning November 13, 2006.

Family Medical Leave

Sarah Prouty – 1.0 School Psychologist, FMLA, effective March 2007.

Rebecca Novotny – 1.0 Speech/Language Pathologist, effective May 2007.

Christine Conneely – 1.0 School Psychologist, FMLA, effective April 29, 2007.

Resignation

Karen Diorio – 1.0 ParaEducator, effective October 25, 2006.

Jonathan Stewart – 1.0 DHH Signing Aide, effective November 10, 2006.

Rita Musinski – 1.0 ParaEducator, effective October 31, 2006.

Michelle Honsa – Revised resignation date November 3, 2006.

Minutes:

Regular Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions – October 16, 2006

Special Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions - October 16, 2006

Budget/Finance & Technology Committees – November 3, 2006

Facilities Committee – November 9, 2006

Curriculum Committee – November 14, 2006

Award of Bids

1. Electrical Contractor Srv./Retrofit Lighting Systems	Retro-Tech Systems, Inc.	\$65,287.08
2. Ballast and Lamp Bid	Revere Electric	\$37,754.91

Donation of Equipment/Supplies

1. Flatbed trailer to Applied Arts Dept., valued at \$800.00, by Mr. Phillip Walsh.

Disposal of Surplus Property Exhibit J

Illinois Junior Classical League Convention for Students of Latin Exhibit K

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 11: 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 8:50 p.m.

President:

Secretary: