

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204
 BOARD OF EDUCATION
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
 BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM
 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2006
 7:15 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRESENT **ABSENT**

Mr. Mark N. Pera, President	<u>X</u>	—
Mr. James A. Kohlstedt, Vice President	<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. David Franson
Mr. David Sellers	Dr. Attila Weninger	Ms. Jennifer Bialobok
Mr. Ed Tennant	Ms. Rebecca Rivan	Ms. Amy McNamara
Mr. Bob Sherman	Mr. Michael Wolniakowski	Ms. Jane Ewing
Ms. Meredith Sheriff	Mr. Terry Wethington	Ms. Jeanne Widing
Mr. Eugene O'Reilly		

VISITORS PRESENT

Dr. Jim Surber Mr. Don Leonard

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pera called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

ACTION NO. 1: Adjournment into Closed Session

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss confidential information regarding student discipline and personnel issues.

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, 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.

ACTION NO. 2: Agenda Approval/Order of Business

The following changes to the agenda were requested: Under New Business, Action, add “Authorize School District Architect to Prepare Detailed Plans and Bid Specs for Designated Facility Projects for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008” and pull “Student Disciplinary Issue”; under Consent Agenda, pull “Award of Bids: South Campus Athletic Fields’ Renovation” and “Amendments to LT Community Advisory Council By-Laws.” Dr. Polacek then moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to approve the agenda as amended.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING – Lyons Township High School District 204 FY 2006-2007 Budget

Mr. Pera opened the Public Hearing on the Lyons Township High School District 204 FY 2006-2007 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 Dr. Sprague, to close the public hearing on the Lyons Township High School District 204 FY 2006-2007 budget.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING – La Grange Area Department of Special Education FY 2006-2007 Budget

Mr. Pera opened the Public Hearing on the La Grange Area Department of Special Education (LADSE) 2006-2007 budget and asked for remarks.

Mr. Kohlstedt addressed his concern about the excessive LADSE fund balance totaling \$3.6 million and asked that Dr. Surber relate to the LADSE Directing Board that one Board member questioned the large reserve. Dr. Surber responded that the once previous 3.5 month reserve has been reduced to 2.5 months, not to exceed \$3.7 million; this reduction was set by the LADSE Directing Board.

Mr. Polich expressed concern regarding personnel cuts, which may be causing some reduced LADSE services. Dr. Surber noted that the same services are available but will be offered at a slower pace.

ACTION NO. 4: Close Public Hearing

There being no further comments, Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Kohlstedt, to close the public hearing on the La Grange Department of Special Education FY 2006-2007 budget.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

OPEN SESSION – COMMUNICATIONS

LTHS Faculty Association President, Rebecca Rivan, remarked that she is looking forward to a very productive year and then introduced the following members of the Executive Board: Bob Sherman, Mike Wolniakowski, Jane Ewing, Jeanne Widing, Terry Wethington, and Eugene O'Reilly.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Student Representative to the Board, Dan Micek, reported that Freshman Experience Day, the Back-to-School Staff Barbecue, and Co-Curricular Night were all very successful. Upcoming Student Council events include the Beach Blanket Drive-In Movie and Homecoming.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT

Dr. Kelly recognized the following eleven LT semifinalists in the 2007 National Merit Scholarship Competition: Jason Beckman, Will Curto, Moira Forberg, Matt Gralen, Casey Larkin, Alexa Llibre, Warren McGee, Elizabeth Schiffman, Megan Schilling, Megan Stoll, and Matt Stork. These academically talented seniors now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for over 8,000 monetary Merit Scholarship awards. Mr. Pera awarded Certificates of Recognition to the students in attendance.

Dr. Kelly next shared excellent news concerning LT academics and the three national testing programs: ACT, SAT, and Advanced Placement. This past year, with all LT juniors (including more minority students) taking the ACT test as required by No Child Left Behind (NCLB), LT's average score was 23.4, the same score as ten years ago when considerably fewer students—mostly college-bound juniors--took the test. Dr. Kelly reported that SAT scores are also at their highest level in recorded LT history, with students attaining an average composite score of 1240 on the test. Additionally, AP test scores are at their highest level ever; 520 students took 1,000 AP tests, and 92% received a score of three or higher, which will qualify them for credit at most colleges and universities. Dr. Kelly added that it is essential to look at both quality and quantity when analyzing test scores; in the future, we will be disseminating more information regarding our test scores as compared to other high schools and how students from our six elementary school districts are doing in comparison to one another. He then congratulated teachers and administrators who have worked with students to initiate a good, solid college prep program. Mr. Kohlstedt stated that college credit given received for qualifying AP test scores equates to millions of dollars in savings in college tuition.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 5: Adoption of LTHS District 204 FY 2006-2007 Budget

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Polich, to adopt the Lyons Township High School District 204 FY 2006-2007 budget.

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.

ACTION NO. 6: Adoption of LADSE FY 2006-2007 Budget

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to adopt the La Grange Area Department of Special Education FY 2006-2007 budget.

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.

ACTION NO. 7: IRS Section 457 Tax-Deferred Compensation Plan

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to adopt a resolution appointing Principal Life Insurance Company as the provider of ministerial services and appointing Principal Trust Company as trustee as required to establish a Non-Qualified IRS Section 457b Tax Deferred Compensation Plan. It is further recommended that the Superintendent and Director of Business Services be authorized to finalize the plan documents as indicted in the resolution.

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.

The school district will pick up the start-up costs of the plan.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 8: Construction Change Order – Loung’s Corporation Summer 2006 Projects

Mr. Kohlstedt moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve the proposed changed orders totaling \$23,589.97 as recommended by Dahlquist & Lutzow Architects.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 9: Construction Change Order – AccuPaving Corporation Project

Mr. Kohlstedt moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to approve the change orders totaling \$12,673.10 as recommended by Dahlquist & Lutzow Architects.

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.

ACTION NO. 10: Authorize School District Architect to Prepare Detailed Plans and Bid Specs for Designated Facility Projects for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008

Mr. Kohlstedt moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to authorize the school district architect to prepare detailed plans and bid specs for designated facility projects for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008.

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.

Mr. Kohlstedt mentioned that in order to receive more competitive bids, we should try to get into the bidding environment earlier for upcoming facility projects, in December or January as opposed to February and March. Mr. Shapiro stated that not proceeding with the West Field renovation is a disservice to our students, as five teams are now trying to practice on only three fields. Board members agreed to have Dahlquist & Lutzow Architects draw up some preliminary design studies for West Field.

School Board Calendar for October 2006

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

Before the Consent Agenda vote, Mr. Kohlstedt suggested that the LT Community Advisory Council By-Laws be reworded to set the number of yearly meetings at four plus the end-of-the-year dinner; if an additional meeting is desired, the Council would have to make that request of Dr. Kelly. Dr. Kelly said he would discuss the suggested change in wording to the LTCAC. Voting on the change in the LTCAC By-Laws will be deferred until the October Board meeting.

ACTION NO. 11: Approval of Consent Agenda

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

LTHS Monthly Financials

Approval of Lyons Township High School monthly bills in the amount of \$3,539,566.57.

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

LADSE Financials

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$521,865.95.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

LTHS Buildings/Grounds, Classified, and/or ParaEducator Staff

Employment

Carolyn Casey, ParaEducator, South Campus, Special Education, effective August 24, 2006.

Victoria Cernetig, ParaEducator, South Campus, Special Education, effective August 24, 2006.

Jim Franszen, Temporary North Campus Custodian, effective September 18, 2006.

Clarissa Gonzalez, ParaEducator, South Campus, ESL, effective August 24, 2006.

Brian Graham, ParaEducator, South Campus, Special Education, effective August 24, 2006.

Kathryn Ironside, ParaEducator, North Campus, Math/Science, effective September 18, 2006.

Elaine Kuehn, ParaEducator, South Campus, Special Education, effective August 24, 2006.

Zarko Kuljanian, ParaEducator, North Campus, Special Education, effective September 18, 2006.

Carolyn Mertz, Part-time (two periods per day) ParaEducator, North Campus, Global Studies/Language Arts, effective September 14, 2006.

Juan Montiel, Temporary South Campus Custodian, effective September 18, 2006.

Wendy Mulligan, ParaEducator, South Campus, Special Education, effective August 31, 2006.

Legne Muriel, Temporary North Campus Custodian, effective September 18, 2006.

John Pena, ParaEducator, South Campus, Special Education, effective September 6, 2006.

Franklin Pierson, ParaEducator, South Campus, Special Education, effective August 24, 2006.

Jennifer Powell, ParaEducator, South Campus, Transition/ESL, effective September 18, 2006.

Julie Stanley-Jones, ParaEducator, North Campus, Special Education, effective August 24, 2006.

Leslie Starosta, ParaEducator, North Campus, Inclusion Program, effective August 24, 2006.

Resignation

Romardro Henderson, South Campus, Special Education ParaEducator, effective September 15, 2006.

Laura Jokubauskas, South Campus, Special Education ParaEducator, effective August 24, 2006.

Jason Schvach, South Campus, Transition Program ParaEducator, effective August 24, 2006.

Retirement

Pete VanMerkestyn, South Campus Foreman, revised date of retirement, effective October 10, 2006.

LTHS Certified Staff

Leaves of Absence

Emma Zone, English, effective August 28, 2006 – June 8, 2007.

Christopher Grosrenaud, Student Services, effective October 9, 2006 – October 13, 2006.

Retirement

Carol Henry, Learning Resources, effective June 29, 2010.

Sick Leave Bank Request

Kristin Campbell, Applied Arts, requesting 32 Sick Leave Bank days.

LADSE

Employment

Sarah Hansman -1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Jillian Hernandez -1.0 ParaEducator Substitute, subject to the Local Funding Program, Beginning August 21, 2006.

Amanda Janik - 1.0 DHH Signing Aide, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Jason Jobb - 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Angela Massey - 1.0 ParaEducator Substitute, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Rita Musinski - 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Lois James - 1.0 Paraeducator, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Mary Kay Fessler - .6 Physical Therapist, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning September 5, 2006.

Meghan Busch - .5 School Social Worker, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Amy Garlinger - 1.0 School Social Worker, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning September 5, 2006.

Lawrence Pridmore - 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning August 31, 2006.

Jeanette Archie - 1.0 DHH Interpreter, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning August 30, 2006.

Nicole Panik - 1.0 ParaEducator, subject to the Local Funding Program, beginning August 31, 2006.

Family Medical Leaves

Kirsten Finn - 1.0 Occupational Therapist, FMLA, effective January 9, 2007

Michelle Mannix-Richards - .4 Occupational Therapist, FMLA, effective December 6, 2006

Resignations

Theresa Witteman - 1.0 ParaEducator

Barbara Martin - .6 School Psychologist

Lisa Prosapio - 1.0 ParaEducator

Patricia Biernet - 1.0 ParaEducator

Wendy Pelletiere - .5 ParaEducator

Laura Buckley - .5 ParaEducator

Sharon Kreifel - .37 ParaEducator

Minutes:

- Regular Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions – August 21, 2006
- Human Resources Committee of the Whole – September 7, 2006
- Curriculum Committee – September 12, 2006
- Technology Committee – September 12, 2006

LT Community Advisory Council Members 2006-2007

ParaEducator Coordinator

2005-2006 Certified Staff Tuition Reimbursement Report

Donation of Equipment/Supplies

1. Tools valued at approximately \$250.00 to the Applied Arts Division, by Ms. Meg Pokorny.

ISBE Application for Recognition of Schools 2006-2007

Choir Tour Performance and Clinics

Award of Bids

1. North/South Campus Landscaping Projects Atrium \$98,500.00

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.

ACTION NO. 12: Adjournment

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

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

President:

Secretary: