

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204
 BOARD OF EDUCATION
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
 BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM
 MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2006
 7:30 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	<u>X</u>	___

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Dennis Kelly	Ms. Joyce Marine	Mr. Scott Eggerding
Mr. David Sellers	Dr. Attila Weninger	Mr. David Franson
Ms. Jennifer Bialobok	Mr. Ed Tennant	Ms. Rebecca Rivan
Ms. Leslie Stickels	Mr. Erik Borne	Ms. Lisa Bollow

VISITORS PRESENT

Mr. Don Leonard

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, & PLEDGE

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Pera at 7:30 p.m. followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION NO. 1: Agenda Approval/Order of Business

The following changes to the agenda were requested: Table “Review of Closed Session Documentation” until after Closed Session; add to New Business Information “2006-2007 F.T.E. Summary; and add to the Consent Agenda “2006-2007 Administrators’ Handbook.” Dr. Polacek then moved, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to approve the agenda as amended.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

OPEN SESSION – COMMUNICATIONS

None

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. Micek voiced his excitement to be able to work with the Board and students. He then noted the following: yearbook staff members who participated in a journalism workshop over the summer were very grateful for the Board's contribution and support of the workshop; planning for Homecoming is under way with this year's theme being "Decades;" August 23 is Freshman Experience Day, and on August 25, Student Council will sponsor its annual back-to-school barbecue for staff.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT

Dr. Kelly first expressed his thanks as an LT parent for the reduction in the LT book rental fee. He then provided the Board with a summary of school information since the beginning of summer. Almost 5,000 students participated in summer sports camps, one-fourth of the student body attended summer academic programs, 24 full-time and three part-time teachers, along with two administrators, have been hired thus far, over 961 freshmen will be part of the 2010 graduating class, and about 3850 students will begin school on August 28. Dr. Kelly also noted the success of the South Campus pool and fieldhouse grand opening. Additionally, he mentioned the August 24th District Institute Day, where beginning at 6:45 a.m., breakfast will be served by the Board and administrators. Dr. Kelly next displayed a scrapbook that provides a pictorial summary of the major facilities projects; he added that furniture for the new tutoring centers and teacher work areas still needs to be delivered. Last, Dr. Kelly introduced new LT administrators, Lisa Bollow, Assistant Principal at South Campus, and Erik Borne, Division Chair of Language Arts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 2: 2006-2007 School District Technology Goal

Mr. Polich moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve the 2006-2007 School District Technology Goal.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

The goal will be added to the other School District Goals that were approved at the June Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 3: Adoption of Tentative LTHS Budget for FY 2007

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Polich, to approve the tentative LTHS Budget for FY 2007 and place it on public display for thirty days.

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. Sellers noted that the 2006-2007 budget incorporates 3.7% revenue growth and 6.5% expenditure growth, mostly due to increases in the Operation & Maintenance Fund; a surplus of \$298,000 is projected. Mr. Sellers was pleased that the auditors were able to move along the 2005-2006 audit more expeditiously than in the past.

ACTION NO. 4: Adoption of Tentative LADSE Budget for FY 2007

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to approve the tentative La Grange Area Department of Special Education Budget for FY 2007 and place it on public display for thirty days.

On roll call:

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

The motion was adopted.

LADSE Business Manager, Don Leonard, said that the \$17,694,764 budget denotes a 2% increase over last year's budget—the smallest budget increase over the past several years. He said that a full-time reading specialist has been hired for the LADSE Reading Initiative, which will be LADSE's focus for this coming year. He also told the Board that the Federal IDEA fund, which LADSE has depended on, was cut 1% (versus being increased in past years); as a result, F.T.E. has been reduced 8.85. Mr. Kohlstedt questioned the large amount of LADSE reserves, and Mr. Shapiro inquired why LADSE Director, Jim Surber, does not attend the LT Board meetings when the LADSE budget is being discussed; Mr. Leonard responded that Dr. Surber will be in attendance for the September 18th FY 2007 LADSE budget public hearing.

ACTION NO. 5: Request for Additional Certified and Classified/Non-Contractual F.T.E.

Dr. Sprague moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve an additional certified .2 F.T.E. and 2.0 classified/non-contractual F.T.E.

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 person employed for the .2 certified F.T.E. position would serve as African-American Community Liaison, reporting directly to Mr. Franson, and would help achieve the 2006-2007 School District Goal addressing minority student academic achievement. The additional classified/non-contractual F.T.E. would provide two new Student Assistant positions.

ACTION NO. 6: 457 Savings Account Consultant

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Polich, to engage the services of Horizon Wealth Management for the purpose of developing a Section 457 Tax Deferred Compensation plan for Lyons Township High School employees at a cost for consulting/processing not to exceed \$2,000.

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.

This deferred compensation plan was newly available to public sector employees in 2002. Detailed questions regarding a 457 savings account will be answered at a future Finance Committee meeting.

Director of Student Activities Status Report

Brian Nolan, Director of Student Activities, provided a summary to the Board of the past year's activities. Some of the highlights included taking 640 students to a soccer game and holding prom at Navy Pier. Mr. Nolan said that he has had the pleasure this year of working with the greatest students and staff and that he's always open to suggestions from students and staff on ways to improve the co-curricular program. Mr. Polich asked for an accurate tracking of which students are in which activities so that we can try to get uninvolved students to participate in co-curricular activities.

2006-2007 F.T.E. Summary

Dr. Weninger provided the Board with a current F.T.E. summary, which includes a six-year F.T.E. history. Although we have an increase of 117 students over last year, the overall F.T.E. increase is only 2.7. Dr. Weninger also noted that over 50% of our staff are non-tenured, and this year's group of new teachers is very diverse.

School Board Calendar for September 2006

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

ACTION NO. 7: 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 \$8,598,062.24 (June) and \$3,436,283.95 (July).

Approval of Lyons Township High School financial statements for the months ending June 30, 2006 and July 31, 2006.

LADSE Financials

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$3,151,132.78 (June) and \$426,833.79 (July).

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education financial statements for the months ending June 30, 2006 and July 31, 2006.

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Employment

Susan Badger, Temporary Registrar, North Campus, effective August 21, 2006.

Cathleen Ferguson, Global Studies Division Chair Administrative Assistant, Level 5, effective August 24, 2006.

Maura Gavin, ParaEducator, North Campus, Physical Education-Pool, effective August 24, 2006.

Nancy Kalkowski, Applied Arts Division Administrative Assistant, Level 5, effective August 1, 2006.

Sandra Marciniak, Student Assistant, North/South Campus, effective August 17, 2006.

Peter Morelli, South Campus, Level 1 Maintenance Staff, effective July 28, 2006.

Kevin O'Connor, South Campus Custodian, effective July 28, 2006.

Gina Passarella, Student Assistant, North/South Campus, effective August 17, 2006.

Keith Smith, Student Assistant, North/South Campus, effective August 17, 2006.

Antaash Umar, Part-time (one period per day) ParaEducator, South Campus, Alternative Program, effective August 24, 2006.

Jean Zajac, Student Assistant, North/South Campus, effective August 17, 2006.

Reassignment

Laurie McAndrews, from ParaEducator in Special Education to Substitute Teacher Coordinator, Administrative Assistant, Level 3, at North Campus, effective July 28, 2006.

Reemployment

Jazmina Baukys, ParaEducator, North Campus, Special Education, effective August 24, 2006.

Benjamin Dobes, ParaEducator, South Campus, Special Education, effective August 24, 2006.

Margaret Finley, ParaEducator, South Campus, Special Education, effective August 24, 2006.

Kate Hecimovich, ParaEducator, South Campus, Special Education, effective August 24, 2006.

Margaret McCain, ParaEducator, South Campus, Special Education, effective August 24, 2006.

Season Mhoon, ParaEducator, South Campus, Transition Program, effective August 24, 2006.

Mary Ann Rivera, ParaEducator, South Campus, Special Education, effective August 24, 2006.

Joseph Scanlon, ParaEducator, South Campus, Alternative Program, effective August 24, 2006.

James Truty, ParaEducator, South Campus, Transition Program, effective August 24, 2006.

Anne Viglietta, ParaEducator, South Campus, Transition Program, effective August 24, 2006.

Jonathan Visona, ParaEducator, North Campus, Math/Science, effective August 24, 2006.

Resignation

Susan Chmura, South Campus, Special Education ParaEducator, effective August 2, 2006.

Ann Daley, South Campus, Special Education ParaEducator, effective July 27, 2006.

Joseph Gatch, South Campus, Student Assistant, effective August 4, 2006.

Christopher Gemkow, South Campus, Alternative Program ParaEducator, effective August 21, 2006.

Brendan Harris, South Campus, Transition Program ParaEducator, effective August 15, 2006.

Paula Jirsa, South Campus, Special Education ParaEducator, effective August 15, 2006.

Laura Lundstrom, North Campus, Counseling Department, ParaEducator, effective August 15, 2006.

Justine Mackey, South Campus, Special Education ParaEducator, effective August 15, 2006.

Thomas Reedy, South Campus, Special Education ParaEducator, effective August 15, 2006.

Nicholas Roche, North Campus, Special Education ParaEducator, effective August 15, 2006.

Kristina Sallstedt, South Campus, Special Education ParaEducator, effective June 8, 2006.

Elizabeth Walse, South Campus, ESL ParaEducator, effective July 18, 2006.

LTHS Administrative and Certified Staff

Employment

Alexander Ip, Student Services Division, MA, Step 6, 1.0 F.T.E., effective August 24, 2006;.

Julie Loftus, Student Services Division, BA, Step 8, 1.0 F.T.E., effective August 24, 2006.

Nicole Lombardi-Reyes, Language Arts Division, BA, Step 4, (148 days), 1.0 F.T.E., effective October 16, 2006.

Gabriel Lopez, Applied Arts Division, BA, Step 11, 1.0 F.T.E., effective August 24, 2006.

Joseph Maffey, Language Arts Division, BA, Step 3, 1.0 F.T.E., effective August 24, 2006.

Carolyn Mertz, Language Arts Division, MA, Step 4, .6 F.T.E., effective August 24, 2006.

Lianne Musser, Student Services Division, MA, Step 12, 1.0 F.T.E., effective August 24, 2006.

Vandana Raghuvanshi, Math/Science Division, MA, Step 1, (138 days), 1.0 F.T.E., effective October 30, 2006.

Antaash Umar, Alternative Program, MA, Step 4, .8 F.T.E., effective August 24, 2006.

Reassignment

Jennifer Fanta, Student Services Division, effective August 24, 2006.

Susan O'Rourke, Math/Science Division, effective August 24, 2006.

Jeanne Widing, Student Services Division, effective August 24, 2006.

Reemployment

John McKendrick, Math/Science Division, BA, Step 1, .8 F.T.E., effective August 24, 2006.

Leave of Absence

Maria Lopez-Yanez, Fine Arts Division, effective August 24, 2006.

Resignation

Kathleen Cloud, Language Arts Division, effective July 21, 2006.

Famous Hulbert, Physical Welfare Division, effective June 8, 2006.

Retirement

Ronald Giambalvo, Applied Arts Division, effective June 9, 2006.

Suzanne Rzepka, Math/Science Division, effective June 2010.

Dorina Spiering, Fine Arts Division, effective June 2010.

Patricia Wilson, Student Services Division, date TBD.

LADSE

Employment

Mary Gallagher - .5 School Psychologist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Laura Goetten - 1.0 School Psychologist Intern, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Jenifer McKenzie - 1.0 School Psychologist Intern, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Kate Herakovich - 1.0 Speech and Language Pathologist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Jensine Fitzgibbons - 1.0 Speech and Language Pathologist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Ellen Janson - 1.0 RN/Ed. Assistant, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Nancy Bartz - 1.0 Speech Language Pathologist for the DHH Program, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Johanna Hermann - 1.0 Teacher, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Paul Magnuson - 1.0 DHH Interpreter, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Amy Fleischmann - 1.0 DHH Permanent Substitute Teacher, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Regina Ortiz - 1.0 Occupational Therapist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Deanne Gustafson - .6 School Psychologist (short term leave replacement) subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Pamela Izquierdo - .5 Speech and Language Pathologist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Jill Yentes - 1.0 School Psychologist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Leslie Owens - 1.0 School Psychologist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Danielle Norini - 1.0 Teacher, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Joyce Jastrzab - .3 Speech and Language Pathologist, subject to the Local funding program, beginning August 21, 2006.

Resignations

Laurie Swanson - .5 School Social Worker effective June 9, 2006.

Sharon McDarmont - 1.0 ParaEducator effective for 06-07 school year

Suzanne Pereckas - 1.0 RN/Educational Assistant effective for the 06-07 school year.

Angela Paras - 1.0 School Psychologist hired for 06-07, declined position.

Angela Mendez - 1.0 ParaEducator.

Lara Polavieja - 1.0 Social Worker.

Monica Mockus - 1.0 DHH Interpreter.

Denelle Barbaro - 1.0 ParaEducator.

Nicholas Hammond - 1.0 ParaEducator.

Alexis Chmell - 1.0 ParaEducator.

Alice Kowalski - 1.0 ParaEducator.

Anastasia Gianopoulos - 1.0 ParaEducator

Terminations

Megan Faley - 1.0 ParaEducator.

Minutes:

Regular Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions – June 19, 2006

Facilities Committee – August 8, 2006

Finance Committee – August 14, 2006

Technology Committee – August 16, 2006

Curriculum Committee – August 17, 2006

Human Resources Committee – August 17, 2006

Donation of Equipment/Supplies

1. \$635 monetary donation to the Choral Fund of the Music Department, by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Atkins.

NCA Casi Accreditation Dues 2006-2007

ED-RED Membership Dues 2006-2007

2006 Summer School Graduates

Study Trip to Cuernavaca, Mexico, March-April 2007

Adoption of Aviation Textbooks

Revised District Technology Plan as Accepted by the State of Illinois

2006-2007 Administrators' Handbook

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: Adjournment into Closed Session

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Kohlstedt, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session for the purpose of considering information regarding student discipline, employee evaluations, and to review Closed Session documentation.

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 and at 8:25 p.m. Mr. Pera adjourned the meeting into Closed Session.

At 9:00 p.m., the meeting reconvened in Open Session.

ACTION NO. 9: Student #396xxx

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, to hold in abeyance the expulsion hearing of Student #396xxx. Should Student #396xxx 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: 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: Release of Closed Session Documentation

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Kohlstedt, to release the following written Closed Session documentation:

January 9, 2006	February 8, 2006	February 13, 2006
February 16, 2006	March 13, 2006	March 20, 2006
April 17, 2006	May 15, 2006	May 22, 2006,

and to destroy the following recorded Closed Session documentation:

August 16 2004	September 20, 2004	October 8, 2004
October 18, 2004	November 3, 2004	November 9, 2004
November 15, 2004	December 13, 2004	January 14, 2005
January 18, 2005	February 14, 2005.	

Additionally, the Board determined that any audiotapes of Closed Session portions of Board meetings of January 9, 2006 through May 22, 2006 still require confidentiality.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 11: Adjournment

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

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

President:

Secretary: