

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204
 BOARD OF EDUCATION
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
 BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017
 7:00 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRESENT

ABSENT

Mr. Thomas W. Cushing, President	<u>X</u>	—
Mr. George R. Dougherty, Vice President	<u>X</u>	—
Mr. Philip Palmer, Secretary	<u>X</u>	—
Mrs. Molly Murphy Bruton	<u>X</u>	—
Mrs. Jessica McLean	<u>X</u>	—
Dr. John T. Polacek	<u>X</u>	—
Ms. Barbara J. Rosinsky	<u>X</u>	—
Mr. J.P. Remijas (arrived 7:30 p.m.)	<u>X</u>	—

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Timothy Kilrea	Ms. Joyce Marine	Dr. Brian Waterman
Mr. Edward Piotrowski	Mr. Brian Stachacz	Mr. Scott Eggerding
Mr. Ed Tennant	Mr. Kevin Brown	Ms. Therese Nelson
Ms. Jennifer Bialobok	Ms. Katie Smith	Ms. Paula Nardi
Ms. Marie Gillespie	Mr. Joseph Maffey	

VISITORS PRESENT

No one signed in.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Cushing at 7:00 p.m.

ACTION NO. 1: Agenda Approval/Order of Business

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Ms. Rosinsky, 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 Mr. Palmer, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss pending or probable litigation against, affecting or on behalf of the public body; to discuss collective negotiating matters or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and to review Closed Session documentation.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted and at 7:01 p.m., Mr. Cushing adjourned the meeting into Closed Session.

At 7:29 p.m., the meeting reconvened in Open Session with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN SESSION – COMMUNICATIONS

Faculty Association President Marie Gillespie expressed gratitude for the great care that goes into the registration process and asked that great care also be considered when determining class sections for next year. She then welcomed the Physical Welfare faculty, where Susie Murphy shared highlights from the division and thanked the Board and administration for all their support. Physical Welfare Division staff members then introduced themselves.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD REPORT

J.P. Remijas updated the Board on the following: 1) Many positive comments were received about the recent All-School Assembly. 2) LT beat Hinsdale Central by 20 pounds in the food drive. 3) Model U.N. will be hosting a conference this weekend; Dan Lipinski is the keynote speaker. 4) *Jesus Christ Superstar* was a great play. 5) Rock-A-Thon raised \$23,241 during WLTL's 88.1 hours continuous on-air broadcast. 6) Several juniors who may be interested in applying for next year's Student Representative to the Board are in tonight's audience.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT

Dr. Kilrea presented this month's Vita Plena to Jorge Sanchez, LT's Liaison to the Hispanic Communities and instructor in the Alternative Program. After working in the private sector, Mr. Sanchez came to LT four years ago to provide support and connection services for our Hispanic/Latino communities—students and parents. Additionally, Mr. Sanchez, in conjunction with District 105, started a program to help students transition to high school. He is also a member of the Equity and Achievement Team and has implemented an after-school tutoring program. Dr. Kilrea described Mr. Sanchez as a true leader, communicator, motivator, advocate, role model and professional in every sense.

Mr. Sanchez responded that he was very honored to receive the Vita Plena award and that the work we're doing is very important. He thanked the Board and Administrative Team for their support and commitment.

Next, Dr. Kilrea recognized LT's 20 gifted All-State Musicians and also acknowledged the great commitment by their parents for supporting their students' passions. He additionally credited our music teachers: Mark Dahl, Jane Ewing, David Hartley, Connie Lyda, Jan Matthews, Paul Meiste John Musick and Division Chair Paula Nardi.

After thanking the Board for their support of music programs, Assistant Fine Arts Division Chair, Mark Dahl, described the very competitive All-State process, which started back in October. Board President Tom Cushing distributed Certificates of Recognition to the All-State Musicians: Audrey Ashburn, Ann Boyle, Katherine Coleman, Lauren Culver, Michael Furgala, Raif Galloway, Liam Gannon, Iris

Leahy, Joshua Leak, John Naughton, Elise Naval, Tim O’Gallagher, John Quinlan, Lauren Reynolds, Alex Rivera, Hayley Roesler, Alex Saacke, Maxwell Schultz, Jack Sylvia and Blaine Teppema.

Third, Dr. Kilrea announced that Scott Walker was recently named Western Springs’ VFW Teacher of the Year. In addition to Mr. Walker’s work in the classroom and with swimmers, the VFW Post specifically noted his work with students with special needs.

Finalizing his Superintendent’s Report, Dr. Kilrea communicated the following: two commercial FOIA requests were received since last month; on March 15, the Parent Community Network and our associate schools are sponsoring--and LT is hosting--a showing of *Screenagers*, a film about raising children in the digital age.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 3: 2017-2018 Textbook/Instructional Materials Change Requests

Mr. Dougherty moved, seconded by Ms. Rosinsky, to approve the 2017-2018 textbook/instructional material changes and all budget figures as presented **with the exception of *Explorations in CORE Math* and *Geometry for Enjoyment and Challenge***.

On roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Palmer, Mrs. McLean, Mr. Dougherty, Dr. Polacek, Mrs. Bruton, Mrs. Rosinsky,
Mr. Cushing
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

The motion was adopted.

The recommendation to withdraw the geometry text from tonight’s consideration will give teachers additional time to further review the book; a decision will likely be determined in April. Mr. Eggerding stated that a \$75 rental fee for textbooks is collected from almost all students and that money is used toward buying and rebinding texts. Mr. Cushing applauded Mr. Eggerding for the cost savings realized from binding books.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 4: Science Drop-In Center

Mr. Dougherty moved, seconded by Ms. Rosinsky, to approve the pilot of a science drop-in center program at each campus.

On roll call:

Ayes: Dr. Polacek, Mrs. McLean, Ms. Rosinsky, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Dougherty, Mrs. Bruton,
Mr. Cushing
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

The motion was adopted.

Given the success of the math drop-in centers, Mr. Piotrowski said that the purpose of the science drop-in centers is also to provide additional support to students during the structured study periods within the school-day schedule. Each center will be staffed by an LT staff member, who will coordinate the use of student tutors to help their peers in the different science disciplines. The pilot will begin fourth quarter, and a report on its performance will be provided to the Board in June. Mr. Cushing expressed his gratitude to Dr. Waterman, Mr. Piotrowski and teachers for their support.

ACTION NO. 5: Testing Center

Mr. Dougherty moved, seconded by Mrs. McLean, to approve the creation of a testing center at each campus.

On roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Dougherty, Dr. Polacek, Mr. Palmer, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Bruton, Mrs. Rosinsky,
Mr. Cushing
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

The motion was adopted.

The purpose of the testing centers is to provide a location for students to make up tests and quizzes following an absence. The centers will be staffed with an LTHS staff member and will provide both morning and afternoon hours to accommodate students. This pilot program, which will begin fourth quarter of this year, will be evaluated in June.

ACTION NO. 6: North Campus Study Hall Roof Replacement Project

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mrs. McLean, to approve and award the contract to National Roofing for the replacement of the North Campus Study Hall roof in the amount of \$289,000 plus the replacement of the window and framing in the gable of the Study Hall roof (Alternate #1) for an additional \$10,000 for a total of \$299,000.

On roll call:

Ayes: Mrs. McLean, Mr. Dougherty, Dr. Polacek, Mrs. Bruton, Mrs. Rosinsky, Mr. Palmer,
Mr. Cushing
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

The motion was adopted.

Replacing the window in the gable will maintain the historical appearance of the school. Dr. Kilrea noted that we will find a way to showcase the original window.

ACTION NO. 7: 2017 General Remodeling and Turf Replacement Project

Mr. Palmer moved, seconded by Mr. Dougherty, to approve and award the contract to Chicago Heights Construction for the 2017 general remodeling and turf replacement project in the amount of \$743,017, which includes Alternates #3 and #4.

On roll call:

Ayes: Mrs. Bruton, Mr. Palmer, Mrs. McLean, Ms. Rosinsky, Dr. Polacek, Mr. Dougherty,
Mr. Cushing
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

The motion was adopted.

The Bennett Field turf was installed 13 years ago and has lasted longer than originally projected. Although still adequate, not replacing the turf could result in a future safety issue. Dr. Kilrea acknowledged that the field is used by our taxpayers and is truly a community resource. Because it is expected that Bennett Field will be out of use for four to five weeks, our Athletic Department will find alternate venues to house summer camps.

ACTION NO. 8: 2017 Sound System Upgrades Project

Ms. Rosinsky moved, seconded by Dr. Polacek, to approve and award the contract to Lyons and Pinner Electric for the 2017 sound system upgrade project in the amount of \$193,996.

On roll call:

Ayes: Ms. Rosinsky, Mr. Dougherty, Dr. Polacek, Mr. Palmer, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Bruton,
Mr. Cushing
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

The motion was adopted.

The sound system project includes the replacement of the sound systems in both the North Campus Fieldhouse and at Bennett Field.

School Board Calendar for March 2017

Committee meeting dates for March were scheduled.

Prior to the Consent Agenda vote, Mr. Palmer stated that after reviewing the Closed Session documentation, the Board determined that only the written minutes of the Closed Session portions of Board meetings from June 18, 2016 through December 19, 2016 will be released under the Consent Agenda and that any recordings of Closed Session during that time period still require confidentiality. The Board additionally determined that audiotapes of Closed Session meetings of February 17, 2015 through August 17, 2015 can now be destroyed.

ACTION NO. 9: Approval of Consent Agenda

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mrs. Bruton, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

LTHS Monthly Financials

Approval of Lyons Township High School monthly bills in the amount of \$6,040,262.63.

Approval of Lyons Township High School financial statements for the month ending January 31, 2017.

LADSE Financials

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$1,954,485.48.

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education financial statements for the month ending January 31, 2017.

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Employment

Matthew McCune, ParaEducator, effective January 17, 2017.

LTHS Administrative and Certified Staff Employment Recommendations

Leave of Absence

Bridget Andrews, Math, August 17, 2017 through December 22, 2017.

Reassignment

Amber Beemer, Math/Science, reassignment from Assistant Division Chair to 1.0 FTE teacher, effective August 17, 2017.

Retirement

Terry Wethington, Physical Education, effective June 2017.

LADSE Staff Employment Recommendations

Employment

Donna Ferraro, 1.0 Social Worker, effective January 23, 2017.

Jonathan Adam Langdon, 1.0 Occupational Therapist, effective February 6, 2017.

Lillian Kong, 1.0 Physical Therapist, effective January 31, 2017.

Janine Ferguson-Marshall, 1.0 ParaEducator, effective January 23, 2017.

Lisa Lamm, 1.0 Occupational Therapist, effective January 25, 2016.

Robyn Palermo, 1.0 ParaEducator, effective February 21, 2017.

Tracy Connelly, 1.0 ParaEducator, effective February 8, 2017.

Resignations

Laurie Gacki, 1.0 OT, effective February 3, 2017.

April Vela, 1.0 ParaEducator, effective February 3, 2017.

Gabriel Negrete, 1.0 ParaEducator, effective November 22, 2016.

Leaves

Caroline Everette, 1.0 SLP, effective approximately August 30, 2017.

Minutes:

Regular Meeting –January 17, 2017 – Open and Closed Sessions
Curriculum Committee – February 16, 2017
Human Resources Committee – February 16, 2017
Facilities Committee – February 17, 2017
Finance Committee – February 17, 2017

Release of Closed Session Documentation

Minutes

June 18, 2016	June 21, 2016	August 15, 2016
September 19, 2016	December 19, 2016	

Audio

February 17, 2015	February 24, 2015	March 9, 2015
March 16, 2015	April 20, 2015	May 5, 2015
May 18, 2015	June 15, 2015	August 17, 2015

Student Overnight Travel

1. **Regional High School Dance Festival**, Madison, WI, March 2017
2. **FCCLA State Conference**, Springfield, April 2017
3. **Tab Trip to NSPA/JEA Student Journalism Conference**, Seattle, April 2017
4. **GEMS Engineering Trip**, South Bend, IN, April 2017
5. **Astronomy Trip**, Arizona, April 2017
6. **Model U.N.**, Evanston, April 2017

Stipend Committee Recommendation: Adjustment of compensation for Special Olympics Basketball head coach

Donation to Boys' and Girls' Basketball Program, by Joe Niego

On roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Palmer, Mrs. McLean, Mr. Dougherty, Dr. Polacek, Mrs. Bruton, Ms. Rosinsky,
Mr. Cushing

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The motion was adopted.

ACTION NO. 10: 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 8:30 p.m.

President:

Secretary: