

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204  
 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
 BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM  
 TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 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. JP Remijas (arrived 7:30 p.m.)	<u>X</u>	—

**STAFF PRESENT**

Dr. Timothy Kilrea	Ms. Joyce Marine	Mr. Scott Eggerding
Mr. Brian Stachacz	Dr. Brian Waterman	Mr. Edward Piotrowski
Ms. Jennifer Bialobok	Mr. Ed Tennant	Ms. Therese Nelson
Ms. Katie Smith	Mr. Kevin Brown	Ms. Donna Bredrup
Dr. Brian Mahoney	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**

With an additional Closed Session agenda item, Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Ms. Rosinsky, to approve the agenda as amended.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

**ACTION NO. 2: Adjournment into Closed Session**

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mrs. Bruton, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss pending or probable litigation against, affecting or on behalf of the public body and the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee or legal counsel for the public body.

On roll call:

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

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

At 7:35 p.m., the meeting reconvened in Open Session with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **OPEN SESSION – COMMUNICATIONS**

Faculty Association President Marie Gillespie mentioned that the subject-area team leaders feel rejuvenated and delighted that LT's implementation of the state-mandated process to measure student/teacher growth is working, thanks to the support and collaboration of the P.E.R.A. Joint Committee. She added that the administration and staff are always striving for the best—an LT tradition. Ms. Gillespie then asked staff members from Student Services and Special Education to introduce themselves after thanking them for the support they provide for our students. Additionally, Brian Murray shared many highlights from the Special Ed Department.

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT**

Student Representative to the Board JP Remijas remarked on the great turnout and support for the Special Ed Pack-the-Place event. He also told the Board that the Jesse White Tumblers will be performing once again at the All-School Assembly. Additional upcoming Student Council activities include a possible movie night at Bennett Field and already planning for fall 2017 Homecoming.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT**

After first thanking Special Ed and Student Services for a great turnout at tonight's meeting, Dr. Kilrea noted that tonight's agenda is limited due to the fact that we've been in school only ten days since the December Board meeting.

Next, Dr. Kilrea announced that eight students graduated this past December. He thanked the Board for generously allocating funds to put programs into place that support and encourage students to complete their graduation requirements.

Dr. Kilrea discussed the Freshman Preparedness Survey that will be administered to most LT freshmen February 3-17. Our associate schools have contracted with School Perceptions to administer the survey to gather data regarding their former students' perceptions on high school preparedness. Although the associate schools will contact their former students and ask them to complete the survey, LT will assist with communication efforts. Dr. Kilrea stated that we are fortunate to enjoy a healthy and productive relationship with our associate schools.

Dr. Kilrea also told the Board that this is the time of year referred to as the “Road Show”—when several of our administrators visit the associate schools to speak during the day to eighth graders and at night to their parents about curriculum, what to expect at LT, etc. Dr. Kilrea reported that feedback from parents about the change in practical and creative arts requirements has been positive; they like the flexibility.

Should inclement weather cause school to be cancelled one day, Dr. Kilrea reminded everyone that Presidents’ Day, February 20, is earmarked as a student attendance day.

Prior to introducing LT Community Advisory Council Co-Chair Brett Lettiere, Dr. Kilrea reported that one commercial FOIA request was received by the District within the last month.

### **December 14, 2016 Lyons Township Community Advisory Council Meeting Consensus**

LTCAC Co-Chair Brett Lettiere reviewed the December meeting consensus feedback regarding homework at LTHS, remarking that lunch study halls have been very favorable in reducing homework stress.

Prior to New Business, Karen DalPorto relayed greetings on behalf of the ParaEducators Association.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **2017-2018 Textbook & Instructional Material Change Proposals – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Mr. Eggerding presented the textbook & instructional material change requests as a first reading, stating that the materials will be on display for one month prior to adoption at the February Board meeting. He noted that at this time, the new Civics course will likely not require a textbook.

#### **School Board Calendar for February 2017**

Board members scheduled committee meeting dates for February.

Prior to the Consent Agenda approval, Dr. Kilrea complimented Jennifer Bialobok on the most recent *By the Numbers*.

#### **ACTION NO. 3: Approval of Consent Agenda**

Mr. Dougherty 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 \$6,097,670.45

Approval of Lyons Township High School financial statements for the month ending December 31, 2016.

### **LADSE Financials**

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$1,814,177.64.

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education financial statements for the month ending December 31, 2016.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

##### Employment

**Sara Pethokoukis**, Student Assistant, effective January 9, 2017.

**Jose Soto, Jr.**, Student Assistant, effective December 19, 2016.

**Doreen Voorhees**, Student Assistant, effective January 9, 2017.

##### Retirement

**Joyce Marine**, Superintendent's Secretary/Board clerk, effective June 30, 2017.

**Mary Ann Morici**, Benefits Coordinator, effective June 30, 2017.

#### **LTHS Administrative and Certified Staff Employment Recommendations**

##### Leave of Absence

**Amber Beemer**, Science, January 30, 2017 through March 24, 2017.

**Meghan Duran**, World Languages (German), extension of current leave through March 10, 2017.

**Nicole Gallicchio**, English, March 6, 2017 through June 2, 2017 (end of 2016-2017 school year).

**Kelly Neidig**, Physical Education, January 25, 2017 through February 17, 2017.

**Lindsay VanderMeer**, Mathematics, April 17, 2017 through September 22, 2017.

## **LADSE Staff Employment Recommendations**

### Employment

**Sarah Mehany**, 1.0 ParaEducator, effective January 9, 2017.

**Ethan Kjellnad**, 1.0 Interpreter, effective January 10, 2017.

**Denise Manning**, 1.0 WIOA Project Assistant, effective January 11, 2016.

### Resignations

**Suzanne Volpe**, 1.0 ParaEducator, effective December 23, 2016.

**Dominique Grant**, 1.0 ParaEducator, effective December 12, 2016.

**Andrew Bempah**, 1.0 ParaEducator, effective January 13, 2016.

**Patricia Even**, 1.0 Program Coordinator of DHH, effective June 30, 2016.

### **Minutes:**

Regular Meeting – Open & Closed Sessions - December 19, 2016.

Facilities Committee – January 11, 2017

Finance Committee – January 11, 2017

Curriculum Committee – January 12, 2017

Human Resources Committee – January 12, 2017

### **Student Overnight Travel**

1. **IHSA Competitive Dance State Finals**, Bloomington, IL, January 2017
2. **Snowball**, Wisconsin, March 2017
3. **Model U.N.**, Champaign, March 2017
4. **LTTV-National Association of Broadcasters Convention**, Las Vegas, April 2017
5. **IL Science Olympiad State Tournament**, Champaign, April 2017

### **December 2016 Graduates**

### **Additional LTCAC Member**

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. 4: Adjournment**

Mr. Dougherty moved, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to adjourn the meeting.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

President:

Secretary: