

LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 204
 BOARD OF EDUCATION
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
 BOARD-CONFERENCE ROOM
 MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016
 7:30 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	<u>X</u>	—

STAFF PRESENT

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

VISITORS PRESENT

No one signed in.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Cushing at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

ACTION NO. 1: Agenda Approval/Order of Business

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Mr. Dougherty, to approve the agenda as presented.

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted.

OPEN SESSION – COMMUNICATIONS

Before introducing members of the Language Arts Division, Faculty Association President Marie Gillespie commented on focus and drive in professional development. She remarked that the focus on formative practices is paying off by shifting to students and where they should be in the learning process. In addition to Ms. Gillespie, the following members of the Language Arts Division were in attendance at tonight’s meeting: Gretchen Kulat, Bradley Anderson, Virginia Condon, Alex Lyons,

Division Chair Karen Raino, Kari Karubas, Joseph Maffey and Bill Allan. Mr. Maffey highlighted activities of the Language Arts Division and Mr. Allan announced that LTTV and WLTL will be broadcasting live election coverage.

Liz Watkins also addressed the Board, thanking members for their continued support of LT's ParaEducators.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD REPORT

Mr. Remijas discussed Homecoming, noting that although attendance was down a bit from last year, Student Council earned more money than anticipated. Mr. Remijas also mentioned that Student Council is busy planning both the Veterans' Day Assemblies and the All-School Assembly.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT REPORT

Dr. Kilrea addressed the recent evacuation of South Campus, stating that when a threat is received—credible or not—we must follow through with an investigation. Dr. Kilrea especially thanked John Grundke and the Western Springs Police for their diligence. He added that although the communication to families was good, we are always looking for ways to improve.

Dr. Kilrea next explained the process for District 102's proposal to withdraw from LADSE, effective July 1, 2017.

Third, Dr. Kilrea reminded Board members of the upcoming LTCAC meeting that will cover Professional Learning for staff at LT.

After mentioning that two FOIA requests have been received since the September Board meeting, Dr. Kilrea congratulated three Chicago Marathon finishers in attendance tonight: Tom Cushing, Ed Piotrowski and Joseph Maffey.

Principal's Report

Dr. Waterman first thanked Student Council for a great Homecoming. He then announced that Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday evenings, October 26 and 27, and also noted that six teachers provided Professional Development sessions at the last Institute Day.

NEW BUSINESS

2017-2018 School-Term Calendar – 1st Reading

Mr. Eggerding reported that the draft of the 2017-2018 school-term calendar has been shared with local superintendents, the Faculty Association and the CSDTeam, among others. The proposed calendar denotes August 21, 2017 as the first student attendance day of the new school year and June 3, 2018 as Commencement. The calendar will come back to the Board as a second reading and for final approval in November.

2017-2018 Curriculum Change Proposals – 1st Reading

Mr. Eggerding presented as a first reading the 2017-2018 curriculum change proposals, some of which are state-required, such as a new sophomore-level Civics course. Discussion ensued about the Civics requirement to try to determine what is best for our students. Many schools offer AP U.S. Government as a substitute class to a stand-alone, semester-long Civics course. Mr. Dougherty noted that since students learn differently, one course doesn't necessarily meet the needs of all students. Student Representative JP Remijas added that he thought offering the option of AP U.S. Government is a good idea and has merit because it will free up another course selection for students. 14 proposals have been submitted from five divisions. The Board will again review the change proposals in November when they are brought forward as a second reading.

Revised/Updated Policies – 1st Reading

Dr. Kilrea remarked that IASB has recommended that 17 of our current Board policies need to be revised or updated. The policies have been reviewed by our counsel and their suggested changes have also been incorporated into the revised/updated policies. A second reading and adoption will be at the November meeting.

ACTION NO. 2: Construction Change Orders

Dr. Polacek moved, seconded by Ms. Rosinsky, to approve the construction change orders as presented.

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.

The four approved change orders--from summer 2016 construction projects--are for Abel Plus Services, Valor Technologies, Inc., Voris Mechanical, Inc. and Chicago Heights Construction.

School Board Calendar for November 2016

The Board scheduled several committee meetings for November.

ACTION NO. 3: Approval of Consent Agenda

Ms. Rosinsky moved, seconded by Mrs. McLean, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

LTHS Monthly Financials

Approval of Lyons Township High School monthly bills in the amount of \$5,529,367.24.

Approval of Lyons Township High School financial statements for the month ending September 30, 2016.

LADSE Financials

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education monthly bills in the amount of \$1,800,892.09.

Approval of LaGrange Area Department of Special Education financial statements for the month ending September 30, 2016.

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Reassignment

Allan Karpiak, reassigned from a Student Assistant to a ParaEducator, effective October 31, 2016.

LTHS Administrative and Certified Staff Employment Recommendations

Employment

Sarah Eastham, Social Studies, .5 FTE (96 days), BA Step 3, effective January 9, 2017.

Retirement

Paul Krick, Driver Education, effective June 2020.

LADSE Staff Employment Recommendations

Employment

Karen Bylsma, 1.0 Vocational Teacher, effective September 26, 2016.

Kate Gresik, 1.0 ParaEducator, effective September 20, 2016.

Elizabeth Brown, 1.0 Behavior Interventionist, effective September 29, 2016.

Shanae Olson, 1.0 ParaEducator, effective October 3, 2016.

Melissa Lupo, 0.6 Social Worker, effective October 4, 2016.

Cheryl Plante, 1.0 Signing Aide, effective October 5, 2016.

Blair McKinney, 1.0 ParaEducator, effective September 30, 2016.

Nastassja Bate-Bild, 1.0 ParaEducator, effective October 12, 2016.

Resignations

Colleen Schwarz, 1.0 ParaEducator, effective September 15, 2016.

Kelsey Forier, 1.0 Teacher, effective September 16, 2016.

Caren Messina, 1.0 WIOA Project Assistant, effective September 29, 2016.

Lis Diaz, 1.0 ParaEducator, effective September 30, 2016.

Minutes:

Regular Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions - September 19, 2016

Technology Committee – October 11, 2016

Facilities Committee – October 12, 2016

Curriculum Committee – October 13, 2016

Human Resources Committee – October 13, 2016

Overnight Student Travel

1. **Speech Team**, Peoria, IL, December 2016
2. **Model UN**, Chicago, December 2016
3. **Model UN**, Ann Arbor, MI, January 2017

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

By unanimous voice vote, the motion was adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

President:

Secretary: