

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 28, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held at Lake Forest High School West Campus and called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Mark Mitter.

Board members present at roll call were:

Sally McDonald	Chris Rossman
Mark Mitter	Rick Salzer
Jeff Pinderski	Julia Wold
Laurie Rose	

Administration Present:

Dr. Harry Griffith, Superintendent
Allen Albus, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Julie Cooley, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Dr. Andy Henrikson, Exec. Director of Student Learning
Joe Malin, School Psychologist, K-12 Student Services Coordinator
Kyle Schumacher, Asst. Superintendent
Jennifer Hermes, Asst. Superintendent
Anne Whipple, Director of Communication

Staff Present: Pam Burke, Board Clerk

Guests Who Signed in: Susie Oh, teacher, District 67, Julie Meadows, LFEA, Jill Hill, APT Executive Board liaison, Tami Schneider, Everett APT liaison, Megan Morris, DPM APT liaison, Beth Clemmensen, Cherokee APT liaison.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Mitter reported that the District 67 Board of Education will have 100% participation at the IASA Joint Annual Conference on November 21 in Chicago. He also reported that he received a nice update on Social Emotional Wellness and Character Development. The next step that the Board wanted to take, building committee representatives and the formation of a district-wide committee, has already been completed. He thanked Dr. Cooley and everyone involved in achieving that objective.

No Executive Session will be held this evening.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Griffith recognized the presence of the APT Board Liaisons as well as LFEA representative, Julie Meadows, and Susie Oh, a DPM teacher.

Dr. Griffith presented the 30-Day Fall Housing Enrollment and a comparison to last year's fall enrollment. He noted that the enrollment is down 4.1% this year over last. Most of the population decline is at the elementary level.

Dr. Griffith thanked the District 67 staff and President Mark Mitter for attending the East China Sister School Reception on October 15, which was held to celebrate the inauguration of our Sister School Partnership with the Shanghai East China Normal University High School #2. Congressman Mark Kirk presented the keynote address.

Dr. Griffith invited members of the Board of Education to attend the Lake Forest High School Dedication Ceremony on Wednesday, November 5 from 7-8:30 p.m. He noted that on-going tours would be held throughout the evening.

Dr. Griffith then referred to the District 67 Board of Education Presentation and Update Schedule. He noted which month updates and presentations were slated to come before the Board. He also mentioned the newly created District Guidebook which Board members may use throughout the year as a quick document reference. A copy of the guidebook was distributed to each Board member.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public comment.

BOARD COMMITTEE

Board Education Committee - Chris Rossman, Laurie Rose

Mrs. Rossman reported that a District 67/115 Joint Education Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 22. Dr. Griffith presented an overview of his vision on having the two Education Committees work together. He suggested alignment between the districts by coordinating curriculum cycles, which would better serve both districts.

Mr. Sullivan, District 115 Science Instructional Director, presented an overview of the new Elawa Buddies Program (Eco Buddies). This program impacts approximately 800 students district-wide. Every second grade student in district 65/67 is paired with a District 115 student for outdoor studies at Elawa. This is the first year of the program.

Dr. Cooley presented a brief summary of the District 115 Assessment Report. She also presented an update on the Character Development program, and outlined planned community activities for District 115 for November and February. Collaboration between the districts and the involvement of the staff, students and the community was discussed. Dr. Griffith noted that District 115 is working on developing a process for a curriculum planning cycle. District 67 shared the process that they use.

Board Operations Committee – Julia Wold, Sally McDonald

Mrs. Wold reported that the Operations Committee met on October 9 at 8:00 am. Mrs. White presented an update on performance contract summer work. She noted that the District is working ahead of the Life Safety schedule.

Mrs. Wold also reported that Lake County is one of the two counties that was left out of the state bidding contract and therefore, the District will be paying three times more for salt this year. Sidewalks at the schools will not be affected.

Mrs. Hermes reported that 1028 families have registered for food service this year. She also noted that the cafeteria line is faster this year because of the use of debit cards.

Mrs. Wold reported that the committee also discussed the need to update the Kasarda Report, the utilization of space at Elawa Farms, the T.V. studio build out, and the use of district buildings by the Red Cross as either a mass care shelter or a registration site. Mrs. Wold also noted that the IT Ad Hoc Steering Committee will meet in November to discuss the fiber redundancy issue. The next meeting of the committee will be December 8.

Board Finance Committee – Mark Mitter, Rick Salzer

Mr. Salzer reported that a District 115/67 Joint Finance Meeting was held on October 7 at 7:30 a.m. Several items that pertained to both Boards were discussed including the Liquid Asset Fund through PMA, which is financially sound. The next committee will be held on November 4.

Board Shared Services Committee – Mark Mitter, Rick Salzer

The Board Shared Services Committee has not met since the last meeting. The committee is scheduled to meet in January 2009.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

North Suburban Special Education District – Chris Rossman

Mrs. Rossman deferred to Mrs. Wold who attended the October 15 meeting on her behalf. Mrs. Wold reported that the NSSSED Governing Board approved spending \$16.1 million to build a new NSSSED North Shore Academy and to remodel the administrative offices. The cost to District 67 is approximately \$925,000, which is due by August 1, 2009. One of the concerns discussed at the meeting was the condition of the current financial market. Additional financing options are now available through NSSSED. Ms. Wold announced that Mr. Albus would be contacted to serve on a committee through NSSSED to review financial options and to determine the best option. NSSSED is also seeking qualified volunteers to serve on their Executive Committee.

Illinois Association of School Boards/ED-RED – Julia Wold

Mrs. Wold reported that due to the election, legislators have not been meeting. Mrs. Wold urged everyone to be aware of the question on the ballot regarding the Constitutional Convention. IASB is supporting the call as a way to increase funding for education which is provided by the state. Most teachers unions are opposed because of concerns about pensions.

Professional Development – Rick Salzer

Mr. Salzer introduced Mr. Schumacher who presented an update on Professional Development activities that have taken place in District 67 since the last Board meeting.

He reviewed K-8 training and curriculum development, presented a technology coaches training update, and discussed additional training for new teachers as well as follow ups with mentor programs. Mr. Schumacher also reviewed what takes place during District 67 Time at Deer Path Middle School East and West.

Curriculum Coordinating Committee – Laurie Rose

Mrs. Rose reported that CCC met on October 2 at 4:00 p.m. The committee's purpose and protocol was reviewed and the group agreed to act as an advisory and coordinating agent between committees, administrators, parents and the Board of Education to ensure alignment of instruction and adherence to best practices. The Committee also reviewed the CCC presentation process. It was agreed that significant curriculum changes would first go through the individual committee process to be sure that the change is in alignment with the curriculum and follows best practice. The committee also agreed that that it would like to return to a prior practice of reviewing (not adopting) the list of proposed summer curriculum work. It was agreed that the Committee would receive and review the 2009-2010 list of proposed summer curriculum work. The next meeting of the committee will be held November 6 @ 4:00 p.m.

Spirit of 67 Foundation – Sally McDonald

Mrs. McDonald reported that the Spirit met on October 7. Family participation rate is at 21%. On behalf of the Foundation, she thanked Grainger for the \$10,000 donation made to the Foundation. She also encouraged everyone to support the Foundation by making a contribution. Mrs. McDonald advised that Spirit mailings are currently focused toward the District families but the Spirit is working on ways to expand circulation.

Mrs. McDonald reported that more than 160 people attended the golf luncheon and she thanked Dr. Griffith for participating again this year in the longest drive competition. He raised a lot of money for the Spirit.

Mrs. McDonald reminded everyone that grant submissions are due on January 29 by 4:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of the Spirit of 67 Foundation will be held on November 4 at 9:00 a.m.

REPORTS

District 67 Assessment Report 2007-08

Dr. Griffith reported that Dr. Julie Cooley, Dr. Michelle Shinn and Mr. Joel Malin will present the 2007-08 Assessment Report. Dr. Cooley reported that the Assessment Report is the result of District 67 teachers' hard work throughout the year.

Dr. Cooley and Mr. Malin presented a comprehensive overview and analysis of the NWEA Measures of Academic Process (MAP), and the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT). In the absence of Dr Shinn, Dr. Cooley and Mr. Malin also discussed Tier 2 Reading Interventions (grades K-7), and Student Goal Setting in grades 4-6. Board members and District administrators received a copy of the comprehensive report.

Board members thanked Dr. Cooley and Mr. Malin for a very concise and well written report with clear and understandable data.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval of Dental Third Party Administrator

Mr. Albus reported that with the dissolution of the Northern Illinois School Benefit Cooperative in 2006, the district switched its dental coverage from Blue Cross fully insured plan to a Met Life fully insured plan. Over the past two years, the Business Office has received numerous complaints that the benefit levels were not being reimbursed at previous levels.

Mr. Albus introduced Mr. Pratt of Benefit Brokers and Consultants. Mr. Pratt projected that the District could implement a self-funded plan based on existing claim levels and premiums that would more closely resemble the program that was in place before the change to Met Life.

Mr. Pratt responded to questions from Board members.

MOTION: Mr. Salzer moved seconded by Mrs. Rose that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the implementation of a self-funded dental program to be administered by Allied Benefits.

The votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Rossman, Rose, Pinderski, Salzer, McDonald, Wold, Mitter

Nays:

Absent:

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were listed as part of the Consent Agenda:

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of A Regular Meeting – September 16, 2008

Minutes of A Budget Hearing – September 16, 2008

Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls, and Financial Statements

September 2008 (Exhibit I)

Approval of Personnel Items (Exhibit II)

Approval of Pam Burke as designated Board representative for school election

Approval of Destruction of Audio Recordings: October 24, 2006, November 28, 2006,
January 23, 2007.

MOTION: Mrs. Rossman moved seconded by Mrs. Rose that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

The votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Wold, Mitter, Rossman, Rose, Pinderski, Salzer, McDonald
Nays:
Absent:

Motion carried.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, November 5	LFHS Dedication Ceremony, 7:00 p.m. – East Campus
Friday, November 7	School Improvement Day – _ Day (no Kdgn. classes)
Tuesday, November 18	Board of Education/Board Liaison Dinner 6:00 p.m. – LFHS West Campus
Tuesday, November 25	Parent-Teacher Conferences – _ Day (am Kdgn. attends)
Wednesday, November 26	Parent-Teacher Conferences – No School
Thursday, November 27	Thanksgiving Day – No School
Friday, November 28	Thanksgiving Break – No School

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mrs. Rose moved seconded by Mrs. Wold that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

On voice vote, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Chris Rossman, Secretary

Date

