

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 20, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held at Lake Forest High School West Campus in the Board Room and called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Julia Wold.

Board members present at roll call were:

John Julian	Laurie Rose
Sally McDonald	Chris Rossman
Rick Salzer	Julia Wold
Jeff Pinderski	

Administration Present:

Dr. Harry Griffith, Superintendent
Allen Albus, Deputy Superintendent
Kyle Schumacher, Asst. Superintendent
Anne Whipple, Director of Communication
Andy Henrikson, Executive Director of Student Learning

Staff Present: Pam Burke, Board Clerk

Guests Who Signed in: Lori Julian, DPM liaison, Jill Hill, APT Executive Board, Martha Avery, APT liaison, Megan Morris, DPM liaison, Barb Mockus, Sheridan liaison, Areta Kohout, Everett liaison, Tami Schneider, Everett liaison, Allison Waggoner, APT Executive Board, Julie Meadows, LFEA President.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Wold reported that an Executive Session was held prior to tonight's Regular Board Meeting. No action was taken. The District has been involved in negotiations and she thanked the team of teachers, the administration and Board members for their commitment to completion of the process. The next negotiations meeting will be held on Thursday.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Griffith thanked the audience for being present tonight. He noted that this year has seen an explosion of growth in the Mandarin program, with almost a 500% increase in enrollment at Lake Forest High School, stimulated in part by the progression of the 8th grade class, but also with sophomore and juniors joining the initiative. During the past two weeks, District 115 hosted nine (9) high school students from Shanghai Normal High School No. 2. President Julia Wold served as a host family for one of the students. The students paired with high school students to attend classes and visit Chicago sites. This spring, ten (10) students from District 115 will travel to Shanghai, China to attend High School No. 2 of the East China Normal University. This exchange of students represents

the beginning of a cultural exchange program between Lake Forest High School and East China Normal University.

Dr. Griffith asked Mrs. Whipple to update Board members on Influenza Type A and H1N1. She reported that she and Dr. Cooley have been meeting with the school nurses on a regular basis and she referred the Board to a three (3) page comprehensive document from the CDC and the Lake County Health Department, which can be found on the District website. She noted that the District 67 website has a reporting system for each school where the number of influenza cases are recorded on a weekly basis. Further, parents are being asked when they phone in their child's absence, to be very prescriptive about describing their child's symptoms.

Dr. Griffith reminded Board members of the IASA Annual Convention on November 20.

A special thank you to Mr. Schumacher for filming tonight's school board meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

REPORTS

Assessment Report – Dr. Julie Cooley

Dr. Griffith introduced Dr. Julie Cooley and Mr. Malin who presented the 2008-09 Assessment Report. Dr. Cooley advised the report is the culmination of a year's work on the part of the teachers and students.

Dr. Cooley and Mr. Malin presented a comprehensive overview and analysis of the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), and the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT). Dr. Cooley reviewed the ISAT tests and noted the District has achieved an all-time high score this year. NWEA reading scores, math scores, and language scores, with all grades combined indicate a steady improvement. Dr. Cooley reported a significant reduction in the low and warning categories.

Mr. Malin discussed Tier 2 Reading Interventions and Student Goal Setting during the 2008-09 school year, specifically in Deer Path Middle School. He also examined NWEA student performance at the lowest and highest deciles. These students have been a major focus of the District's tiered instruction as they are students who generally profit the most from differentiation, adjustments, and individualization. He advised there are very few students in the lower deciles, which he attributes to the improvement in District 67 practices.

Members of the Board of Education thanked both Dr. Cooley and Mr. Malin for an excellent, informative report.

Dashboard Report

Mrs. Whipple and Mr. Schumacher reported on new dashboard products. These collect data about financial, operational, educational, and communication efforts within our

District. Data driven accountability is instrumental as District services and programs are assessed and refined.

BOARD COMMITTEE

Board Education Committee - Chris Rossman, Sally McDonald

The Education Committee has not met since the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 9 at 8:15 a.m.

Board Operations Committee – Laurie Rose, John Julian

The Board Operations Committee has not met since the last meeting. The Committee is in the process of setting the next meeting date.

Board Finance Committee – Rick Salzer, Jeff Pinderski

The Finance Committee has not met since the last Board of Education meeting. The next meeting of the committee will be held on November 3.

Tri-District Committee – Julia Wold, John Julian

Mr. Julian reported that the Tri-District Committee is an exciting new committee that evolved out of the Shared Services Committee. Dr. Griffith, and Lake Bluff Superintendent, Dr. John Asplund, as well as Board representatives from Districts 65, 67, and 115 make up this new committee. The focus of the committee is to share the best practices utilized in all of the districts and to discuss educational opportunities collaboratively. The committee met for the first time last Wednesday at Elawa Farm. The committee discussed experiential learning, professional development, and emotional wellness, with the bulk of the meeting focused on technology. The committee intends to hold three (3) meetings during the 2009-10 school year.

Joint Shared Services Committee - Julia Wold, Rick Salzer

Mr. Salzer reported that the Joint Shared Services Committee met on October 7 and focused on contract discussions for shared district employees.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

North Suburban Special Education District – Chris Rossman

Mrs. Rossman reported that she was unable to attend the October meeting. She reported the pending retirement of the NSSD Director of Personnel and their search for a new director. The next meeting will be held on November 9.

Illinois Association of School Boards/ED-RED – John Julian

Mr. Julian reminded Board members of the IASB Annual Leadership Conference in Chicago, November 20-22.

Professional Development – Jeff Pinderski

Mr. Schumacher presented District dashboard examples of professional development key indicators. He reviewed the past months professional development activities and discussed the connection and correlation between professional development activities and the growth that was noted in the earlier assessment report by Dr. Cooley. Tier 2 at DPM

and reading instruction at the K-4 grades have been a focus and the impact has been seen in test scores on the MAP and ISAT.

Curriculum Coordinating Committee – Laurie Rose

Mrs. Rose reported that CCC met on October 15. She noted the committee reviewed summer curriculum work. Mrs. Brueggeman reported that Quest teachers are working to select new novels to better match language arts themes throughout the grade levels. Mrs. Paull described how language arts teachers have revised the writing rubrics with more detailed ratings for providing more student feedback and the revision of curriculum maps for advanced math to ensure proper rigor in the curriculum. Mrs. Rose reported that 5th grade students visited Elawa Farm equipped with flip cameras to video mosquitoes and various insects. These videos were shared among the grade levels.

Mr. Henrikson shared the types and number of curriculum revisions that took place last summer. He reviewed 2008 projects as compared to 2009. Total projects were similar but the number of hours on projects was greatly reduced. During these difficult economic times, projects focused on the most important. As a result of the decrease in hours, the District saved approximately \$27,000 over the previous year, but accomplished the necessary curriculum work.

Spirit of 67 Foundation – Julia Wold

Mrs. Wold reported that the Spirit met on October 13. The Spirit is holding its first annual “You Are The Spirit” membership drive this week, which is a Phone-A-Thon. The Fall Spirit Benefit Luncheon will be held on October 23 at Exmoor Country Club. Mrs. Wold recognized Grainger Corporation who made a donation of \$10,000 to the Spirit Foundation. Mrs. Wold also noted that family participation in the Spirit is currently at 27.9%. She encouraged all District families to become members.

RECOMMENDATIONS

No recommendations were presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of A Regular Meeting – September 22, 2009

Approval of Minutes of An Executive Session – September 22, 2009

Approval of Minutes of A Public Hearing – September 22, 2009

Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls, and Financial Statements for September 2009

Approval of Personnel Items for September 2009

Approval of Destruction of Audio Recordings: March 18, 2008

MOTION: Mrs. Rossman moved seconded by Mrs. McDonald 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: Rossman, Julian, McDonald, Salzer, Pinderski, Rose, Wold
Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion carried.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

No requests have been received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Wold reported that the Board of Education met in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting. No action was taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, October 23	Spirit of 67 Foundation Fall Benefit Luncheon 12 noon – Exmoor Country Club
Friday, November 6	School Improvement Day – ½ Day (PM Kdgn. Attends)
Tuesday, November 17	Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m., West Campus

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Julian moved seconded by Mrs. Rossman that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Laurie Rose, Secretary

Date

