

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 17, 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 7:06 p.m. by Julia Wold.

Board members present at roll call were:

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

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
Dr. Julie Cooley, Asst. Superintendent

Staff Present: Pam Burke, Board Clerk

Guests Who Signed in: David Stopps, DPM Tech Coach, Laura Montgomery, DPM Tech Coach, Fred Koch, Cherokee/Everett Tech Coach, Bridget Booker, Everett Tech Coach, Julie Meadows, LFEA President, Karen Clemens, LFEA Vice President, Lori Julian, DPM Liaison, Karen McGowan, Sheridan Liaison, Tami Schneider, Everett Liaison.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Wold reported that tonight is the first night the Board has attempted go "paperless" by using electronic board packets. Board packets were received via email last week and Board members are using computers tonight to track the meeting. This new process has saved immensely on preparation time and is saving a lot of paper and ink. She suggested the Board discuss how the "paperless" meeting progressed at the close of the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Griffith thanked the audience for being present this evening. He reported that Lake Bluff Superintendent Dr. John Asplund, and Principal Katie Williams, attended last week's high school board meeting to express their gratitude for use of classrooms at West Campus while construction was completed on the new Lake Bluff school. Dr. Asplund presented a collage of signatures which will be displayed at West Campus in the Central Office.

Dr. Griffith advised that the Deer Path Middle School girls cross country team made DPM history by qualifying for the IESA State Meet, held on Saturday, October 17. This is the first Deer Path cross-country team to qualify for State. The team placed 3rd in sectionals to qualify for State and 14th in the IESA State meet. He congratulated Coach Martha Sostre and the team.

At Dr. Griffith's request, Dr. Henrikson presented a mid-year report on the World Language program. Spanish continues to be the dominant second language choice with Latin, French and Mandarin following respectively. This year's fourth grade Mandarin enrollment grew 50% (from 16 to 24 students) and moved overall representation in fourth grade from 7% last year to 11%; overall, enrollment district-wide has remained at 7%. The District 67 Language Program remains exciting and robust.

Dr. Griffith asked Mr. Schumacher to present a Fine Arts report. Mr. Schumacher reported that several students from DPM were selected to participate in the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) Festival. People from all over the region audition for the honor to participate and DPM was well represented with eight students qualifying. Mr. Schumacher noted it is an incredible honor. He also reported that nine students, 7-9th grade, auditioned and were selected to participate in the nationally recognized American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Girls Honor Choir which will be held in Ohio in February. This is one of the most prestigious choral associations in the United States. Congratulations to those students.

Mr. Schumacher also reported that Gallery 300, which is housed on the first floor of the LFHS West Campus, is currently displaying the artwork of DPM students. Last month, Everett students displayed their work. Gallery 300 provides a great opportunity for teachers to display student artwork. Mr. Schumacher encouraged parents and students to visit Galley 300 on the first floor.

Mr. Schumacher advised that over 100 sixth graders in Ms. Hersey's general music program at DPM were chosen to perform at the opening session of the American Orff Schulwerk Association's National Conference in Milwaukee on November 12, 2009. This group performed for people from 48 states and 8 countries. The Spirit of 67 Foundation has supported Orff music in District 67 through generous donations over the past 10 years.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

REPORTS

Technology Report

Mr. Schumacher reported that three short videos would be presented that describe what is happening in technology. The first video, provided by the technology coaches addressed three questions: Who are we? What are we proud of, and how has technology changed the teaching and learning landscape? Technology has become a driving force in the schools within the last few years. It offers teachers exciting new ways to deliver instruction and to engage students.

The second and third video focused on how technology has affected classroom teachers and their students in the classroom. Board members agreed that the format in which this report was presented was very enjoyable. Mr. Schumacher, the Board of Education and Dr. Griffith thanked the tech coaches for their excellent presentations. It was reported that the videos shown this evening are available on the district website.

NEO 2 Update

Mr. Schumacher and Dr. Henrikson presented a video on the use of the NEO 2 Laptop in the classroom. District 67 issued a NEO 2 Laptop to each third grade student this year. The video shows the students using the new tools and provides some compelling data on student growth. Through training sessions, teachers are finding new uses for the NEO 2 in the classroom. It was reported that since September the NEO has been used by students to practice over 335,000 math facts. Over 15% of students have mastered math facts in their grade level. Daily instruction on keyboarding has increased student competency in third grade.

BOARD COMMITTEE

Board Education Committee - Chris Rossman, Sally McDonald

The Education Committee met on November 9. Dr. Cooley provided the committee with the Assessment Data Report which was presented at the last Board meeting. Dr. Griffith updated the committee on the Tri-District meeting. This is a collaborative meeting that discusses best practices in each district. Mr. Schumacher presented an update on the use of the NEO 2 and the assessments that will be used to measure outcomes.

The next meeting of the committee will be held on January 11, 2010 at 8:15 a.m. at Lake Forest High School West Campus. 2010-11 Goals and dashboard input will be discussed.

Board Operations Committee – Laurie Rose, John Julian

Due to Mrs. Rose's absence, no report was presented.

Board Finance Committee – Rick Salzer, Jeff Pinderski

Mr. Salzer reported that the Finance Committee met on October 22 with the District 115 Finance Committee. The District 115 committee welcomed two new community members. A representative of William Blair updated the committees on the current condition of the market and the possibility of restructuring the current debt. Therese Yates, Shields Township Assessor addressed the joint committee regarding the role of the assessor's office in the districts' revenue stream. Mr. Albus presented an overview of the proposed tax levy and the committee recommends approval of the levy by the Board. The next meeting will be held on March 2 although the committee may meet prior to that time after the CPI information is released in January.

Tri-District Committee – Julia Wold, John Julian

Mr. Julian reported that the Tri-District Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

Joint Shared Services Committee - Julia Wold, Rick Salzer

Mrs. Wold reported that the Joint Shared Services Committee met in Executive Session on November 2 to discuss shared personnel.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

North Suburban Special Education District – Chris Rossman

Mrs. Rossman reported that the NSSSED Board did not meet in November. The search for a new Director of Personnel is well underway. The next NSSSED meeting will be held on December 9 at 7:30 p.m.

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. Pinderski noted that Mr. Schumacher spoke earlier about Professional Development and tonight, the Board saw the outcome of the work of professional development in the district. Mr. Pinderski discussed the strategy behind the outcome and that is to target technology, resources and measurement and to fulfill the District's goal to increase student achievement.

Curriculum Coordinating Committee – Laurie Rose

Due to Mrs. Rose's absence, no report was presented.

Spirit of 67 Foundation – Julia Wold

Mrs. Wold reported that the Spirit met on November 10. The Fall Benefit Luncheon was a huge success, netting \$47,500, and substantially exceeding the budget. Year to date, contributions are \$123,000, which is higher than the last two years. October donations totaled \$27,000. The Spirit Week was a great success and very effective in generating donations. 39.3% of the families district-wide have "joined" the 67 Spirit Foundation. Mrs. Wold reported that Harris Bank made a corporate donation of \$2500. The next meeting of the Spirit is Tuesday, December 8 @ 9:00 a.m.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Tentative 2009 Tax Levy

Mr. Albus presented a brief overview of the 2009 Tax Levy. He explained that a tax levy is a request for funds to be generated from property taxes to fund the school year that starts the following July. He also advised that the CPI is .10% and by far, the lowest CPI in the history of the tax cap. He reported that based upon the information available at this time, the recommendation is to levy \$27,445,191. A recommendation to adopt the final 2009 Tax Levy will be presented at the December Board meeting. It was noted that Special Education is now embedded in the Education Fund.

MOTION: Mrs. McDonald moved, seconded by Mr. Pinderski that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois adopt the Tentative 2009 Tax Levy as presented.

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

Ayes: Salzer, Julian, McDonald, Rossman, Pinderski, Wold
Nays: None
Absent: Rose

Motion carried.

LFEA Board Contract

Dr. Griffith reported that the LFEA and the Board negotiations teams began work last year and went into the fall to develop a new LFEA contract. With the help of a mediator, a tentative agreement has been struck. Both teams worked hard and worked in the best interest of the teaching staff and the students. This is a three-year contract that will expire at the end of the 2011-2012 school year. LFEA reported overwhelming support for the contract.

MOTION: Mrs. Rossman moved, seconded by Mr. Pinderski that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Lake Forest Education Association Board Contract as presented.

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

Ayes: Salzer, Julian, McDonald, Rossman, Pinderski, Wold
Nays: None
Absent: Rose

Motion carried.

Calendar Waiver Request

A Public Hearing was held prior to tonight's meeting.

MOTION: Mrs. McDonald moved seconded by Mrs. Rossman that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Calendar Waiver Request as presented.

On voice vote, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of A Regular Meeting – October 20, 2009
Approval of Minutes of An Executive Session – October 20, 2009
Approval of Minutes of A Public Hearing – October 20, 2009
Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls, and Financial Statements for October 2009
Approval of Personnel Items for October 2009
Approval of Destruction of Audio Recordings: April 22, 2008

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

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

Monday, November 23	Parent Teacher Conferences - 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 24	Parent Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, November 25	Day of Non-Attendance
Thursday, November 26	Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL
Friday, November 27	Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, December 15	Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mrs. Rossman moved seconded by Mrs. McDonald that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:25 p.m.

On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Laurie Rose, Secretary

Date

