

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 15, 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
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: Danny Kirst, Trinity University, Dave Mackett, Trinity University, Jill Hill, APT. Executive Board.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Wold reported that she and Mrs. McDonald had the pleasure of attending the staff holiday party on December 1. She noted the party was well attended and that the holiday raffle seemed to be a success. She thanked the local merchants who contributed donations for the raffle and the District administrators for organizing the get together.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Griffith thanked the audience for being present this evening. Two ensembles performed for the Board of Education this evening. The Brass Quintet, directed by Gina DeGregorio, played three holiday tunes and the Ac Cappella Treble Choir, directed by Ben Gray, sang two pieces for the Board of Education. Dr. Griffith thanked the performers and their directors as well as Mr. Schumacher for arranging the performances.

Dr. Griffith advised the Everett School community that the City of Lake Forest would be installing life-like plastic coyotes at Everett School to help control the geese problem.

Dr. Griffith announced that Franczek Radelet & Rose, Attorneys and Counselors, will be sponsoring a law conference on Saturday, January 30. He strongly encouraged Board members to attend. He also advised that the Annual ED RED Dinner will be held on

Monday, January 25 at the Chicago Marriott O'Hare Hotel with a reception beginning at 6:00 p.m. Registration for both events must be received by January 15, 2010.

Finally, Dr. Griffith wished members of the Board of Education as well as the audience Happy Holidays!

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Gary Finlay, resident of Lake Forest and a parent of an Everett School student, addressed the question of global warming and climate change as well as a concern he had regarding a student version of TIME magazine, which was distributed in his son's classroom.

REPORTS

Communications

Dr. Griffith introduced Anne Whipple, Director of Communications, who presented an update on the 2008-09 communications goals. Mrs. Whipple outlined activities that were implemented during the 2008-09 school year including the launching of the new District website and the E-newsletter format which was initiated in all schools as well as at the District level. She introduced her assistant, Janice Patterson, who gave Board members a tour of the District website and supporting links. Mrs. Whipple also previewed some of the initiatives she will be working on this year.

Experiential Learning in District 67

Dr. Griffith introduced Kyle Schumacher and Dr. Andy Henrikson who presented a short video on some of the experiential learning opportunities that have taken place during the school year including TIME Zone, which is District 67's "hands-on" social studies experience aimed at grades K-4. He also cited the sixth grade cultural fairs and the second grade Lake Forest High School Elawa Buddies program. Experiential learning helps students develop skills of observation and analysis through unique and engaging "hands-on" presentations.

COMMITTEE

Board Education Committee - Chris Rossman, Sally McDonald

The Education Committee has not met since the last Board of Education meeting. 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

Mrs. Rose reported that the Operations Committee met on December 1 at 7:30 am. The District 67 committee met first to discuss the Shared Services Facility Use Agreement followed by a Joint Operations Committee meeting at 8:00 am. Discussion regarding the Shared Services Facility Use Agreement continued at the joint meeting and other shared services opportunities were discussed.

Board Finance Committee – Rick Salzer, Jeff Pinderski

Mr. Salzer reported that the Finance Committee has not met since the last Board of Education meeting. A tentative date of January 19 has been set for the next committee meeting.

Tri-District Committee – Julia Wold, John Julian

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

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

North Suburban Special Education District – Chris Rossman

Mrs. Rossman reported that the NSSED Board met on December 9 at 7:30 p.m. There was not a quorum so an informational meeting was held. It is anticipated that the NSSED building project will be completed in June and within budget. Consideration is being given to the long-term use of the Rubloff building. The interviews for a new Director of Personnel have been completed and it is anticipated their candidate will be presented to the Board in January. The next meeting of the NSSED Board will be Wednesday, January 13 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Mr. Julian reported that he and Mrs. Wold attended the IASB Annual Leadership Conference in Chicago on November 20 where they had the opportunity to meet with school board members across the state. Attendance at the conference was the highest ever reported. Mr. Julian announced that the ED RED Annual Dinner will be held on January 25, 2010. He encouraged Board members to attend.

Professional Development – Jeff Pinderski

At Mr. Pinderski's request, Mr. Schumacher presented the Professional Development Report which focused on several professional development activities during the first part of the school year. Mr. Schumacher noted that training on Differentiation was held predominantly at the middle school, where seventh grade teachers created an enrichment piece, part of which is tied to the Social Studies curriculum. He also reported that sixth through eighth grade Language Arts teachers attended a conference which focused on developing good readers. As a result of the conference, adjustments were made to include more choice in the reading program.

Curriculum Coordinating Committee – Laurie Rose

Mrs. Rose reported that CCC has not met since the last meeting. The next meeting will be held on January 7 at 4:00 p.m.

Spirit of 67 Foundation – Julia Wold

Mrs. Wold reported that the Spirit met briefly on December 8. It was reported that over 40% of District families have joined the Spirit. The meeting was followed by a holiday brunch.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the 2009 Tax Levy

Mr. Albus presented a brief over view of the 2009 Tax Levy. He advised there have been no changes to the final recommendation versus the tentative tax levy that was presented in November. Total amount of the final tax levy is just over \$27 million.

MOTION: Mr. Salzer moved seconded by Mrs. Rose that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois adopt the 2009 Tax Levy and approve the Certificate of Compliance with the Truth in Taxation Act as presented.

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

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

Motion carried.

Approval of Workload Plan for Special education Educators

Dr. Griffith advised that this plan meets a Special Education requirement pertaining to the workload of the educator but primarily focuses on the needs of the student.

MOTION: Mrs. Rossman moved, seconded by Mr. Julian that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Workload Plan for Special Education Educators as presented.

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

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

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of Minutes: Minutes of A Regular Meeting – November 17, 2009
- Approval of Minutes of An Executive Session – November 17, 2009
- Approval of A Special Meeting – November 17, 2009
- Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls, and Financial Statements for November 2009
- Approval of Personnel Items for November 2009
- Approval of Destruction of Audio Recordings: No recordings were listed.

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

Motion carried.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

No requests have been received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, December 18	Winter Break Begins at Close of School Day
Monday, January 4	School Reopens
Tuesday, January 26	Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. LFHS West Campus – Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mrs. Rossman moved seconded by Mr. Pinderski 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

