

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 23, 2010**

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 7:07 p.m. by Julia Wold.

Board members present at roll call were:

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

Administration Present:

Dr. Harry Griffith, Superintendent
Allen Albus, Deputy Superintendent
Anne Whipple, Director of Communication
Dr. Julie Cooley, Asst. Superintendent

Staff Present: Pam Burke, Board Clerk

Guests Who Signed in: Andrew Poul, Trinity College, Julie Meadows, President of LFEA, Karen McGowan, Sheridan APT Representative, Areta Kohout, Everett APT Representative, Lori Julian, DPM APT Representative, Jill Hill, APT Executive Board.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Wold noted there isn't a President's Report this month.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The state of Illinois passed two laws at the close of the fall session, On January 1, 2010, a law went into effect prohibiting text messaging while driving. Another law that took effect on January 1 is Senate Bill 72, which provides that a person, regardless of age, may not use a cell phone in a school speed zone. This information has been communicated to District 67 parents through the E-Newsletters and on the District website. Lake Forest police have started to enforce this in the community and in school zones.

Dr. Griffith introduced director Gina DeGregorio and the Chamber Woodwind Ensemble who performed several selections for the audience and the Board of Education. Dr. Griffith reported that the Deer Path Middle School sixth grade percussion section was invited to participate in the Elk Grove Percussion Festival in March. They were the only middle school group in attendance. Congratulations to director Gina DeGregorio and all her students for representing District 67 at this event. Board members thanked the Chamber Woodwind Ensemble for their performance this evening.

Dr. Griffith highlighted numerous Fine Arts events that took place during the month of March. Among those was the 8th grade band, orchestra and choir students trip to Orlando to participate in a variety of learning opportunities, performance venues, and to enjoy Disney World. This was a great trip and a great performance opportunity. Dr. Griffith congratulated the band, orchestra and choir directors on their good work. He also reported that seven Deer Path students participated in the American Choral Directors Association Central Division Girls' Honor Choir. Only 85 students across Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan were selected to perform. He commended the students for their hard work and dedication to choral music. He noted that on March 9, 8th grade student, Madison Peper performed a vocal solo during a performance at Northwestern University. Madison was the featured child soloist in the piece.

The Deer Path Middle School 6, 7, and 8th grade choirs recently performed the world premiere of "Eternal One" written by Dr. Robert Harris. Dr. Harris visited DPM in February to work with each choir and also conducted the world premiere at DPM in March. Dr. Griffith extended a special thank you to District 67 and the Spirit of 67 Foundation for making this commission possible.

Dr. Griffith reported that each of the District 67 schools has received the highest award that the state of Illinois offers for academic excellence. The District can be proud of the teachers and principals for that achievement.

Districts 67 and 115 raised over \$35,000 for a project with the Lake Bluff/ Lake Forest Rotary Club to purchase shelter boxes for the people of Haiti. Deer Path Middle School raised \$12,572 of the \$35,000. District 67 and 115 can be very proud of their contributions to the Haiti relief effort.

Dr Griffith reported that tomorrow night members of the Lake Forest, Lake Bluff and Knollwood communities are invited to attend a workshop presented by a motivational speaker who discusses how to make a difference during these challenging times. The event will be held on Wednesday, March 24 at the First Presbyterian Church, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The event is fully underwritten by The Charmm'd Foundation.

Dr. Griffith announced that during the past few weeks a bus survey was emailed to all District 67 parents. Approximately 500 responses have been received. The Bus Families Sub Committee will meet to analyze the data and draft a plan for possible implementation in fall 2010. He encouraged parents to respond to the survey by Thursday, March 25.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

REPORTS

No reports were presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Education Committee - Chris Rossman, Sally McDonald

Mrs. Rossman reported the committee met on March 8. Administration provided the committee with a status update of the 2009-2010 goals. Discussion was held about which of the activities and initiatives would continue beyond 2010. The committee also discussed the 2010-2011 goal development. Discussion centered on prioritizing the goals as well as the need to be sensitive to the programs and the budget. Finally, Mr. Schumacher and Dr. Henrickson presented a change in the World Language program for grades 2, 3, and 4. The next committee meeting will be held on April 13 at 8:15 am.

Board Operations Committee – Laurie Rose, John Julian

Mrs. Rose reported that the committee met on March 17 at 8:00 am. Mr. Albus informed the committee that the 2009-10 ten-pass bus pass will be accepted next year and that families will be able to share the pass among siblings. It is anticipated that the Facility Use Agreement that the committee has been working on since last fall will go to the Board for approval in April. The committee endorsed the extension of Life Touch for photography and yearbook services. Mrs. Rose announced that the committee heard an interesting report from Cornelius DuBose, Director of Information Technology, on the Fiber Optics project. A report from Mr. DuBose will be presented to the Board in April.

Board Finance Committee – Rick Salzer, Jeff Pinderski

At Mr. Salzer's request, Mr. Albus presented the Finance Report. He reported that the committee reviewed the proposed 2010-11 Finance Performance Goals. The committee also reviewed the Five Year Financial Projection and discussed the impact of the Governor's budget if it were enacted and what that would mean for the district. He advised he did not think the state budget as presented would be enacted but should it be, District 67 would be "hit" rather hard with the elimination of General State Aid funds and categorical funds. The committee also discussed the renewal contract with First Student and Quest Foods, both of which will be brought to the Board in April.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

North Suburban Special Education District – Chris Rossman

Mrs. Rossman reported that the NSSSED Governing Board met on March 10. The North Shore Academy project is behind schedule but it is anticipated the project will be completed in May. Summer school classes are scheduled to be held in the building in June. There was some discussion regarding the parameters to be used to construct the 2010-11 budgets. Dr. Thomas hosted a superintendents meeting to discuss the building project, the Rubloff building and the 2010-11 budget. He advised that a preschool will be moving into the building and may provide some collaborative opportunities. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14.

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

No report was presented.

Professional Development – Jeff Pinderski

No report was presented.

Curriculum Coordinating Committee – Laurie Rose

Mrs. Rose reported that the committee discussed cognitive ability testing (CogAT) in the district. The District will continue to test all second grade students and use the results of the CogAT as one measure for screening students for enrichment programs. Next year, the District will discontinue the CogAT testing for all fourth grade students except those students new to the District, students whose parents would like them retested, or students who are recommended for retesting by a staff member. Dr. Wiemer, Mrs. Brueggeman, and Mrs. Paull recently collaborated on the creation of a Gifted Handbook which focuses on all aspects of the enrichment, Explore and Quest programs in the District. The handbook will be on line for parents and staff members. The committee also heard about a curricular change in 8th grade Honors Latin. Ms. Monroe will be adding a study of the novel *Destiny's Child* which encourages critical thinking. Mrs. Rose previewed what would be presented at the April CCC meeting.

Spirit of 67 Foundation – Julia Wold

The Spirit of 67 Committee met Tuesday, March 9. To date, the Spirit has received donations of over \$146,000 with 559 families or 45% of the district families joining the Spirit. Baseball night (Cub vs. Brewers) has been scheduled for Friday, September 10 in Milwaukee. Game time is 7:00 pm and the cost per ticket is \$35.00. The Grants Committee has completed its review. A meeting will be held in early May to announce the grant recipients.

Tri District Committee – Julia Wold, John Julian

Mr. Julian reported that the next meeting of the committee is May 12.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval of 2010-2011 Education & Finance Goals

Dr. Griffith noted that with the approval of the Education and Finance Goals, administrators will be able to align budgets and staff plans. Operations Goals will be presented at a later date.

MOTION: Mrs. Rossman moved seconded by Mr. Julian that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the 2010-11 Education and Finance Goals as presented.

On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Grounds Equipment Bid

It was noted that District 67 will own the grounds equipment which will be housed at Lake Forest High School – west campus. The Lake Forest High School staff will be contracted to mow the District 67 schoolyards.

MOTION: Mr. Julian moved, seconded by Mrs. McDonald that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the grounds equipment bid as presented.

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

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

Motion carried.

Approval of Lifetouch Photography Contract Renewal

Mrs. Hermes reported that next year's pricing with Lifetouch will remain consistent with current pricing. The Operations Committee has endorsed the recommendation.

MOTION: Mrs. Rossman moved seconded by Mrs. Rose that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve a one-year renewal with Lifetouch Photography as presented.

On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval of Minutes of A Regular Meeting – February 23, 2010

Approval of Minutes of An Executive Session – February 23, 2010

Approval of Release of Executive Session Minutes – July 2009 – January 2010

Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls, and Financial Statements for February 2010

Approval of Human Resources Items for February 2010

Approval of Resolution Authorizing dismissal of Full Time Educational Support Personnel and Dismissal of Fourth Year Non-Tenured Teacher

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

Motion carried.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

Stephanie Banchemo, Chicago Tribune, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was held prior to tonight's Regular Board Meeting. No action was taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, March 26

Monday, April 5

Tuesday, April 27

Spring Break Begins at Close of School Day

School Reopens

Board of Education Meeting. – 7:00 pm

LFHS West Campus, Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mrs. Rossman moved seconded by Mr. Julian that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Laurie Rose, Secretary

Date