

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
April 27, 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:

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: Martha Avery, Cherokee APT, Lynn Bertram, Parent, Karen McGowan, Sheridan APT, Pete and Vicki Douvlis, Cherokee/DPM Parents, Tami Urban-Schneider, Everett Parent, Megan Morris, DPM APT, Mark McGreevy, Parent/Taxpayer, Christine Munns, Caucus.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Wold reported that the Board met in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting and will return to Executive Session following the Regular Board Meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Griffith presented a few announcements to Board members and the audience. Dr. Griffith introduced Cindy Housner, founder and executive director of Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association (GLASA). She announced that GLASA, an organization that offers services and sponsors events for individuals with physical or visual impairments, will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Great Lakes Regional Games 2010 on May 21-23, 2010 at Vernon Hills High School. For many of these young athletes it is the first step toward the Para Olympics. Ms. Housner anticipates that five (5) Lake Forest athletes will compete in the regional games.

Dr. Griffith introduced John Steinert shared details of the 2010 Walk A Thon on May 7 in support of GLASA. The Walk A Thon, which will involve every DPM student, will take place at the LFHS Athletic Campus at 1:00 pm and an opening ceremony is planned.

All DPM students have been asked to donate at least \$5.00 toward the cause and many of the students are working to raise money for GLASA through Dr. Griffith advised he had just received the final results of the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade National French Contest. Of the 21 students who took the exam, nine (9) qualified for regional awards and six (6) for national awards. One student had the highest score in the region for his level. Congratulations to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade French students.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Wold opened the floor for public comment. Vicki Douvliis, 861 Hunter Lane, Mark McGreevy, 249 E. Marion, Megan Stockton, 800 S. Green Bay, Chris Munns, 231 E. Marion, and Lisa Mienville, 701 W. Old Elm, and Aimee Messner, 130 Edgewood, expressed their concerns regarding bullying, communication, student achievement and accountability in the school district.

### **REPORTS**

#### Fiber Optic Wide Area Network

Dr. Griffith introduced Cornelius DuBose, IT Director for District 67 and 115, who reported on the progress of the Fiber Optic Wide Area Network Project. He reviewed the goals of the project but noted that the fiber ring is not yet complete because of difficulty obtaining permission from the Metra line to continue the fiber under the railroad tracks. Base fiber connections have been made to City sites and schools sites Although these sites are not connected to each other, it is possible that they will be in the future. The new fiber optic network provides faster access to centralized services, redundancy and new enhanced capabilities for schools, centralized backups, use of new technologies and centralized management. A Fiber Optics Services Committee has been established to provide enhanced network services for the City and schools and to provide possible sharing of network services and capabilities.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Board Education Committee - Chris Rossman, Sally McDonald

The Education Committee met on April 13. Dr. Henrikson presented an overview of the pending changes to the reading and writing curriculum for grades K-2. Mr. Schumacher presented an overview of the changes for math in grades 1, 5, and 6. The curriculum changes in reading, writing and math have been presented to the Curriculum Coordinating Committee and the Education Committee. Both committees endorsed the curriculum changes.

Mr. Schumacher presented a history of technology and a vision of how technology will impact learning and curriculum for the 21<sup>st</sup> century learner. The Education Committee discussed the need for definitions and understanding in order to speak a common language across the District.

Dr. Griffith briefly discussed Dr. Henrikson's responsibility changes for the 2010-11 school year.

Board Operations Committee – Laurie Rose, John Julian

Mr. Julian reported that the committee met on April 26. A Facility Plan update was presented. All of the schools in the District are expected to have significant work completed including roof work and parking lot repairs. The committee presented an updated draft of its vision statement and performance goals. A discussion was held about a proposed agreement between District 67 and 115 for The Citadel Theatre. The agreement will be brought forward for approval upon finalization. The committee also reviewed the extension of the existing contracts for custodial and food service, both of which are on the agenda as recommendations this evening.

Board Finance Committee – Rick Salzer, Jeff Pinderski

Mr. Pinderski reported that the committee met on April 21 jointly with District 115. Following adjournment of the joint meeting, the District 67 Committee met to discuss four items, First Student contract extension, GCA renewal, the extension of the Quest contract and 2010-11 Student Fees.

The Finance Committee reviewed the First Student bus contract extension, which it endorsed at a 2% increase in all rates for the 2010-11 school year. The committee also endorsed the Shared Services district cleaning services bid with GCA which reflects a 2% increase for the 2010-11 school year. Further, the committee endorsed the extension of the Quest contract for the 2010-11 school year and agreed to a CPI based management fee for one year. Finally, the committee endorsed the recommendation that there be no increase in student fees for the 2010-11 school year.

Tri-District Committee – Julia Wold, John Julian

Mr. Julian reported that the Tri-District Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next meeting of the committee is May 12.

Additional Report

The Board continues to meet outside of the Regular meetings in Board workshops. Currently, the Board is reviewing and revising the Board Policy Manual.

**DISTRICT COMMITTEES**

North Suburban Special Education District – Chris Rossman

Mrs. Rossman reported that NSSSED Governing Board met on April 14. The NSA project is behind schedule but is still expected to finish in mid-May with summer school to be in the building in June. Dr. Thomas informed the Board that the opportunity for the Rubloff building is closed. The new tenant is Safari Preschool. NSSSED will seat new officers in May. Mrs. Rossman will no longer be seated on the Executive Board.

A revision to the articles of the agreement was presented. The big change is the process of withdrawal from a co-op. Should all members of the co-op agree to a district's withdrawal, the district making the request would not have to go through the hearing process. Mrs. Rossman also reported that the 2009-10 budget was not a balanced budget and it was anticipated that reserves would need to be used. It is now anticipated that the budget will be balanced.

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

Mr. Julian reported that the Annual IASB Conference is November 19-21. He encouraged Board members to attend.

Professional Development – Jeff Pinderski

At Mr. Pinderski's request, Mr. Schumacher reported on spring professional development topics and results. He advised that emotional wellness and bully training continue to build on last year and provide solid training for advisory classes. All teachers are engaged to help to build a healthy emotional climate in the schools. Mr. Schumacher advised that District 67 teachers have participated in over 4000 professional hours this year in a wide variety of subjects. A complete report will be presented in the fall. Peer Coaching and strategies for differentiation working with tier students continues to be a focus in the educational content area.

Curriculum Coordinating Committee – Laurie Rose

Mrs. Rose reported that the sixth grade standard math classes will be using a new math book entitled Pre-Transition Math. This is part of the University of Chicago Math Series and will be a wonderful change to better prepare students for Algebra in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade advanced Math classes will use the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Everyday Math text as their main text book, replacing the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Everyday Math book for all 5<sup>th</sup> grade advance math students. The new Language Arts series were presented for grades 1 and 2, Being a Writer and Making Meaning. These two series will enrich the curriculum and serve as a supplement rather than as replacement texts.

Spirit of 67 Foundation – Julia Wold

Mrs. Wold reported that as of the March meeting, the Spirit has received \$150,000 in donations, year to date. Thursday, May 6 is the 2010 Home Tour showcasing four (4) District 67 homes. The Annual Grant Reception will be held on Wednesday, May 19 at 6:00 pm, at Lake Forest High School West Campus.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Approval of Quest Food Service Contract Renewal

Based on outstanding service and program improvement, staff is recommending a 1-year renewal of the expiring 3-year contract. The Finance Committee endorsed the renewal terms at its March meeting.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Rossman moved seconded by Mr. Pinderski that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Quest Food Service Contract for one-year as allowed under the provisions of the expiring three-year contract.

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

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

Motion carried.

Approval of First Student Bus Contract

This contract extension has been reviewed and endorsed by the Finance Committee.

**MOTION:** Mr. Julian moved, seconded by Mr. Salzer that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the First Student Bus contract renewal with a 2% increase for the 2010-11 school year.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Approval of June/July 2010 Board Meeting Date Change

**MOTION:** Mrs. Rossman moved seconded by Mrs. McDonald that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the change in date for the June Board meeting from June 22 to June 28, 2010.

On voice vote, motion carried

**MOTION:** Mrs. McDonald moved seconded by Mrs. Rose that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the change in date for the July Board meeting from July 27 to July 26, 2010.

On voice vote, motion carried

Approval of Facility Use Guidelines Agreement

The Operations Committee endorsed the proposed guidelines at their March meeting.

**MOTION:** Mr. Julian moved seconded by Mrs. Rossman that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Facility Use Guidelines Agreement as presented.

On voice vote, motion carried.

Approval Deer Path Middle School Dishwasher Bid

**MOTION:** Mrs. Rossman moved seconded by Mrs. Rose that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois award the contract to Schweppe & Sons as presented.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Approval of Co-op Paper Bid

**MOTION:** Mrs. McDonald moved seconded by Mr. Julian that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Paper Cooperative bid as presented.

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

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

Motion carried.

Approval of 2010-11 Student Fees

This recommendation was discussed earlier in the Finance Committee report.

**MOTION:** Mr. Pinderski moved seconded by Mrs. McDonald that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the 2010-11 student fees as presented.

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

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

Motion carried.

Approval of GCA Custodial Contract Renewal

This renewal has been reviewed and endorsed by the Finance and Operations Committees.

**MOTION:** Mr. Pinderski moved seconded by Mrs. Rose that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the GCA renewal reflecting a 2% increase for the 2010-11 school year.

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

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

Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Approval of Minutes of A Regular Meeting – March 23, 2010
- Approval of Minutes of A Special Meeting/Executive Session – March 23, 2010
- Approval of A Special Meeting/Executive Session – April 8, 2010

Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls, and Financial Statements for March 2010  
Approval of Human Resources Items for March 2010

Approval of Destruction of Audio Recordings: None

**MOTION:** Mr. Pinderski 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: Wold, Julian, Pinderski, McDonald, Rose, Salzer, Rossman  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

Motion carried.

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)**

On Line Data Services, LLC, PO Box 1476 Decatur, GA 30031  
Stephanie Banchemo, Chicago Tribune, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611  
Steve Verdung, Oce North America

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session was held prior to tonight's Regular Board Meeting and continued after adjournment of the Regular Meeting. No action was taken.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Policy Practice and Procedure Results

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Wednesday, April 28	APT Parent Awareness 9:15 am, LFHS West Campus Incoming 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Parent Orientation Mtg., 7:00 pm DPM Auditorium (repeated 4/29, 9:00 am)
Tuesday, May 25	Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm LFHS West Campus, Board Room

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mr. Julian moved seconded by Mrs. Rossman that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois adjourn to Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Laurie Rose, Secretary

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