

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**LAKE FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT 67
May 25, 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 7:01 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: Pete and Vicki Douvlis, Cherokee/DPM Parents, Megan Morris, DPM APT, Mark McGreevy, parent/taxpayer, Julie Meadows, LFEA President, Gary Finley, parent, Christine Reinhardt, teacher, Holly Barigazzi, parent, Marilyn Gould.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Wold reported that an Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting. No action was taken.

Mrs. Wold explained the Board process for handling public comment. It is a time for the Board to listen to comments, concerns and questions from the public. As a school board, she explained that Board members are not in the business of running the schools on a daily basis. The Board sets policy, goals and procedures. Mrs. Wold explained the District planning process and the methodologies used for improvement. She informed the audience that committee meetings, comprised of parents, community members, school board members, administrators and teachers, are open meetings and are the venues where the heart of the work behind the Board of Education is conducted. She encouraged parents, and community members alike to attend any of these public meetings. Mrs. Wold also noted that Board reports, presented throughout the year at the Board meetings are always available on the District website.

Mrs. Wold advised that parents and community members raised questions and concerns at last month's Board meeting. Meetings have been held with the superintendent and district administration and information has been shared. She felt confident that questions and concerns have been heard by the staff and are being addressed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Griffith presented a few announcements to Board members and the audience. He thanked the Spirit of 67 Foundation for a banner year. He noted that almost 50% of District 67 parents have contributed to the Foundation this year. A reception was held May 19 at which the Foundation dispensed over \$253,000 in grants for projects within the District. Dr. Griffith thanked all those who participated. The grants will help District 67 children in a variety of ways.

Dr. Griffith invited Board members and members of the community to attend the 8th Grade Graduation on June 1st at 5:00 pm at LFHS West Campus. He noted he was looking forward to seeing the 8th graders off to ninth grade. The high school graduation will be on June 5 at LFHS East Campus.

Dr. Griffith invited Board members to attend the End of the Year Celebration on June 2 at 10:30 am at Deer Path Middle School honoring retiring staff members.

Dr. Griffith displayed the Annual Planning and Evaluation Calendar for 2009-10 and reported it is a process that he and District administrators constantly tinker with which has evolved into a cycle of planning in the District. He reviewed the calendar month by month noting program evaluation is conducted in the fall, goal setting is conducted during the winter and preparation for the next school year is conducted in the spring. He spoke to the goal process and noted that District goals tend to be very global; they are not a destination but allude to a journey. The goals are intentionally written as high aspirations. Each year, the Board evaluates the success of the goals which are either continued into the next year or concluded as objectives. The Board receives a continuous flow of input from dozens of District committees that meet throughout the year and from reports presented each month at Board meetings. Board members also sit on District committees and participate first hand in discussions held during the meetings.

Dr. Griffith displayed the Board of Education Presentation Schedule which indicates by month, the reports that will be presented at each Board meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Wold reminded the audience that the Board will listen but not respond to comments presented this evening. Mrs. Wold advised that comments should be limited to five (5) minutes and that comments should not be repetitive.

Mrs. Wold opened the floor for public comment. Vicki Douvli, 861 Hunter Lane, Mark McGreevy, 249 E. Marion, Hannah Emmanuel, 1085 Forest Hill Dr., presented their questions and concerns regarding social emotional behavior, test scores, district

goals, the overall District plan, channels of communication, and state of the art technology.

REPORTS

District Social- Emotional Wellness Report

Rebecca Leafman and Joe Malin, co chairs of the District Wide Social Emotional Initiative presented a small slice of key activity that occurred during the school year. The two overarching goals and highlights of the initiative were reviewed and next steps for the initiative were presented. A comprehensive report will be presented in the fall.

BOARD COMMITTEES

Board Education Committee – Chris Rossman, Sally McDonald

Mrs. Rossman reported that the Education Committee met on May 20. Dr. Griffith presented an update of the Tri-District Assessment Committee meeting. The information he presented gave the Education Committee a sense of how District 67 students are performing at Lake Forest High School. Mr. Schumacher presented an update on the status of the dashboard. The committee viewed a preliminary draft of the indicators which tie back to the vision statements. Where possible, benchmarks will be added to the indicators. This project is a work in process. Mr. Schumacher also presented the Instructional Technology mission and belief statements and the committee provided minor feedback. Mr. Henrikson presented an overview on the planned activities for summer curriculum projects and the changes planned for the seventh (7th) and eighth (8th) grade classes for the 2010-11 school year. The committee then discussed the presentation schedule for next year and recommended some minor changes to ensure that data was available at the appropriate time.

Board Operations Committee – Laurie Rose, John Julian

Mrs. Rose advised that the Operations Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

Board Finance Committee – Rick Salzer, Jeff Pinderski

Mr. Salzer reported that the Finance Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The June 1st Finance Committee meeting has been rescheduled to June 22.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

North Suburban Special Education District – Chris Rossman

Mrs. Rossman reported that the NSSSED Governing Board met on May 14. The second draft of the 2010-11 budget was presented to the Board with minor changes. The next meeting of the Governing Board will be held on July 14.

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

Mr. Julian did not present a report for either IASB or ED-RED.

Professional Development – Jeff Pinderski

Mr. Pinderski advised that Mrs. Paull was scheduled to present a report on rti training this evening but due to illness, she will make her presentation at the June meeting.

Curriculum Coordinating Committee – Laurie Rose

Mrs. Rose reported that Mr. Schumacher explained how he and several fifth grade teachers are planning to incorporate one to one netbooks and more experiential and problem-based learning into a fifth grade pilot next year. The Spirit has funded the purchase of a netbook for each student. Mr. Schumacher, Mr. Malin and Dr. Henrikson are collecting post-test data on math fact fluency, keyboarding proficiency and writing quantity and quality for the NEO2 Pilot. This year all District third graders and all Sheridan fourth graders have their own NEO2 mini-computer. A report of the analyzed data will be presented to the Board in the fall. Ms. Horwitz presented recommendations for revising the fourth grade Spanish curriculum. The plan is to increase the amount of visual and auditory learning in the classrooms with the purchase of SymTalk cards and Muzzie videos. A new Spanish resource text was also recommended.

Spirit of 67 Foundation – Julia Wold

Mrs. Wold reported that May was a very busy month for the Spirit. The Home Tour was held on May 6 and proved to be a successful event. The Grant Award Reception was held May 19. Over \$230,000 was awarded to District 67 schools with awards presented in all curricular areas.

Tri District Committee – Julia Wold, John Julian

Mr. Julian reported that the focus of the meeting was to present an overview of student achievement as reflected by data reported by various school districts. Trends in math, reading, ISAT, and ACT testing were reviewed. In general, results were very positive and showed improvement in all areas. Particular mention was made regarding the improved communication between the high school and middle school teachers. As assessments are becoming more commonplace, teachers are actively searching out data results to identify growth and trends to assist in their own planning. Data continues to be gathered and it is hoped that another assessment role out will occur in the fall. The next Tri District meeting has not been scheduled.

Other

Board Policy Manual – Sally McDonald

Mrs. McDonald reported that the Board of Education has been meeting to edit and revise the Board Policy Manual. After IASB returns the policy updates, the Board will review the draft of the entire manual. Once the document is approved by the Board, the Board Policy Manual will be available on-line.

Budget Committee – Julia Wold

Mrs. Wold reported that the Budget Committee met this morning to hear presentations by principals and department chairs. The purpose of the meeting was to ensure that the budget is in line with district goals. The Budget will be presented at a Board meeting later this summer.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with District 115

This agreement was reviewed and endorsed by the District 67 Operations Committee at their April 26th meeting.

MOTION: Mrs. Rose moved seconded by Mrs. Rossman that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with District 115 as amended.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Approval of 2010-2011 Operations Goals

MOTION: Mr. Salzer moved, seconded by Mrs. McDonald that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the 2010-2011 Operations Committee Goals as presented.

On voice vote, motion carried.

Approval of DPM Auditorium Carpet Bid

MOTION: Mrs. Rossman moved seconded by Mrs. Rose that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Vortex Enterprises bid for the replacement carpeting in the auditorium at Deerpath Middle School as presented.

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

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

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 – April 27, 2010

Approval of An Executive Session – April 27, 2010

Approval of An Executive Session – May 7, 2010

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

Approval of Human Resources Items for April 2010

Approval of Destruction of Audio Recordings: None

MOTION: Mr. Pinderski moved seconded by Mr. Julian 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, Rossman, Wold, Rose, Julian, Pinderski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

No FOIA requests were presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, May 28	School Improvement Day – ½ day (AM kdgn, attends)
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day – No School
Tuesday, June 1	Last Day of School – Kindergarten 8 th Gr. Graduation Ceremony – 5:00 pm, LFHS West Campus
Wednesday, June 2	Last Day of School – Grades 1-7
Monday, June 28 –	Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm LFHS West Campus, Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Julian moved seconded by Mrs. McDonald, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:40 p.m.

On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Laurie Rose, Secretary
