

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 26, 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 7:08 p.m. by Julia Wold.

Board members present at roll call were:

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

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

Staff Present: Pam Burke, Board Clerk

Guests Who Signed in: Debrorahanne Reimer, Speak Up Coalition Governing Board;
Karen Clemens, LFEA Vice President and DPME teacher.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Wold referred to the updated committee assignment sheet and asked Board members to review their assignments for the year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Griffith thanked everyone for being present this evening. Dr. Griffith announced that 8th Grade Graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 3 @ 5:00 pm at Lake Forest High School West Campus and that the District will host an End of the Year Celebration, honoring the retirees, on Friday, June 5 at 2:00 p.m. He personally invited Board members to attend these events.

In response to Dr. Griffith, Mr. Schumacher presented a brief update on the District Fine Arts Programs and the new 300 South episode, which will appear on Channel 17 soon. The 300 South episode will focus on fine arts and volunteerism in the District. Mr. Schumacher reported that the Lake Forest High School musical, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, was presented April 30 through May 2. District 67 students represented 66% of the cast, 68% of the tech crew and 80% of the stage crew in the production.

Mr. Schumacher also announced that the spring choral and band concerts were held last week, the orchestra concert will be held this Thursday night at 7:00 pm at the Lake Forest High School Auditorium. He also noted that the Lake Forest High School Choral Concert will be held tomorrow night. He invited Board members to attend.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Deboranne Reimer spoke on behalf of the Speak Up Coalition Governing Board. She thanked the Board of Education for the progress that has been made on the Social Emotional Wellness Initiative. She asked that the Board not lose sight of what the SAP position added to the District staff. She requested, on behalf of the coalition, continued support and that the Board consider reinstating the SAP position as soon as feasible.

Mrs. Wold thanked her for her comments.

REPORTS

2010 NSSSED Budget (second draft)

Dr. Griffith asked Mrs. Rossman, who is part of the NSSSED Executive Committee, to present the report. Mrs. Rossman advised that the 2nd draft of the 2009-10 Not To Exceed Budget was presented. The resolution for posting the budget was approved and will be on display for 30 days as required by law. It is anticipated that the Budget will be voted on at the July 9 Regular Board Meeting. Dr. Griffith thanked Dr. Julie Cooley, Allen Albus, Mrs. Rossman and District 115 Board Member Mrs. Harlow for helping to educate the Board on the NSSSED 2009-10 Budget.

Reorganization for Reduction of Expenses

Dr. Griffith reported that District 67 has to reduce expenses in order to bring itself into alignment with anticipated reductions in revenue. It is a unique time period for all schools across the nation. The state of Illinois is in financial trouble and federal money is being infused to assist. Throughout the last several months, we have witnessed a decline in the real estate market, zero new growth and a collapsing economy at the national level.

For the 2010-2011 school year, the CPI is zero. This is an historical low. Not only do we need to bring revenues into alignment, but we need to be concerned for the 2011-12 year when we might be faced with another zero CPI. This would mean a continuous decline in new growth and revenue and no new dollars entering the system. Therefore, we must work hard to bring our expense structure in line with our anticipated decreasing revenue. To that end, we are committed to our mission and will do everything possible to not impact the quality of teaching and student learning. District 67 has to have a sense of priorities regarding how to direct diminished resources in years to come.

Dr. Griffith will suggest to the community ways to streamline costs by reducing personnel in a host of areas not directly tied to regular classroom teaching itself. Ultimately, it may mean a reduction in central office staff, a reduction in administrative staff in the schools, and a tightening of support positions in the schools.

Dr. Griffith announced that he and the administrators of District 67 will do everything possible to protect the quality of education in District 67. Dr. Griffith is talking with

administrators about 0% salary increases going into the near future. The administrative team is working hard to streamline costs. Collectively, the health of the organization is most important and the District's first obligation is to the education of our students.

BOARD COMMITTEE

Board Education Committee - Chris Rossman, Laurie Rose

The Education Committee met on Wednesday, May 20. Mr. Malin presented an overview of the longitudinal study. Mr. Schumacher presented a brief overview of an opportunity to work with the Citadel Theatre on theatrical space and programming. The Committee briefly reviewed 2009-10 goals. Dr. Cooley presented an overview of the new software, Inform. The new platform offers many new opportunities to use data to inform instruction and to identify those student who may require additional support. Mr. Schumacher overviewed the curriculum work that is being planned for the summer and how that aligns with the goals. Mr. Schumacher and Dr. Henrikson presented an overview of DPM students' high school placement. The next meeting of the committee will be held in the fall. Thank you to Carrie Travers and Lisa Garrity for agreeing to serve on the Education Committee again next year.

Board Operations Committee – Julia Wold, Sally McDonald

The Operations Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. No committee meeting has been scheduled.

Board Finance Committee – Mark Mitter, Rick Salzer

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Board Shared Services Committee – Mark Mitter, Rick Salzer

The Board Shared Services Committee met on May 14 @ 4:00 pm. Dr. Henrikson presented a K-16 update. Ms. Jen Edgington gave a year-end report on SAP and how to continue the important projects that were started this year. She spoke about The Illinois Youth Survey, Red Ribbon Week, revising the DPM 8th grade drug and alcohol unit among others. Ms. Edgington will be moving to Ohio at the end of the school year. Dr. Griffith discussed how Dr. Cooley, Dr. Wirtz, and the social workers will manage Ms. Edgington's responsibilities as SAP Coordinator next year. Dr. Cooley gave a presentation on INFORM Data Warehouse software that will be used to track student test scores, grades, and other data. Dr. Griffith shared the growth of the Elawa Farm project to 5th grade and how Lake Bluff and other local schools can utilize the program. Dr. Griffith shared the results of the Freshmen End of Year Survey. Ms. Torkelson advised that District 65's food service contract and bus service contract are up for renewal. The committee agreed that there might be opportunities for the tri-districts to share these services.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

Mrs. Rossman reported that the NSSD Board met on May 13. NSSD will host the official groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday, June 10 at 3:00 p.m. The Executive

board will meet at 4:30 pm. The Governing Board will not meet during the month of June.

Mrs. Rossman reported that the single student and small group transportation bid process was discussed. NSSSED surveyed the member districts and identified 350 student use five (5) different cab companies. An RFP for the service is being coordinated and it is anticipated that results of the RFP will be presented to the Governing Board in July. An update on the building project was presented. The work on the property has begun. The project sequencing was discussed based on the original proposal and what now appears to be an opportunity to better sequence the work. This will require the NSSSED Administration to quickly vacate the space they currently occupy.

Mrs. Rossman discussed the 2009-10 Not To Exceed Budget earlier this evening. The next NSSSED meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Illinois Association of School Boards/ED-RED – Julia Wold

Mrs. Wold reported that while Governor Quinn threatened major cuts in state spending, no bill, based on his proposal has been presented. The House and Senate are moving forward with legislation to put the FY 2010 operating budget in place. Mrs. Wold listed several bills that recently passed the Senate and the House. House Bill 2129 includes funding for General State Aid (\$116 million increase) and Mandated Categoricals (\$144 million increase). The bill includes full funding of Mandated Categoricals and a \$231 increase in the foundation level (raising it to \$6,190 per pupil). Senate Bill 750 passed the Senate Education Committee on Wednesday. It is a reorganization of the Education funding, which includes a no property tax swap, an increase in the personal income tax rate from 3 to 5%, income tax exemptions, sales tax, special education personnel reimbursement, and increases in the current appropriation for early childhood. It also includes \$1 billion annually for capital construction. The Senate Education Committee approved the bill (6-3). Ed-RED did not take a formal position on this bill.

Professional Development – Rick Salzer

Mr. Salzer asked Mr. Schumacher to present the Professional Development Report. Mr. Schumacher presented a year to date summary of conferences/workshops attended by over 150 teachers in District 67. He noted that 22 teachers attended the Special Services workshops while 15 teachers attended the General Education classes. Other categories listed include World Language, Emotional Wellness, Fine Arts, and Language Arts Topics, which also showed significant participation levels. Mr. Schumacher also reported on the survey results of the District 67 technology summer camp proposal. Sixty-eight teachers responded to the survey. Fifty-one teachers reported an interest in attending the summer tech camp for teachers and 47 reported they believed their technology skill level was at intermediate or above. The survey gathered information from respondents regarding their interest in classroom website development, in enhanced student presentation/podcasts, in learning more about effective online research strategies and tools and their interest in publishing student work online safely. The information will be used to coordinate a summer tech camp for teachers to be held the week of August 17, 2009.

Curriculum Coordinating Committee – Laurie Rose

Mrs. Rose reported that CCC met on May 7 at 4:00 p.m. The committee recognized retiring committee members Diane Oppenheim, and Marilyn Weiland for their long-standing contributions to the committee. Allison Waggoner was chosen by the committee to serve as a community member for CCC in the fall. Congratulations to Mrs. Waggoner.

Spirit of 67 Foundation

Mrs. McDonald reported that the Spirit Board met on May 5. Mrs. McDonald reported that Sandra Rhine will serve as President of the Spirit of 67 Foundation next year. She thanked Susie Athenson for presiding over the Foundation this year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval of Amended 2008-09 School Calendar

The amended 2008-09 school calendar reflects the use of February 13, 2009 as a day for student attendance (am), and a SIP day (pm). It also reflects Friday, June 5 as the last day of student attendance and Monday, June 8, 2009 as the last day for staff attendance. The calendar meets all requirements for a legal school year.

MOTION: Mrs. Rose moved seconded by Mrs. Rossman that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the amended 2008-09 school calendar as presented.

On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Approval of NIHIP Resolution

Mr. Albus explained the parameters of the NIHIP Agreement and noted that NIHIP is comprised of 25 school district with whom District 67 will pool. The NIHIP Executive Board and General Board have approved Districts 67's membership. The coop is administered by Gallagher Basset and offers Blue Cross/Blue Shield services. He anticipates a smooth transition to NIHIP. Open enrollment will close on June 8 and service should be up and running by July 1.

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

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Approval of June Board Meeting Date Change

MOTION: Mrs. Rossman moved seconded by Mrs. Rose that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the change of date of the Regular Meeting from Tuesday, June 23 to Tuesday, June 16.

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 – May 4, 2009
Approval of Minutes of An Executive Session – May 4, 2009
Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls, and Financial Statements – April 2009
Approval of Personnel Items
Approval of Destruction of Audio Recordings: None

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

Motion carried.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

No FOIA's were presented.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, May 29	8 th Grade Graduation Dance, 7 pm Parent Reception 7:30 pm Dance, Braves Gym
Monday, June 1	8 th Grade Award Assembly, 11:00 am, DPM Auditorium
Wednesday, June 3	5/6 th Grade Award Assembly, 8:35 am, Peck Gym 7 th Grade Award Assembly, 1:00 pm, DPM Auditorium 8 th Grade Graduation, 8:45 am, practice 5:00 pm ceremony, LFHS West Campus
Thursday, June 4	Last Day of Kindergarten
Friday, June 5	Last Day of Student Attendance Year End Celebration – 2:00 pm, DPM Auditorium
Tuesday, June 23	Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 pm, LFHS West Campus

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mrs. Rossman moved seconded by Mrs. Rose that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

On voice vote, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Laurie Rose, Secretary

Date