

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 26, 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 7:03 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: Patti Poth, Spirit of 67, Sandra Rhine, Spirit of 67, Barb Mockus, Sheridan APT, Beth Clemmensen, Cherokee APT, Gary Finley, Parent, Mary Flynn, Teacher, Mike Flynn, spouse.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Wold introduced the Spirit of 67 Foundation President, Sandra Rhine. Mrs. Rhine reported that the Spirit began a membership program this year which has been very successful. She also noted that the Golf Outing has been eliminated although the luncheon will be held. Donations as of December 2009 totaled \$133,000, which is higher than December 2007 or 2008. Over 500 families (approximately 43%) have donated to the Spirit this year which exceeds last year's participation level. The Faculty Talent Show will be held on Friday, February 5 and the last two events of the year are Appreciation Night on February 27 and the Annual Home Tour on May 6.

Mrs. Rhine introduced Mrs. Patti Poth who chairs the Grants Committee. She explained the approval process the committee uses to award grants. Applications are due February 28 by 4:00 p.m. The Grants Reception is May 19 at Lake Forest High School West Campus.

Ms. Wold thanked both ladies for their report and noted that she had occasion to attend a Spirit Meeting and was very impressed with the group of volunteers. The Spirit of 67 Foundation is a credit to the volunteers who are involved

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Griffith thanked Mrs. Rhine and Mrs. Poth for their presentation and thanked the Spirit of 67 Foundation for all it does for the school district.

At Dr. Griffith's request, Mr. Schumacher introduced Mary Flynn who was recently recognized by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards after successfully completing the National Board Portfolio and exams. Mary becomes part of an elite group of 27 outstanding District 67 faculty members who have passed this rigorous process. Dr. Griffith and the Board of Education congratulated Mrs. Flynn.

Dr. Griffith reported that Congress has passed legislation related to funding a variety of educational programs. "Race To the Top" is a \$5 billion dollar grant program projected to yield between \$200 - \$400 million in Federal money to the state of Illinois. Fifty percent of this funding is expected to go to Chicago, with 50% of the balance going to struggling schools in impoverished communities and 50% going to other schools. Although this is not a lot of money, considering the number of schools and students in the state of Illinois, the grant would bring with it the expectation of changes in data systems, alignment to standards, and standardizing high quality evaluations for teachers and principals. Dr. Griffith noted that "Race To the Top" could become the new rubric for "No Child Left Behind" which expires next year.

Dr. Griffith reported that Lake Forest Graduate School of Management sponsored a community leadership workshop entitled, Leadership During Difficult Times, which he, District 67, 115, and Lake Bluff District 65 administrators attended. He suggested it might be worthwhile for the three Boards of Education to meet to discuss this appropriate topic.

Dr. Griffith reminded Board members that the first Board Policy Review Workshop is February 8 at 8:15 a.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

REPORTS

No reports were presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Education Committee - Chris Rossman, Sally McDonald

The Education Committee met on January 11. The committee discussed 2010-11 Goal Development. The administration provided a layout of the 2009-10 vision, goals, and activities and directional information for the 2010-11 year. Dr. Griffith and Mr. Schumacher presented an overview of the upcoming dashboard. Dr. Cooley presented changes concerning the use of the CogAT. The next meeting of the committee will be an Education Goals Workshop which will be held on February 22.

Board Operations Committee – Laurie Rose, John Julian

Mr. Julian reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next meeting will be held on February 2.

Board Finance Committee – Rick Salzer, Jeff Pinderski

At Mr. Salzer's request, Mr. Albus presented the Finance Report. A Joint Finance Meeting was held on January 19 and the agenda included a variety of topics. A representative from Miller Cooper was present to review the 2009 Audit with the committee. The December 2009 CPI-U was released on January 15 is 2.7%. It will be used to calculate 2012 architectural revenues. Results of the first year of the self-funded dental plan were reviewed. The improved plan resulted in savings costs for the district. Information on White Stable Vineyard at Route 60 and Ridge Road was distributed.

Tri-District Committee – Julia Wold, John Julian

Mr. Julian reported that the Tri-District Committee met on January 13 at the new Lake Bluff Elementary School. The committee began the meeting with a tour of the new building and then discussed current operational collaborations including the transportation bid, the copy paper bid, custodial services, data warehousing and Power School coordination. Potential future collaboration including residency and technology were also discussed. The next meeting of the committee is May 12 at 4:00 p.m.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

North Suburban Special Education District – Chris Rossman

Mrs. Rossman reported that the Executive Board of NSSED met on January 13. She advised that she was not able to attend. She thanked Mr. Pinderski who attended in her absence. Mr. Pinderski reported that construction of the new facility is a bit behind schedule primarily due to winter weather conditions, but there appeared to be a comfort level with the resulting higher cost which is within the project contingency budget. NSSED will be setting the 2010-11 budget a bit earlier so it is in place before the negotiation process begins. Consideration is being given to the purchase of the Rubloff building if it benefits the education and the operation and if it can be purchased with cost neutrality. The next meeting of the NSSED Board will be Wednesday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Mr. Julian reported that he, Mrs. Wold, Mr. Salzer, and Dr. Griffith attended the ED RED Annual Dinner at the Chicago Marriott on January 25. The keynote speaker, Ms. Linda Lavia, current chair of the Illinois House Elementary and Secondary Appropriations Committee, along with a multitude of additional responsibilities, summarized the anticipated Illinois State Budget for the upcoming year as it pertains to school funding. She painted a somewhat bleak picture of finances going forward which will be very tight due to the suffering economy. She advised that districts will need to be flexible in their thinking and judicious in planning. She encouraged districts to contact her for any help in establishing cost cutting budgets for the coming year. She commended district educational leadership for their diligent efforts in challenging times.

Professional Development – Jeff Pinderski
No report was presented.

Curriculum Coordinating Committee – Laurie Rose
CCC has not met since the last meeting.

Spirit of 67 Foundation – Julia Wold
This report was presented during the President's Report earlier this evening.

Stipend Review Committee Report – Julia Wold
Mrs. Wold reported that the Stipend Review Committee met on Tuesday, January 12 at 4:00 p.m. This committee is comprised of four (4) teachers, two (2) administrators, and one (1) Board member. The committee was presented with four (4) proposals for new or increased stipends. No decisions were made. The committee will be meeting again on Tuesday, February 23.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval of Partnership Services & Facility Use Agreement

Dr. Griffith presented an over view of the Partnership Services And Facility Use Agreement. He noted that the three entities, District 67, District 115, and The City of Lake Forest, worked together to modify the existing agreement to bring it up to date and to include Lake Forest High School. Overall, the intent is to reduce costs, and to deliver a better service in a more efficient manner. This is an agreement of cooperation and no financial commitment is required

MOTION: Mrs. McDonald moved seconded by Mrs. Rossman that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Partnership Services & Facility Use Agreement as presented.

On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Shared Services Ground Maintenance Proposal

Mr. Albus capsulated an analysis of the proposal and provided several reasons to consider a shared services agreement. It is financially advantageous to both districts. It provides greater control over the grounds maintenance at District 67 and it provides more resources to District 115. He also noted that the full analysis has been shared and endorsed by the Operations Committees of both districts. It is recommended that both boards approve the proposal effective January 1, 2010.

MOTION: Mr. Salzer moved, seconded by Mr. Julian that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Shared Services Ground Maintenance Proposal as presented.

The votes were taken by roll call.

Votes were cast as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Acceptance of 2009 Audit Report

Mr. Albus reported that an independent audit is required on an annual basis by state law. This is acknowledgement that the 2009 Audit has been received.

MOTION: Mr. Julian moved seconded by Mr. Pinderski that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois accept the 2009 Audit Report as presented.

On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of A Regular Meeting – December 15, 2009
Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls, and Financial Statements for December 2009
Approval of Human Resources Items for December 2009
Approval of Lake Forest Bank Signatory Resolution
Approval of Destruction of Audio Recordings: July 8, 2008

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

Motion carried.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

No requests have been received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session will be held following adjournment of tonight's open meeting. No action is anticipated.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, January 28	Spirit Grant Submission Deadline – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 4	Kindergarten Registration/Information Night 5:30 pm – All District Elementary Schools
Friday, February 12	Institute Day – ½ Day Student Attendance (No Kdgn. classes)
Monday, February 15	President’s Day – No School
Tuesday, February 23	Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm 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 8:15 p.m.

On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Laurie Rose, Secretary

Date

Lake Forest School District #67
Monthly Budget Report
December 2009

Funds

	Budget	Current Month	YTD Received	% Received	Remaining Balance	% Remaining	Pr Yr % Remaining
Revenues							
Property Tax	\$27,034,624	\$480,815	\$13,639,879	50.5%	\$13,394,745	49.5%	50.0%
Property Tax - Early Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0		-		0.0%
Interest	\$183,355	\$54,568	\$159,711	87.1%	23,644	12.9%	82.9%
Impact Fees	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	0.0%	30,000	100.0%	93.9%
Personal Property Repl	\$144,000	\$8,432	\$80,012	55.6%	63,988	44.4%	64.9%
Tax Increment Financing (TIF)	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	0.0%	1,500,000	100.0%	100.0%
Food Service	640,000	57,379	335,011	52.3%	304,989	47.7%	42.1%
Student Fees	1,098,681	48,836	914,723	83.3%	183,958	16.7%	18.4%
State	1,658,704	42,990	695,554	41.9%	963,150	58.1%	52.7%
Federal	1,276,760	245,047	416,066	32.6%	860,694	67.4%	31.5%
Fees & Other	<u>2,289,019</u>	<u>39,853</u>	<u>542,907</u>	23.7%	<u>1,746,112</u>	76.3%	39.1%
Subtotal Revenue:	\$35,855,143	\$977,920	\$16,783,864	46.8%	\$19,071,279	53.2%	51.4%
Other Financing Sources:							
Transfers In	\$1,793,793	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$1,793,793	100.0%	0.0%
Sale of Bonds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0.0%
Total Revenue and Other Financing Sources:	\$37,648,936	\$977,920	\$16,783,864	44.6%	\$20,865,072	55.4%	51.4%
Expenditures							
Salaries	\$19,226,955	\$2,181,527	\$7,873,613	41.0%	\$11,353,342	59.0%	61.4%
Benefits	3,662,377	351,153	1,507,606	41.2%	2,154,771	58.8%	61.7%
Purchased Services	4,694,829	288,613	1,823,194	38.8%	2,871,635	61.2%	48.9%
Supplies	2,174,620	105,014	1,081,162	49.7%	1,093,458	50.3%	49.0%
Capital Outlay	568,500	0	159,321	28.0%	409,180	72.0%	58.6%
Other/Tuition	4,836,048	2,092,661	3,229,174	66.8%	1,606,874	33.2%	34.9%
Subtotal Expenditures:	\$35,163,329	\$5,018,968	\$15,674,069	44.6%	\$19,489,260	55.4%	55.5%
Other Financing Uses:							
Transfers Out	\$2,205,493	\$0	\$0		2,205,493	100.0%	99.8%
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	0.0%	0.0%
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses:	\$37,368,822	\$5,018,968	\$15,674,069	41.9%	\$21,694,753	58.1%	58.0%

NOTE: As of April 22, 2009, General State Aid is now recorded under Federal Revenues instead of State Revenues. The Governor has committed the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to the GSA program in FY09 and FY10.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Harry Griffith 1/15/2010
FROM: Business Office
SUBJECT: Payrolls and invoices disbursed during the month of
December, 2009

Please note the following payrolls and disbursements made during the month of December, 2009, for inclusion in the agenda for Board action:

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Payrolls:	12/4/2009	722,601.94
	12/18/2009	785,629.60
	12/18/2009	616,590.52
	12/31/2009	<u>74,920.63</u>
		\$2,199,742.69

	<u>Date (week ending)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Disbursements:	12/4/2009	143,955.54
	12/11/2009	211,472.96
	12/17/2009	751,359.91
(November 2009) Procurement Card Purchases		<u>12,994.85</u>
		\$1,119,783.26