

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 28, 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 7:11 p.m. by Julia Wold.

Board members present at roll call were:

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

Absent: 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: None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Wold advised that the Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to perform the annual superintendent's review. Members of the Board of Education will continue that meeting after tonight's Board meeting. Mrs. Wold asked members of the Board of Education to sign up to attend an APT meeting during the next school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Griffith thanked everyone for being present this evening. Although it is still July, plans are well underway for the start of school. The administrative team is working with District 67 teachers on creative and important redesign work this summer, including additional workshops in professional development. He anticipates a wonderful start to the school year in August.

Dr. Griffith shared a list of 2008-09 academic, athletic and fine arts award winners from Lake Forest High School. Of note, this year the Valedictorian and the National Merit Scholarship Winner were District 67 graduates. Dr. Griffith mentioned that 38 of the 50 awards given in mathematics went to District 67 students and a high number of Applause music students were honored as well. District 67 is well represented at Lake Forest High School for outstanding achievement, as are the other schools in Lake Forest.

On behalf of the Mayor of Lake Forest, Dr. Griffith invited Board members to attend the Grand Opening Ceremony of the Municipal Services Building on Wednesday, August 5, 800 N. Field Drive, beginning at 7:30 am. Mayor Jim Cowhey will be speaking at the event beginning at 8:00 am. Mrs. Rossman noted that the Lake Forest Day Parade begins at 10:00 that same day. Dr. Griffith encouraged Board members to attend both functions.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

REPORTS

No reports were presented.

BOARD COMMITTEE

Board Education Committee - Chris Rossman, Sally McDonald

The Education Committee has not met since the last Board of Education meeting. A schedule for fall meetings will be set shortly.

Board Operations Committee – Laurie Rose, John Julian

Mrs. Rose reported that the Operations Committee has not met since the last Board of Education meeting. A meeting is scheduled for August 3 at 8:00 a.m.

Board Finance Committee – Rick Salzer, Jeff Pinderski

Mr. Pinderski reported that the Finance Committee has not met since the last Board of Education meeting. A schedule for fall meetings will be determined at the next meeting.

Board Shared Services Committee – Julia Wold, Rick Salzer

The Board Shared Services Committee has not met since the last Board of Education meeting. A meeting schedule will be set in the fall.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

North Suburban Special Education District – Chris Rossman

Mrs. Wold attended the July NSSD Board meeting in Mrs. Rossman's absence. Mrs. Wold reported that the NSSD Budget for the 2009-10 year was approved. She noted it is the same budget the Board reviewed at an earlier Board meeting. She thanked Mrs. Rossman, Dr. Griffith and Mr. Albus for the work they did on the NSSD Budget.

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

Mr. Julian reported that Illinois is joining 45 other states to develop common learning standards in English and math for elementary and secondary students. This multi-state project, the "Common Core State Standards Initiative" will be jointly led by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the Council of Chief State School Officers. This project will provide the foundation goals for dramatically improving teaching and learning on a global level. It is anticipated that the grade-by-grade standards will be completed in December 2009 with adoption in early 2010.

Professional Development – Jeff Pinderski

Mr. Schumacher presented a brief update on Professional Development activities that took place during the summer months. Approximately 40 people signed up for the 12 different ½ day sessions on August 17-19 taught by the tech coaches. Some of the topics covered included Web 2.0 tools, making podcasts and movies, and using Google Maps and Google Earth in the classroom. Plans are underway for the implementation of My Learning Plan, the online support to assist District 67 teachers in managing coursework, conference requests and attendance. New Teacher Orientation will be held August 18-20 and Institute Days are August 24-26, with the first ½ day of student attendance on August 27.

Curriculum Coordinating Committee – Laurie Rose

Mrs. Rose reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The committee will meet again in the fall.

Spirit of 67 Foundation – Julia Wold

Mrs. Wold reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next meeting will be held in the fall.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval of Resolution for Display of 2009-10 Tentative Budget

Dr. Griffith asked Mrs. Hermes to present the Tentative 2009-10 Budget. Mrs. Hermes emphasized, as Dr. Griffith has done in many budget meetings, that during these challenging economic times, teaching and learning remains the District's core focus. The District remains dedicated to providing the highest quality education to every student.

As per the District philosophy, overall revenues and expenditures reflect a balanced budget. The Budget Committee has reviewed the tentative budget presented this evening.

MOTION: Mrs. McDonald moved seconded by Mrs. Rossman that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Resolution to place the Tentative 2009-10 Budget on display for a minimum of 30 days prior to final action.

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 – June 16, 2009

Approval of Minutes of An Executive Session – June 16, 2009

Approval of Release of Executive Session Minutes – November 2009 – June 2009

Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls, and Financial Statements

Approval of Personnel Items

Approval of Destruction of Audio Recordings: None

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

Motion carried.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

No FOIA's were presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Wold reported that the Board of Education met in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting and will return to Executive Session following the close of tonight's meeting. It is anticipated that action will be taken following Executive Session.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, August 24	Institute Day – No Student Attendance
Tuesday, August 25	Institute Day – No Student Attendance
Wednesday, August 26	Institute Day – No Student Attendance
Thursday, August 27	First Day of Student Attendance – (1/2 day gr. 1-8)
Monday, September 7	LABOR Day – No School
Tuesday, September 22	Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm, LFHS/W Bd. Rm.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Mrs. Rossman moved seconded by Mr. Julian that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois adjourn to Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Mrs. Rossman moved seconded by Mrs. McDonald that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois reconvene the open session meeting.

On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Superintendent's Compensation

MOTION: Mr. Julian moved seconded by Mr. Pinderski that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the compensation for the Superintendent as discussed in Executive Session.

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

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

Motion carried.

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 9:10 p.m.

On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Laurie Rose, Secretary

Date