

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
February 23, 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 7:06+ 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, Megan Morris, DPM APT, Julie Meadows, LFEA, Gary Finley, Parent, Allison Waggoner, APT, K.J. McGowan.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Wold reported that the Board has been involved in several meetings this month. Prior to tonight's meeting, the Board held a Goals Workshop. Last Saturday, Board members attended a Legislative Workshop which was held in the district. Currently, the Board is involved in meetings to revise Board policy. She thanked Board members for all the work the Board does collaboratively outside of the Regular Monthly Board Meetings.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Griffith presented a few announcements to Board members and the audience. He noted he was proud to report that the APT helped sponsor the DPM Faculty Talent Show "Whose Got Talent" on Friday, February 5. Dr. Griffith also reported that an outstanding Jazz Festival was recently held at Raymond Moore Auditorium at Lake Forest High School in which Deer Path Middle School students participated along with students from the high school and Lake Bluff. Many thanks to the high school and the music staff.

Dr. Griffith reported a new project in development where Lake Forest High School continues to launch leasing opportunities to various interested parties in the community.

Dr. Griffith reported that The Citadel Theatre is contemplating a new lease with Lake Forest High School to build out a black box theatre on the first floor of West Campus. Mr. Schumacher projected a rendition of the theatre and advised that currently there is a small theatre on the first floor of West Campus that houses approximately 150 people and is not being used. The theatre is in need of repair but has great potential. He noted that The Citadel has been working with District 67 for the past few years in joint music shows. The new theatre would allow for additional practice areas for District 67 students and would serve as a performance area for smaller venues. The DPM auditorium would continue to be used for larger audiences. Dr. Griffith reminded Board members of the donation District 67 received several years ago from the Peck family, which will be used to improve the DPM Auditorium. As improvements are made, some of the materials from the DPM Auditorium (replacement of seating) may be recycled for use in the black box theatre. Dr. Griffith clarified that The Citadel would be signing a lease with Lake Forest High School and the lease dollars would go to the high school.

Dr. Griffith reported that each of the District 67 schools has received the highest award that the state of Illinois offers for academic excellence. The District can be proud of the teachers and principals for that achievement.

Dr. Griffith addressed District 67 enrollment and noted a pattern of a slightly declining enrollment each year. He will be recommending to the Operations Committee and then to the Board of Education that the Kasarda demographic study be reinvigorated. He is hoping to share the cost with Lake Bluff, The City of Lake Forest and Lake Forest High School. This study will help the District find efficient ways to provide high quality service in anticipation of declining enrollment.

Dr. Griffith reported that Lake Forest Schools hosted the Legislative Workshop last Saturday at West Campus for Highland Park, Deerfield, Bannockburn, Lake Forest and Lake Bluff elementary and high school districts. Two speakers were present to discuss what is happening at the state level. Currently, the state of Illinois owes District 67 approximately \$250,000. Jennifer Hermes and Allen Albus are working with the Finance Committee to modify District budgets.

Dr. Griffith encouraged everyone to complete the Census Report. It does have an effect on the distribution of federal and state funding. Although the District receives only a modest amount, the funds are very helpful.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

#### **REPORTS**

No reports were presented.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

The Education Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next meeting of the committee will be an Education Goals Workshop, which will be held on Monday, March 8 at 11:00 am.

### Board Operations Committee – Laurie Rose, John Julian

Mr. Julian reported that the last meeting of the committee was canceled. The next meeting date has not been set.

### Board Finance Committee – Rick Salzer, Jeff Pinderski

Mr. Salzer reported that the Finance Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

### 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 March 10.

## **DISTRICT COMMITTEES**

### North Suburban Special Education District – Chris Rossman

Mrs. Rossman reported that NSSSED did not have a General Board meeting but that an Executive Board Meeting was held on February 10. She noted that construction is still slightly behind on the new building but the Board expects be on target with the completion of the building in May or June. The next meeting of the Governing Board is scheduled for March 10 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Mr. Julian reported, as Dr. Griffith mentioned earlier in the meeting, that a presentation was made to the Joint Board of Education regarding Property Tax Reform and the Relief Task Force. The Task Force was created in 2007 and asked to submit its findings to the General Assembly no later than January 1, 2010, at which time the Task Force was dissolved. Part of the Task Force's responsibility by statute was to examine alternative revenue sources. There was no recommendation for alternate revenue sources. Mr. Julian noted that the Illinois Board of Education is in dire straits with its general state aid and categorical obligations to local school districts.

### Professional Development – Jeff Pinderski

At Mr. Pinderski's request, Mr. Schumacher reported on RtI and tier support and noted that Laura Paull has been directly involved in the classroom this year working with students who are struggling with the District's rigorous curriculum, particularly in reading, science and social studies.

A conference, "Outside the Box Gifted" to be held this summer, will focus on gifted students with learning differences. It will be a great opportunity for parents to hear some well-known speakers and local experts in the field.

Mr. Schumacher reported that based on preliminary data from My Learning Plan, teachers have participated in over 2780 hours of professional development activities over

the course of the year. This includes Academy courses, graduate work, conferences and in-house professional development activities. Mr. Schumacher noted that data is being gathered from a number of sources, including NWEA MAP data, the NEO project, RtI Tier support needs and more, to prepare for professional development activities for next year.

#### Curriculum Coordinating Committee – Laurie Rose

In Mrs. Rose's absence, Dr. Griffith presented the CCC report. Mrs. Paull updated the committee on the various reading and math interventions taking place at DPM for fifth through eighth grade students this year and last. Tremendous gains were made last year from an additional reading class taught by Reading Specialist Jewel Jensen. The majority of the participating students moved off the Tier II roles. Committee members learned about an additional reading class that is increasing reading fluency through a structured karaoke-like software program. DPM has also offered a new reading/math/organizational skills intervention class for struggling eighth graders. Both new programs are highly successful.

#### Spirit of 67 Foundation – Julia Wold

The Spirit of 67 Committee met Tuesday, February 9 at 9:00 a.m. To date, the Spirit has received donations of over \$136,000 with 43% of the district families joining the Spirit. The Faculty Review raised \$3600 for the Spirit. Lake Forest Bank and Trust will be the Home Tour sponsor this year. The bank donated \$3000 to the Spirit. The Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Artisan Guild donated \$1900 from their Winter Fair which was held in December. It is likely that baseball night this year will be a Cubs game in Milwaukee in September. The Grants Committee has been busy meeting to review the grants that have been received.

#### Board Policy Manual Review

Board members met to begin the process of reviewing and updating the Board Policy Manual. Four meeting dates have been chosen and the manual should be completed before summer 2010.

#### Stipend Review Committee

The Stipend Review Committee met this evening to review four (4) stipends, three (3) of which were approved.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### Approval of Amended Intergovernmental Agreement

This recommendation amends the Intergovernmental Agreement so that District 115 can disperse the funds directly to District 67 and that District 67 can utilize the funds on other capital improvement projects.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Rossman moved seconded by Mrs. McDonald that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between District 67 and 115 to fund construction costs.

On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Approval of 2011-2012 School Calendar

Mr. Schumacher presented the proposed 2011-2012 calendar. The calendar fulfills all requirements for a legal school year.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Rossman moved, seconded by Mr. Pinderski that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the 2011-2012 school calendar 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 of A Regular Meeting – January 26, 2010

Approval of Minutes of An Executive Session – January 26, 2010

Approval of Minutes of A Special Meeting – February 5, 2010

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

Approval of Human Resources Items for January 2010

Approval of Resolution authorizing Non-reappointment of Part-Time Teachers

Approval of Resolution authorizing Non-Reemployment of Part-Time, Non-Tenured Teachers

Approval of Resolution authorizing Non-Reemployment of Full-Time, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year, Non-Tenured Teachers

Approval of Resolution authorizing Non-Reappointment of Probationary Teachers

Approval of Destruction of Audio Recordings: July 1, 2008, July 21, 2008

**MOTION:** Mrs. McDonald moved seconded by Mr. Pinderski 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, Rossman, Salzer, Wold, Julian, McDonald

Nays: None

Absent: Rose

Motion carried.

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)**

Lorna Galandak, 259 Hudson Ave., Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thursday, March 4	Parent Teacher Conferences – ½ Day (PM Kdgn. attends)
Friday, March 5	Parent Teacher Conferences – No School
Tuesday, March 23	Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm LFHS West Campus – Board Room
Friday, March 26	Spring Break Begins at Close of School Day

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Rossman moved seconded by Mr. Julian that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Laurie Rose, Secretary

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Date