

**A Special Meeting
Of the
Lake Forest School District 67
Board of Education**

Sunday, November 20, 2011

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was held at Lake Forest High School West Campus in the Board Room and called to order at 5:05 pm by President Julia Wold.

Board Members present: Bill Andersen, John Julian, Jeff Pinderski, Laurie Rose, Rick Schuler, Julia Wold. Absent: Lesley Fisher.

President Julia Wold outlined the format of the meeting and announced that she anticipates action after Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

In summary, comments from the audience during open session and again following executive session included questions as to whether the board has called for Dr. Griffith's resignation or the resignation of Board members who were part of the decision making process for Middle School Principal, John Steinert in 2009.

Comments focused on the handling of the incident in 2009 and if additional compensation would be paid to Mr. Steinert. One member of the audience asked if the board or administration would investigate if there have been any further acts of sexual harassment. A question regarding the District's electronic policy and whether it had been followed was also raised as were questions concerning the Board's approval of the superintendent's contract in light of the 2009 episode.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Pinderski moved seconded by Mrs. Rose to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:15 pm.

On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Pinderski moved seconded by Mr. Julian to return to Open Session.

On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

President Wold announced that the Board of Education will take action this evening to accept a letter of resignation from John Steinert. She also outlined further actions the Board plans to take. The Board will establish a process to review district policies and consider administrative guidelines for handling situations in which employees are charged with criminal conduct. The Board will broaden district policies to include anti-harassment activity beyond district students, staff and employees. The Board will establish a task force to review student and staff electronic and social media policies and procedures, and the Board will suspend the youth officer program at DPM immediately. Pending further review, should this program be reinstated, a new officer would be assigned.

Mrs. Wold announced that Dr. Andy Henrikson will be appointed interim principal at Deer Path Middle School. She further announced future parent meetings and asked parents to please sign up for the E-Newsletter.

RECOMMENDATION

Mrs. Wold called for a motion to accept the resignation of John Steinert.

MOTION: Mr. Andersen moved seconded by Mr. Julian that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois accept the resignation of John Steinert as principal of Deer Path Middle School, effective immediately.

On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Wold announced that the board would hold future parent meetings on November 21 at 5:00 pm and prior to the Board Meeting on November 29 at 5:00 pm. Both meetings will be held at LFHS West Campus.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Mr. Julian moved seconded by Mrs. Rose that the Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Laurie Rose, Secretary

Date Approved