

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 14, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education of Lake Forest Community High School District #115, County of Lake, State of Illinois, was held on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. at West Campus in the Boardroom.

On Roll Call the following Members were found to be present:

Dick Block, Vice President
Nicki Snoblin, Secretary
Ted Moorman, Member
Dave Schreiber, Member
John Powers, Member
Todd Burgener, President

Absent: Monty Edson, Member

Administration Present:

Michael Simeck, Superintendent
Allen Albus, Deputy Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Jennifer Hermes, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
Dr. Julie Cooley, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Jim Thiel, Interim Principal

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President, Todd Burgener, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He reported that three long-serving Board Members, John Scribner, Board Vice President, Jim Carey, and Board President, Sharon Golan participated in their final Board Meeting on April 9th. Mr. Burgener reflected on the amazing number of accomplishments achieved by these retired members during their terms on the Board, noting that he personally learned a great deal from each of them and that he feels privileged to know them. He expressed his confidence that the current Board has been left with a solid foundation on which to build and is heading on a very positive course.

Mr. Burgener welcomed new Board Members, Ted Moorman, John Powers and Dave Schreiber who were sworn in at or prior to May 7th at a Special Meeting to conform with the State's requirement that all newly elected Board Members must be seated within 28 days of their election. Following the swearing in of new members, the newly seated Board voted to elect its leadership. Dick Block was elected Board Vice President, Nicki Snoblin was elected Board Secretary and Mr. Burgener was elected President. Mr. Burgener noted that the Board's focus will continue to be on students and on providing each of them, individually and collectively, with the best education and overall high school experience possible. He thanked the Board for their confidence in him and the opportunity to serve as President.

Mr. Burgener announced that prior to this Open Session, the Board met in Closed Session for purposes of discussing matters related to the appointment, employment, compensation,

performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District. Board action during closed session is prohibited and no action was taken.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Simeck thanked Interim Principal, Jim Thiel, for his work and reported that staff has a great deal of confidence in his leadership. Mr. Thiel updated the Board on the recent events at the high school including the recent Student Service Recognition Award Night. Ten students received individual recognition awards, 36 Presidential Volunteer Awards were awarded and 18 organizations and clubs received awards. The Prairie State ACT Test was administered to all juniors. AP testing is underway with 432 students taking exams. We have 6 National Merit Finalists, one National Achievement Award Winner and a student who received a perfect score of 36 on the ACT. The spring play, *Suessical*, was lively, colorful, very entertaining and well attended. Student Art is on display at the Lake Forest Public Library. Spring sports are starting playoffs next week. Girl's track has qualified 9 girls for the state meet. Depression Week activities included special speakers for students and staff regarding stress and depression management. Prom is May 18 at the Chicago Marriott. Graduation is on June 8th.

Mr. Simeck reported that while students and parents would clearly prefer to have Graduation on the front lawn, a Plan B, which entails bringing the Graduation ceremony into the Field House in case of inclement weather, is in place.

Mr. Simeck updated the Board on the Principal search. He noted that a survey will go out to staff and parents to solicit their input. He has already met privately with 2 exemplary candidates who are industry leaders. The District will also post a Curriculum and Instruction Assistant Superintendent shared services position which will include duties previously performed by Dr. Julie Cooley who will be retiring at the end of the year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Nancy Thomer, 331 E. Blodgett Avenue, Lake Bluff, read comments regarding Common Core and distributed an article titled "*Remove Common Core from Public Schools*" to the Board

Mr. Carl Lambrecht of Highland Park suggested that the public be allowed to share their views at the beginning and end of the meeting. He also suggested that that a class project to make the website for the school would have saved money that was spent on the consultant and the salary of the person who proposed and organized the new website. He advocated that the Superintendent serve as Principal instead of hiring a replacement.

REPORTS

Dr. Julie Cooley, Dr. Tom Meagher, Math Department Chair and Kristin Carlsen, incoming English Department Chair updated the Board on Common Core Standards. Dr. Cooley reported that the initiative began in 2009 and that standards were developed at the state level, not by the federal government. States had the opportunity to adopt or not adopt the standards. Forty-five states have adopted the standards.

Kristin Carlson reported that English anchor standards include reading standards, writing standards, listening and speaking standards and language (vocabulary). She said that Common

Core Standards are asking students to apply knowledge and skills learned in one subject area and adapt it to other subject areas.

Dr. Meagher reported that there are 2 standards for Math, Mathematical Practice and Mathematic Content. He said emphasis process in addition to the content standards. He noted that District 115 is already ahead of the game and has been developing changes to address these standards and that professional development opportunities are in place.

BOARD COMMITTEES

Education Committee

Mrs. Snoblin reported that the committee has not met since the last Board Meeting.

Board Finance and Operations Committee

Mr. Block reported that the committee has not met since the last meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of GCA Renewal

Mr. Albus reported that GCA, a contracted cleaning service, has been with the District for a number of years. They have been a responsible and reputable contractor. The total increase in their contract is 2%.

MOTION: Mrs. Snoblin moved and Mr. Moorman seconded that the Lake Forest High School District 115 Board of Education approve the GCA renewal as presented.

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

ROLL CALL: Aye: Schreiber, Snoblin, Powers, Block Moorman, Burgener
 Nay: None

Motion Carried

Approval of Honeywell Instant Alert Contract

Jennifer Hermes reported that the District pays per student for the services of Honeywell Instant Alert, an automated emergency alert system used in case of school closings or delays. The proposed fee for unlimited service is \$1.50 per student, down from \$2.20 last year.

MOTION: Mr. Block moved and Mr. Moorman seconded that the Lake Forest High School District 115 Board of Education approve the Honeywell Instant Alert Contract as presented.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Snoblin, Powers, Moorman, Block, Schreiber, Burgener
 Nay: None

Motion Carried

Minutes of a Special Meeting, May 1, 2013
Minutes of a Joint Board Workshop, May 9, 2013
Approval of Declaration and Disposal of Surplus Item
Disposal of Audio Recordings:

*Any item may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of a Board Member.

MOTION: Mr. Moorman moved and Mr. Powers seconded that the Lake Forest High School District 115 Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

ROLL CALL: Aye: Block, Powers, Moorman, Schreiber, Snoblin, Burgener
Nay: None

Motion Carried

FOIA REQUESTS:

Alaina Winsor, 563 Ivy Court, Lake Forest, IL 60045
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Research Choices LLC, 2002-A Guadalupe St., #331, Austin TX 78705

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Saturday, May 18, 2013 Prom – 5:30p.m. LFHS
Tuesday, May 21, 2013 Orchestra Concert, RMA – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 23, 2013 Band Concert, RMA – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 27, 2013 Memorial Day – No School
Tuesday, May 28, 2013 Choral Concert RMA – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 29, 2013 Honors Night – 7:00 p.m.
June 3 – June 6, 2013 Finals
Saturday, June 8, 2013 Graduation, Front Lawn, 2:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 11, 2013 Board of Education Meeting
7:00 pm – West Campus
Board Room

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Mr. Powers moved and Mr. Block seconded that the meeting be adjourned.
On voice vote, the motion carried

Mr. Burgener declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Nicki Snoblin, Secretary

Date

5/14/13