

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LAKE FOREST COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT 115  
February 11, 2014**

**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, February 11, 2014 and called to order at 7:15 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  
Monty Edson, Member  
John Powers, Member  
Ted Moorman, Member  
Dave Schreiber, Member

Absent: Todd Burgener

Administration Present:

Michael Simeck, Superintendent  
Jennifer Hermes, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services  
Lauren Fagel, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, Technology & Assessment  
Andy Henrikson Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources  
Barry Rodgers, Principal

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Board Vice President, Dick Block, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. in Mr. Burgener's absence. Mr. Block reported that the District engaged a consulting company to help set Vision, Mission Goals. The Board, administrators and teacher representatives met on Sunday, February 9, 2014 with Shani Harmon, The Transition Team, to develop a consensus on Mission, Vision and Goals. Great progress was made.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Barry Rodgers introduced Kate Whalley, class president, who, he stated, is involved in many activities and has taken student leadership to a new level. Kate reported that Turnabout on January 25 had an attendance of 850 students. The winter play "Time of our Lives," had been performed from January 30 to February 1, and the next production is the spring musical "Sweet Charity." Auditions were held for the talent show "You Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet," which features twenty student acts and will take place on March 5 through 8. Emotional Wellness day had taken place and included a fun fair in the Commons, a presenter and yo-yo master Mark Heyward and culminated in students breaking out into small groups to discuss the effects of social media. Kate congratulated the varsity dance team who had taken 1<sup>st</sup> place at the UDA championships in Florida for the second time.

Nicki Lazaretto stated that she has been coaching the varsity prom team for three years and the team had been national champions for the last two years. Ms. Lazaretto was very proud of the way the team had represented Lake Forest High School. The Board congratulated the team on their success.

Brady Africk, a freshman at LFHS, gave a presentation on an App that he had created “MyScout” that can be used to access and organize dozens of school resources. The Board congratulated Brady on creating the App. Mr. Rodgers congratulated Brady and stated that he is someone who represents what is best in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Mr. Rodgers gave an update on the New School Day Initiative and reported that he had been briefing the Board over the past few months on progress. The leadership team had met and reviewed primary documents that teachers and students had thought would create the ideal school, including flexible scheduling, allowing for creativity and balance and wellness in students’ lives. In August and September, meetings had taken place with faculty and the team tapped into their knowledge, created an additional faculty team and came up with fifteen different schedules driving great conversations about teaching and learning. The idea was to present one schedule to the LFEA. A meeting took place with the LFEA negotiations team, as the new schedule would involve a change in the working day. Schedule (four) 4 was recommended as it was felt it contained initiatives that were important. The LFEA would not put the schedule forth to the membership and so there is no vote to present to the Board and the scheduling initiative will not be moving forward at this time. Mr. Simeck thanked Mr. Rodgers for all his work and explained that any change in the workday is a subject of the bargaining agreement.

Mr. Simeck spoke about the book “The Smartest Kids in the World” by Amanda Ripley and stated that it does not present a “silver bullet” or any one solution, but challenges everyone to look at what success looks like for happy, healthy and productive kids. Mr. Simeck encouraged people to buy the book and to attend the book talks. The schedule of times and places for books talks is on the website.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

## **REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

Mr. Simeck introduced Mr. Jim Thiel who reported on college statistics for 2013.

Mr. Thiel stated that counselors do a terrific job helping students through the college process. 230 colleges have been at the High School to speak to students. Juniors use Naviance and attend college visits as they begin their college search. Seniors go through quite a process including having seminars with counselors, completing college applications and getting recommendations. Mr. Thiel introduced Mr. Brad Naughton a counselor at District 115. Mr. Naughton stated that there are seven (7) counselors delivering services to students and parents with 250-275 students per counselor. Counselors travel to feeder schools to face-to face register all incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Each counselor has an opportunity to meet with students in small groups once every quarter, to really get to know the students and to advise students on a variety of subjects. Counselors travel to see schools to obtain firsthand knowledge to help student choose a school that is right for them. Mr. Naughton noted that graduates report that they feel much more prepared for college than many of their counterparts from other schools. Naviance allows the district to track student application

trends for six years. Mr. Block stated that it was very valuable for parents and students to have a good relationship with their counselor throughout the 4 year journey at the high school.

Mr. Thiel stated that the ratio of students to counselors is excellent and allows counselors to have face-to-face time with students in seminars and individual meetings. He reported that last year 58-60% of our students attended colleges in the Midwest, 14% chose Northeastern schools and 15% chose Western schools. Indiana University in Bloomington was the top applied, accepted and attended school last year followed by the University of Illinois, Champagne/Urbana, Miami University, Ohio, University of Missouri and the University of Iowa. The top 5 private schools are Marquette, University of Dayton, Depaw, DePaul and University of Denver. The top attended schools are Indiana University, University of Illinois, Champagne/Urbana, Miami University, Ohio, University of Wisconsin, Madison, University of Missouri and the College of Lake County. This information will be posted on the website.

### Security Report

Mr. Scott Krajniak gave a safety and security update. In keeping with the School Safety Drill Act, Mr. Krajniak announce that the high school has completed (3) evacuation drills. A bus evacuation drill and a shelter in place drill (tornado drill) will take place in the spring and an active shooter drill will take place in the summer. Current safety and security initiatives include updating the Emergency Operations Plan and training staff. The Security Committee meets on a regular basis. One concern had been lack of access control. All doors are now locked with only the front door being open. There are two (2) employees outside, a key/fob system is in place, there is after school security, all phones are 911 capable, the camera system has been updated and there are emergency buttons in all classrooms. There are 105 cameras giving 121 different views and information is stored for 15 days. Rescue assistance buttons have been installed in the new stair towers on the south side of the building on all floors.

### NSBA Report

Mrs. Snoblin reported that she had attended the Nation School Board Association Advocacy Institute, in Washington DC, along with Mr. Simeck. Mrs. Snoblin stated that it was a very rewarding experience and is an investment for the benefit of students and the community. NSBA is a national organization with 90,000 school board members and the purpose of the NSBA is to lobby on behalf of Public school districts. The key issues are: retaining local control, protecting formula funding for IDEA and Title 1, reducing unfunded mandates and re-authorizing ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act.) Districts that participate regularly have stronger relationships with state and federal advocates for public schools.

## **BOARD COMMITTEES**

### Education Committee

Mrs. Snoblin reported that the Committee met on February 10. The main topic was the proposed new school day initiative and there is disappointment that nothing had been brought to the Board. Change is difficult but everyone had worked together. 1:1 Computing Initiative had been discussed that will bring a lot of benefits to all students and create continuity in a fluid process.

### Finance/Operations Committee

Mr. Block reported that the Finance and Operations Committee had met on February 5 and had covered many topics including a request from a neighboring district for a tuition based student to attend the transition program. Mr. Albus spent time on five (5) year financial projections that had moved from an in-house program to a web based program. Other topics discussed included the impact of the new pension laws, recovery of the real estate market, security, facility rentals and Carol White reported on two grants that the district had received.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

No reports were presented.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### Approval of Tuition Based Transition Student

Mrs. Fagel recommended the approval of a tuition based transition student from District 113. District 115 has a transition program for qualifying students aged 18 to 22 for continued education. The request is for a student who has completed High School in Deerfield to attend five (5) days a week for half days. There are limited opportunities for students to attend an appropriate program and the District 115 program would suit perfectly. District 113 would absorb the cost. The approval would be for a 30-day trial period that would continue through the end of the year and then be re-evaluated.

**MOTION:** Mr. Schreiber moved, seconded by Mr. Moorman, that the Lake Forest High School District 115 Board of Education, approve the tuition based transition student.

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

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

Motion Carried unanimously

#### Approval of 2013-2018 School Holiday Calendar

Dr. Henrikson advised that the District would like to hold school on Casimir Pulaski Day and Veterans Day and there would be in-school commemorations on the day of the holiday.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Snoblin moved, seconded by Mr. Powers that the Lake Forest High School District 115 Board of Education, approve the 2013-2018 School Holiday Calendar

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

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

Motion Carried unanimously

Dr. Herikson reported on a proposal for make-up days for missing four(4) days of school due to extreme cold. April 17, originally a Teacher Institute day would now be a full day of school. Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup> would be a school day and Friday June 6 would be the last day of finals. The 4<sup>th</sup> day the District would forgive at a loss of \$1,700 in state aid. This is a proposal only and if there

are further closing days school would continue on the Monday and Tuesday. A Teacher Institute day would be added enabling teachers to fulfill their required days. Graduation will take place on Saturday, June 7.

Approval of Human Resources Report

Mr. Simeck recommended approval of the Human Resources report, as presented.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Snoblin moved, seconded by Mr. Moorman that the Lake Forest High School District 115 Board of Education, approve the Human Resources report, as presented.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Aye: Edson, Snoblin, Block, Schreiber, Moorman, Powers  
Nay: Powers

Motion Carried

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Block reported that the Consent Agenda includes:

Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls & Financial Statement January 2014:

Financial Reports: The List of Checks Written and Direct Deposit Payroll and Taxes for the period January 9, 2014 to February 5, 2014:

Education Fund	\$ 809,516.64
Building and Maintenance Fund	188,205.64
Debt Service Fund	-
Transportation Fund	67,619.87
Capital Projects Fund/ General	-
Procurement Card Expenses	329,580.41
Direct Deposit Payroll & Taxes	<u>1,828,614.24</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,223,536.80

Minutes of a Regular Meeting, January 14, 2014

Minutes of a Special Board Meeting, January 14, 2014

Minutes of an Executive Session, January 14, 2014

Disposal of Audio Recordings: June 12, 2012

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, seconded by Mr. Moorman, 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: Snoblin, Block, Edson, Powers, Schreiber, Moorman  
Nay: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

**FOIA REQUESTS:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Friday, February 14, 2014

Tri-District In-Service Day – No School

Monday, February 17, 2014

Presidents' Day – No School

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** March 11, 2014

Board of Education Meeting

7:00 pm – West Campus Board Room

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, seconded by Mr. Moorman, that the meeting be adjourned.  
On voice vote, the motion carried

Mr. Block declared the meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

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Nicki Snoblin, Secretary

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Date