

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 10, 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, December 10, 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
Monty Edson, Member
John Powers, Member
Ted Moorman, Member
Dave Schreiber, Member
Todd Burgener, President

Absent: None

Administration Present:

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President, Todd Burgener, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He deferred the President's Report, which will include a report on the recent trip to China, to later in the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Simeck asked Mr. Rodgers to present his report to the Board. Mr. Rodgers updated the report on the scheduling process that includes increased involvement by the LFEA to get their input and insure that the process is in alignment with contractual obligations. In the coming weeks, ideas will be shared with the Board's Education Committee and the entire Board. Student Council President, Kate Whalley, reported students celebrated Human Rights Day with a Human Rights Club sponsored **Jam for Justice** that included student musical performances in the Commons with proceeds going to an orphanage in Kenya. They participated in the Adopt a Family program, are preparing for a fashion show that will be presented by the Business Education Department and gearing up for the annual Spaghetti Dinner. Spirit Week will feature daily activities and a door-decorating contest.

Mr. Simeck commented that with the coming of good new people like Barry Rodgers and Lauren Fagel come new ideas and new thinking such as the 1:1 Initiative and the Schedule considerations, which have revitalized several veteran staff members. They are revisiting ideas brought forth by

the staff to Administration in previous years that were put on the shelf and staff members are stepping up and expressing interest in participating in developing these new ideas and programs. He noted that in the near future community members will be invited to have the opportunity to learn about what we're doing, why we're doing it and where we should be headed by participating in a set of conversations on Mission Visioning Goals.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION

China Trip

Mr. Burgener, Mr. Schreiber, Science Department Chair and Administrator in charge of the Chinese Exchange Program, Jim Sullivan and Social Studies Teacher, Joe DeRosa reported on their recent visit to China as a part of over 300 guests of the Hanban and the College Board as part of the China Bridge Program. Board Members paid their own way. The trip focused on touring schools and learning about the Chinese education system. They shared their perceptions that China is open to new relationships. The Chinese have a strong drive to succeed and high expectations for their students but they realize and readily admit that their education system is archaic and want our help to help their students. The trip provided an opportunity to begin to look at best practices around the world and bring them back to benefit our students.

International Baccalaureate program

International Baccalaureate (IB)

Mr. Simeck reported that the International Baccalaureate started in Switzerland in 1968 and was originally intended for mobile international students, such as children of international corporation employees and Embassy employees. At its inception, it consisted of mostly private schools.

The purpose was to aid families who move from place to place and found there was an inability to translate course work and expectations for students. Public schools began to pick up the program and now half of IB schools are public. They are focused on exposing students to deep understandings and values and to creating balance for lifelong learners who are driven by questions rather than answers. Balance and the notion of being knowledgeable, but especially of being an inquirer is also encouraged in the program. The Program requires students to pick an area of focus such as science or humanities and become specialized in that area. There is an extensive process involved in becoming an IB school. LFHS would be an ideal candidate considering the number of international corporations in the area. Benefits to LFHS could include the development of an integrated curriculum with global emphasis, which would attract a large number of international students. It would provide a viable, guaranteed, rigorous curriculum which would provides greater success at the next level. Significant drawbacks would be the reduction in the number or electives offered and in the fact that IB does not run in tandem with an AP program which would necessitate a shift in philosophy. There are 3 possible directions available for the future. LFHS can refine the current program, pursue IB or create its own brand of IB, the path Mr. Rodgers' former school, Northside College Prep, chose. Mr. Simeck commented that if there is a community that could create a successful brand it is Lake Forest.

Mrs. Lauren Fagel and Mr. Rodgers presented the annual assessment report. Mrs. Fagel thanked Thor Benson for compiling the data contained in this report. She noted that assessment in education is changing quickly and is deeper and broader than what is reported in the newspapers,

which is typically standardized testing results. While tonight's report is an annual report, Mrs. Fagel will be coming to the Board more frequently to provide a robust picture of what assessment looks in a school setting. This year, ACT has reported composite scores in a different manner by including scores of all tests taken by all students including those who have accommodations which could include extended time, the opportunity to take the test in a smaller group setting or having the test read aloud. ACT has broken those scores down scores showing that Composite scores for the class of 2013 including all tests is 25.9, a decrease of 1 point. Composite score based on tests of students with accommodations is 21.9. Composite Score on tests taken by students without accommodations is 26.6. LFHS average ACT scores are still higher than the state average. PSAE scores are also well above state scores. This is the last year for the PSAE that will be replaced by the PARCC. Ninety-five percent of AP scores are a 3 or above. Both the Chicago Tribune and the Chicago Sun Times rank LFHS 9th.

BOARD COMMITTEES

Education Committee

Mrs. Snoblin reported that the Committee met on December 9th and heard a preview of the Assessment Report from Mrs. Fagel and received updates on the Schedule Committee and the 1:1 Initiative from Mr. Rodgers. The next meeting is scheduled for February.

Finance/Operations Committee

Mr. Block reported that the Finance and Operations Committee met on November 6th. They discussed the tentative levy and received the external Auditor's report. The District received a clean audit and the Auditor will present a report to the full Board at the January meeting. The committee also had a brief facility update. The January meeting has not been scheduled, but the next quarterly meeting will be held on February 26. Both meetings are open to the public.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Schreiber, Board liaison to EdRed, reported that an agreement on the pension has been passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor. The cost shift was not included in this legislation but there may be movement on this issue in January.

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of 2013 Tax Levy

MOTION: Mr. Block moved and Mr. Moorman seconded that the Lake Forest High School District 115 Board of Education adopt the 2013 Tax Levy as presented.

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

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

Motion Carried

Approval of Mission Vision Goals Contract

Based upon interviews with consultants who provide services to facilitate a vision and roadmap process for District 115 and District 67, Mr. Simeck recommended that the District engage in a

contract with The Transformation Team. Shani Harmon, managing partner of The Transformation Team, briefed the Board on highlights of her firm's proposal for services.

MOTION: Mr. Edson moved and Mrs. Snoblin seconded that the Lake Forest High School District 115 Board of Education approve the Mission Vision Goals Contract as presented.

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

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

Motion Carried

Approval of Human Resources Report

Mr. Simeck recommended that the Board approve the Human Resources Report as presented.

MOTION: Mr. Schreiber moved and Mrs. Snoblin seconded that the Lake Forest High School District 115 Board of Education approve the Human Resources Report as presented.

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

Motion Carried

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Burgener reported that the Consent Agenda includes:

Approval of Allied Flex Carryover

Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls & Financial Statement November 1, 2013 to December 4, 2013:

Financial Reports: The List of Checks Written and Direct Deposit Payroll

From November 2013:

Education Fund	\$ 629,867.23
Building and Maintenance Fund	266,851.54
Debt Service Fund	-0-
Transportation Fund	91,338.18
Capital Projects Fund/ General	638,163.52
Procurement Card Expenses	---
Direct Deposit Payroll & Taxes	<u>2,703,718.11</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,329,938.58

Minutes of a Special Meeting, November 14, 2013

Minutes of a Regular Meeting, November 5, 2013

Minutes of an Executive Session, November 5, 2013

Disposal of Audio Recordings: March 13, 2012

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

MOTION: Mr. Powers moved and Mr. Moorman 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: Snoblin, Powers, Block, Edson, Moorman, Schreiber, Burgener
Nay: None

Motion Carried

FOIA REQUESTS:

Nancy Thorner, Resident
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

December 12, 2013	Sophomore Parent Meeting - 7:00 pm RMA
December 13, 2013	Sophomore Parent Meeting Recap - 9:00 am
December 15, 2013	Holiday Concerts
December 23, 2013 –	Winter Break
January 5, 2014	
January 6, 2014	School Reopens
January 10, 2014	Freshman Parent Meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 14, 2014 Board of Education Meeting
7:00 pm – West Campus Board Room

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Mr. Burgener declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Nicki Snoblin, Secretary

Date