

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**LAKE FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT 67**  
February 26, 2013

**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 7:00 p.m. by Julia Wold.

Board members present at roll call were:

Julia Wold	John Julian
Bill Andersen	Rick Schuler
Lesley Fisher	

Absent: Pinderski, Rose

Administration Present:

Mr. Michael Simeck, Superintendent  
Ms. Jennifer Hermes, Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. Andy Henrikson, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Joe Malin, Director of Human Resources  
Dr. Julie Cooley, Assistant Superintendent

Staff Present: Eileen Faller, Board Clerk

Guests Who Signed In: Jeff Folker, Cherokee parent, Mike Borkowski, Cherokee parent, Robert Lemke, DPM parent, Patrick Patt, resident, Beth Clemmensen, Cherokee and DPM parent, Maureen Knipe, APT Executive Board.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Wold welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and reported that the Grants Committee of the Spirit of 67 had been meeting to diligently review the grants submitted by teachers, administrators, parents and students. Mrs. Wold applauded the people who serve on the committee. Mrs. Fisher has also attended the meetings in a transitional role.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Simeck welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting. Dr. Henrikson reported that 25 science teachers from China visited Lake Forest High School and Deer Path Elementary Science, Applied Tech and Wellness Classes. Christina Chen, one of our Chinese language teachers, acted as an interpreter. Mr. Simeck thanked Dr. Henrikson and Mr. Jim Sullivan for organizing the visit and stated that the Chinese delegation was pleasantly surprised to hear students greeting them in Mandarin.

Mr. Simeck reported that, following approval by the School Board, Mrs. Kelly Jackson would be named as the Principal of Cherokee School. Mrs. Jackson was chosen from a sizeable talent pool of approximately 80 applicants. Mrs. Jackson comes to the District with the highest recommendations.

Mr. Simeck reported that District 65, 67 and 115 had taken part in a collaborative Institute Day at Lake Forest High School. The participants in the Tri District Day were very impressed by the level of collaboration between Dr. Jean Sophie and Mr. Simeck and it was a very successful Tri-District Institute Day.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

## **REPORTS**

### Change in ISAT Scoring Report

Mr. Joe Malin and Dr. Julie Cooley reported that the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) recently released changes to the way ISAT tests will be scored. It was determined that the previous scoring methods did not align with the scoring used on the Illinois state high school tests, the Prairie State Achievement Exams (PSAE). ISBE hopes the tests will provide better information on college and career readiness to educators, parents and students in the elementary and middle school grades. *The Change in ISAT Scoring Report* has been posted on the School District 67 website.

### Key Educational Goals for 2013-2014

Dr. Cooley reported on the revised format and new goals for the 2013-2014 school year. Changes were designed to create common language between the shared services districts. The District 67 administrative team worked closely with the District 115 team to examine past documents and look for ways to use the best from each format. The new format will allow each school and curricular department to align with district goals. The statements will continue to be reviewed in the coming months.

## **BOARD COMMITTEES**

### Board Education Committee – Lesley Fisher, Bill Andersen, Rick Schuler

Mrs. Fisher reported that the committee met on February 19. Mr. Albus updated the group on the Cube project and indicated that the anticipated date of completion will be in early March. The group discussed possible opportunities for introducing the approximately 7,000 sq. ft. space to the public.

The committee discussed the proposed key goals and District mission and vision with Dr. Cooley. Mr. Simeck explained that the vision and vision statements of the District will be the continuing work of the Board of Education. Key stakeholders throughout the community will be included in the process.

The committee reviewed a draft of a letter to parents of students that attempts to explain the significant changes that will take place over the next three years regarding the Illinois State Assessments as they align with the Common Core standards adopted by Illinois and throughout the country. ISAT will be replaced by the PARCC assessment in 2014. The higher performance expectations taking place this year will help the transition to a more rigorous test

Board Finance & Operations Committee – Laurie Rose, John Julian, Jeff Pinderski  
No report was presented. The next meeting will take place on March 7.

### **DISTRICT COMMITTEES**

North Suburban Special Education District - Laurie Rose  
No report was presented.

Illinois Association of School Boards/ED-RED – Bill Andersen  
Mr. Andersen reported that he attended the NSBA conference in January that afforded an opportunity to share the interests of the district in a non-partisan, time and cost effective way.

Curriculum Coordinating Committee – Laurie Rose  
No report was presented. The next meeting is scheduled for March 7.

Spirit of 67 Foundation – Julia Wold  
Mrs. Wold reported that the Spirit Board met on Tuesday, February 12. Mr. Simeck attended the meeting and gave an update. The Spirit has revenues of \$157,583 thus far this year. Mrs. Wold encouraged all current and future board members to attend the Grants Ceremony on Thursday April 25, at Elewa Farm, as it is a wonderful way to see how the Spirit provides enrichment to all students.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### Approval of Tentative Amended Budget

Ms. Hermes advised the Board that the amendment to the Budget was due to costs related to the DPM Tile Project, the Cube and the pre-payment of the IMRF Early Retirement Program as authorized by the Board at the December meeting. Once the Tentative Amended Budget has been approved an advertisement will be placed in the newspaper and the Tentative Budget will be posted for 30 days.

**MOTION:** Mr. Schuler moved, seconded by Mrs. Fisher, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the Tentative Amended Budget.

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

Ayes: Fisher, Wold, Schuler, Andersen, Julian.

Nays: None

Absent: Pinderski, Rose

Motion carried unanimously.

### Approval of Auditor Renewal

Ms. Hermes advised the Board that Lake Forest Elementary School District 67, in a shared service initiative with Lake Forest Community High School District 115, recently concluded a one-year renewal contract for independent auditing services with the accounting firm, Miller Cooper and Co. Miller Cooper has provided a quality, professional service to the district, has a clear understanding of shared services, the principals have an outstanding reputation, the on-site team has maintained a mix of repeat auditors and new auditors, and a review of comparative audits has confirmed that audit fees are competitive. Ms. Hermes reported that in accordance with best practice the managing partner on the district's account has changed. Based on the above information the Business Office recommended the Board of Education renew the contract with Miller Cooper for a three-year term.

**MOTION:** Mr. Julian moved, seconded by Mr. Schuler, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the Auditor Renewal.

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

Ayes: Julian, Wold, Schuler, Andersen, Fisher

Nays: None

Absent: Pinderski, Rose

Motion carried unanimously.

### Approval of Human Resources Items

Mr. Simeck recommended approval of the Human Resources items as presented.

**MOTION:** Mr. Schuler moved, seconded by Mr. Andersen, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the Human Resources items.

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

Ayes: Wold, Schuler, Andersen, Julian, Fisher

Nays: None

Absent: Pinderski, Rose

Motion carried unanimously.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls, and Financial Statements for January 2013

Approval of Minutes of an Executive Session, January 22, 2013

Approval of Minutes of a Regular Meeting – January 22, 2013

Approval of Minutes of a Joint Board Workshop, February 21, 2013

Release of Executive Session Minutes February 2010 – November 2012

**MOTION:** Mr. Schuler moved, seconded by Mr. Andersen, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

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

Ayes: Andersen, Fisher, Julian, Schuler, Wold.

Nays: None

Absent: Pinderski, Rose

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)**

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### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held prior to tonight's meeting. No action was taken.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thursday, February 28, 2013

Conferences – Half Day Student Attendance

Friday, March 1, 2013

Conferences – No Student Attendance

Monday 3/4 – Friday 3/15

ISAT Grades 3-8

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

LFHS West Campus, Board Room

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mr. Andersen moved, seconded by Mrs. Fisher, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, adjourn the meeting.

On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Laurie Rose, Secretary      Date