

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

LAKE FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT 67

April 23, 2013

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held at Lake Forest Deer Path East Campus in the Cube and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Julia Wold.

Board members present at roll call were:

Laurie Rose	John Julian
Bill Andersen	Julia Wold
Lesley Fisher	Rick Schuler

Absent: Jeff Pinderski

Administration Present:

Mr. Michael Simeck, Superintendent
Mr. Allen Albus, Deputy 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, Maureen Knipe, APT, Kevin & Micaiah Robinson, EFFORT, Ted and Susan Moorman, parents, Maria O'Rourke, Cherokee parent, Jennifer Mower, Cherokee parent, Jennifer McGregor, Everett Liaison.

Following a reception and open house at the C³ the Chamber Orchestra played for the Board of Education.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Wold welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and reported that the District 67 Board met with the District 115 Board to perform the Superintendent review. As part of that review the Boards discussed the goals, which are a part of the Superintendent's performance based contract, and are referred to as Exhibit 1. Although much time was spent discussing Exhibit 1 the goals will need to be discussed again with the new Board over the next few weeks. The goals will need to be approved in open session to establish a new Exhibit 1 for the upcoming year. Mrs. Wold remarked that it would be a great jumping off point for the new Board.

Mrs. Wold reported that about 18 months ago the search process had begun for a new Superintendent. The Boards invested a lot of time and energy making many decisions regarding the entire process, the profile that was being sought for the community, and finally interviewing and hiring Mr. Simeck. The Board and Mr. Simeck have spent the last year growing together and sharing perspectives. Mrs. Wold stated that she is very proud of the current Board members and wanted to note that each individual has demonstrated respect for teamwork and trust in each other.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Simeck welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and stated that the Board members had all the characteristics of good people and Mrs. Wold had dedicated eight(8) years of her life to the community and students during the course of her service to District 67. Mr. Pinderski, Mr. Julian and Mrs. Rose were completing years of dedicated service on the Board of Education for District 67.

Ms. Leafman, Student Development Coordinator, invited students involved in EFFORT to present a report. Clara Butler, 7th grade, Matthew Barigazzi, 7th grade, Alex Simpson, 6th grade, Tianna Beilke, 8th grade, Trichala Bhagat, 7th grade, Collin Robinson, 7th grade, Mark Antonucci, 7th grade, Grace Watkins, 6th Grade, Emily Robinson, 6th grade, Isabelle Andress, 7th grade, advised on the many services both locally and globally that they were involved in including, learning about Shields Township, raising money for the food pantry and making fleece blankets for children in Sub-Saharan Africa who had Aids and who had lost a parent.

Mrs. Epcke, Director of Instructional Technology, hoped that everyone had enjoyed the preview of the C³ and stated that it is almost complete and hoped to open the doors in the first week of May. Will Zordani, William Steck, Andrew Walther, Sarah Bires, Kelsey Marx, reported that they had been involved in the C³ design, that it is modern and filled with technology and thanked District 67 and the Spirit of 67 for the awesome technology and the great space to learn.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jennifer Mower, 709 S. Beverly Place and Maria O'Rourke 920 Granby Lane shared their concerns regarding the Danielson Framework and the Reduction In Force they felt had occurred due to unsatisfactory ratings with the new evaluation process.

REPORTS

K-8 Math Programming

Dr. Shinn reported that a committee consisting of Sue Christianson, Cherokee 2nd grade teacher, Anna Brueggeman, Cherokee 3rd grade teacher and the new elementary math coach Nicci Hannemann had done a great deal of work on the elementary math program. The committee chose to move forward with the Bridges and Number Corners program, starting next year. Bridges promotes the use of Common Core practices including abstract concepts and higher level thinking while Number Corner promotes dialogue, with students coming up with their own way of

learning, discussion between students, and encourages teachers to change the way they teach. Professional Development will take place over the summer. There will be a meeting for parents in September, a presentation on curriculum night and on-going communications to parents. *The K-8 Math programming* report has been posted on the School District 67 website.

DPM 1:1 Initiative

Mr. Simeck introduced Mrs. Judi Epcke who hoped that the Board was enjoying the Chromebooks that were made available to them for the Board meeting. The district is in the 4th week of a Chromebook pilot program in 5th through 8th grade. Students and teachers are “in love” with the Chromebooks and it will be the device of choice for 2013-2014. Next year there will be a split use of Netbooks and Chromebooks. It has been decided that incoming 5th graders will get new Chromebooks, 6th graders will keep one year old Netbooks, 7th graders will receive Chromebooks, 8th graders will be getting the best of the Netbooks and the remainder will be used for loaners and small sets for particular projects.

The idea of 7th and 8th grade students bringing their own laptops was explored through surveying teachers and parents. There were concerns about equity, damage to the devices and device theft, therefore the decision has been made not to bring laptops to school, at the moment. *The 1:1 Initiative* report has been posted on the School District 67 website.

BOARD COMMITTEES

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

The Education Committee met on April 16 and discussed the Mandarin Program including revenue of \$162,500 versus expenses of \$90,600 and that there was an overwhelmingly positive response from those in the 2011-2012 program. The program evaluation will be presented at a future Board meeting.

Spring NWEA results were discussed. Testing is by teacher choice. The new Common Core version of the NWEA test will more accurately measure student growth and all students will be tested each fall.

Dr. Henrikson presented an update on the C³. The next meeting of the Board of Education will take place at the Deer Path C³.

Judi Epcke presented a report on Chromebooks and stated that the Netbooks that have been used for the past three(3) years are no longer being produced. DPM is piloting Google Chromebooks with a very positive response from all involved. The incoming 5th and 7th grade classes will use the Chromebooks next year. Judi Epcke advised that technology is an integral part of and an indispensable tool to learning.

Math programming for 2013-2014 was discussed including selecting a new K-4 math program to better align with Common Core and 21st Century learning and in preparation for the Agile Mind program. The Bridges and Number Corner program

has been selected and the Bridges program is already in use in the Kindergarten classes.

A DPM late arrival plan was discussed, which is desired by teachers, to allow for collaboration time. Kindergarten through 4th grade has CII time on Monday afternoons.

Board Finance & Operations Committee – Laurie Rose, John Julian, Jeff Pinderski
No report was presented.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

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

Illinois Association of School Boards/ED-RED – Bill Andersen
No report was presented.

Curriculum Coordinating Committee – Laurie Rose

The Curriculum Coordinating Committee met on April 15th, and discussed four(4) topics including Chromebooks, K-4 Bridges and Number Corners, Agile Mind and moving into Algebra for 8th graders, and a summer Algebra Academy for 7th and 8th graders from June 18 – July 12 to increase pre-algebra skills.

Spirit of 67 Foundation – Julia Wold

The Spirit of 67 met on Tuesday, April 9. Total contributions for the year came to \$226,000. The board approved the budget for next year. The Board also reviewed and approved the grants recommended by the Grants Committee. The Home Tour will take place on Thursday, May 2. Mrs. Wold thanked the Spirit for all their contributions to the students of District 67.

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of Amended Budget

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

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Pinderski

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Cherokee Sound Abatement

The Operations Committee had toured Cherokee, the air conditioning unit was not on at that time however, it has been reported as being very loud. Mrs. White reported that three bids had been received and recommended the project be awarded to Hargrave Builders, Inc.

MOTION: Mrs. Fisher moved, seconded by Mr. Andersen, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the Cherokee Sound Abatement.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Pinderski

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Lifetouch Renewal

MOTION: Mrs. Fisher moved, seconded by Mr. Andersen, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the Lifetouch Renewals as presented.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Pinderski

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Retirement Agreement

MOTION: Mr. Schuler moved, seconded by Mr. Andersen, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the Retirement Agreement as discussed in Executive Session.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Pinderski

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of 2014-2015 Calendar

MOTION: Mrs. Rose moved, seconded by Mr. Schuler, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the 2014-2015 calendar

On Voice Vote Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Amended Calendar 2012-2013

MOTION: Mrs. Fisher moved, seconded by Mr. Schuler, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the 2012-2013 Amended Calendar as presented.

On Voice Vote Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Student Fees 2013-2014

MOTION: Mr. Andersen moved, seconded by Mrs. Rose, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the 2013-2014 Student Fees as presented.

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

Ayes: Andersen, Fisher, Julian, Rose, Schuler, Wold
Nays: None
Absent: Pinderski

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of MSU Contract for Mandarin Teachers

MOTION: Mr. Schuler moved, seconded by Mr. Julian, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the MSU Contract as presented.

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

Ayes: Wold, Andersen, Schuler, Fisher, Julian, Rose
Nays: None
Absent: Pinderski

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Human Resources Items

MOTION: Mr. Julian moved, seconded by Mr. Andersen, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the Human Resources Items as presented.

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

Ayes: Julian, Rose, Wold, Andersen, Fisher, Schuler
Nays: None
Absent: Pinderski

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval of Minutes of A Joint Board Workshop – April 17, 2013

Approval of Minutes of An Executive Session – March 19, 2013

Approval of Minutes of a Regular Meeting – March 19, 2013

Disposal of audio recordings – None

MOTION: Mr. Schuler moved, seconded by Mrs. Rose, 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: Wold, Schuler, Julian, Fisher, Rose, Andersen
Nays: None
Absent: Pinderski

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

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Thursday, April 25, 2013

Thursday, May 2, 2013

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Friday, May 24, 2013

Monday, May 27, 2013

Tuesday, May 28, 2013

Cherokee Family Sharing Night

Spirit Grant Reception, Elawa Farm – 6:00 p.m.

Spirit of 67 Home Tour

Old Board/New Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

LFHS West Campus, Board Room

School Improvement Day – ½ Day

Memorial Day – No School

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

LFHS West Campus, Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Schuler moved, seconded by Mr. Andersen, 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 8:30 p.m.

Mike Borkowski, Secretary Date

