

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

**LAKE FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT 67**

March 19, 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:

Laurie Rose  
Bill Andersen  
Lesley Fisher

John Julian  
Jeff Pinderski

Absent: Wold, Schuler

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, Patrick Patt, resident, Beth Clemmensen, Cherokee and DPM parent, Denise Kass, Cherokee staff, Megan Stockton, Board of Education Liaison, Stephanie Klein, Board of Education Liaison.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Julian welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting on behalf of the Board President and reported that the meeting would not be televised due to the unavailability of LFTV.

Mr. Julian introduced Dr. Henrikson who gave a report on teacher evaluations and the background on the changes in the law made by the State to ensure fair and reliable evaluations. The Danielson standards were used to implement the changes and they are very rigorous with regard to students engaging in big questions, students being involved and engaging with other students, encouraging each other to participate. Mr. Malin reported growth in every component of the evaluations and advised that student learning is improving.

Dr. Henrikson thanked Dr. Shinn who, he stated, has done a magnificent job as principal to both Cherokee and Sheridan and introduced Kelly Jackson who is currently the Assistant Principal for Wilmette Junior High and will be the new principal at Cherokee school next year. Mrs. Jackson stated that she is excited to get busy working and has had a fun experience getting to know everyone.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Simeck welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and thanked Dr. Shinn for the work she has done in a very difficult position working between two buildings. Mr. Simeck also stated that it is terrific to see the early engagement with Mrs, Jackson.

Mr. Simeck reported that he had attended the ASCD conference at McCormick Place, where industry leaders go to teach and learn, along with a large contingent from District 115 and District 67. Mr. Simeck stated that a tremendous amount of practical learning had taken place.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

## **REPORTS**

### Common Core Standards Update

Dr. Henrikson reported that it has been a year since the Board was introduced to the new Common Core State Standards and advised that the district is still on track for full implementation in 2014. The curriculum will continually be improved each year. *The Common Core State Standards Update* report has been posted on the School District 67 website.

### Revised Format – Principal Evaluations

Dr. Cooley and Dr. Henrikson reported on the changes in the evaluation format for Principals and Assistant Principals, which were revised to comply with the September 2012 deadlines of a new Illinois law, the Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA). Both Dr. Cooley and Dr. Henrikson completed 20+ hours of training on principal evaluations over the past summer.

*The Revised Format – Principal Evaluations* report has been posted on the School District 67 website.

## **BOARD COMMITTEES**

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

No report was presented. The next meeting will take place on April 16.

### Board Finance & Operations Committee – Laurie Rose, John Julian, Jeff Pinderski

No report was presented. A date will be scheduled shortly.

## **DISTRICT COMMITTEES**

North Suburban Special Education District - Laurie Rose

Mrs. Rose reported that a meeting had taken place in March where budget considerations were discussed.

Illinois Association of School Boards/ED-RED – Bill Andersen

No report was presented.

Curriculum Coordinating Committee – Laurie Rose

The Curriculum Coordinating Committee met on February 27, Rebecca Leafman , District Student Development Coordinator, discussed emotional wellness and a reading warm up technique was presented that helps relieve stress, and it is hoped will be introduced in the Deer Path East classrooms. The committee received an update on Applied Tech Classes being revised as a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) class, and K-4 Math curriculum. The C<sup>3</sup> is almost complete and scheduled to be open shortly. The April 23 Board meeting will be held in the space.

Spirit of 67 Foundation – Julia Wold

No report was presented.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

Approval of Website Design Proposal

Mrs. Whipple reported that for many years Lake Forest Districts 67 and 115 have identified a comprehensive redesign of the districts' websites as a priority. After countless meetings with the Ad-Hoc Website Advisory Committee, from both districts, comprised of board members, administrators, educators, technology, business, parents, and communications representatives, it was recommended that the website project be awarded to Silverpoint. The committee was impressed with Silverpoint's reputation, dedication to collaboration, practical and comprehensive solutions, innovative yet common sense approach to navigation, design capabilities, software, and cost considerations.

The Website Recommendation Committee unanimously endorsed the selection of Silverpoint for the districts' website solution. Mrs. Whipple thanked Mrs. Epcke, Mr. DuBose and Mrs. Fisher for all their work on the project. Mr. Julian and Mr. Simeck thanked Mrs. Whipple and the committee for their hard work. It is hoped that the launch will take place in the fall. The *Website Design Proposal* has been posted on the School District 67 website.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Fisher moved, seconded by Mr. Andersen, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the Website Design Proposal.

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

Ayes:               Rose, Fisher, Julian, Pinderski, Andersen

Nays: None  
Absent: Wold, Schuler

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Human Resources Items

Mr. Malin reported on staffing needs in preparation for the upcoming school year and stated that it has been possible in the past to absorb the decline in enrollment however, it is with a heavy heart that he recommends the honorable dismissal of five(5) staff members due to the decline in enrollment of 175 students across the district. Mr. Julian stated that it is the most unpleasant thing that a Board has to do.

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal of Teachers

**MOTION:** Mrs. Rose moved, seconded by Mrs. Fisher, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the resolution as presented.

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Resolution Authorizing Non-Reemployment of Part-time, Non-tenured teachers

**MOTION:** Mrs. Rose moved, seconded by Mr. Pinderski, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the resolution as presented.

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

Ayes: Andersen, Rose, Julian, Fisher, Pinderski

Nays: None

Absent: Wold, Schuler

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Resolution Authorizing Non-Reemployment of Full-time, First, Second and Third-year, Non-tenured teachers

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

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

Ayes: Pinderski, Julian, Fisher, Rose, Andersen

Nays: None

Absent: Wold, Schuler

Motion carried unanimously

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Approval of Minutes of an Executive Session, February 26, 2013

Approval of Minutes of a Regular Meeting – February 26, 2013

Disposal of audio recordings – July 26, 2011

**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: Fisher, Pinderski, Andersen, Rose, Julian

Nays: None

Absent: Wold, Schuler

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Friday, March 22, 2013

Monday, April 1, 2013

Thursday, April 18 2013

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Spring Break begins End of Day

School re-opens

Family Sharing Night, Everett & Sheridan

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

Deer Path East C<sup>3</sup>.

**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 8:10 p.m.

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Laurie Rose, Secretary      Date