

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LAKE FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT 67**

November 18, 2014

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 7:05 p.m. by Mr. Andersen.

Board members present at roll call were:

Bill Andersen, President	Lesley Fisher, Vice President
Rick Schuler, Member	Jeff Folker, Member
Mike Borkowski, Member	Rob Lemke, Member
Beth Clemmensen, Member	

Absent:

Administration Present:

Mr. Michael Simeck, Superintendent
Mr. Allen Albus, Director of Finance/CSBO
Ms. Jennifer Hermes, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance/CSBO
Mrs. Lauren Fagel, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, Technology and Assessment
Dr. Lori Wilcox, Executive Director of Growth, Talent, and Human Relations

Staff Present: Eileen Faller, Board Clerk

Guests Who Signed In: Lana Crovetti, Champions, Desiree Witte, Cherokee APT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Simeck reported that Deer Path students have been accepted to the American Choral Directors Association National Choir. 10% of students who audition are accepted. 6th Grade Mary Clayton and Sydney Rubenstein, 7th Grade Priya Kirshnaswamy and Lila Brown, 8th Grade Katelyn Buerger, Emerson Hart, Adam Clayton, Claire Jessen and 9th Grade Elizabeth Clayton have the opportunity to travel to Salt Lake City from February 25 – February 28 to perform three separate concerts in front of thousands of choir directors from across the country.

Mr. Simeck reported on a conference with technology leaders from Silicon Valley where the discussion centered on innovations and trends in education, specifically

the significance of Robotics, the Maker Movement and how Apple is re-thinking the classrooms of tomorrow with a desire to build personal learning environments.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

REPORTS

BOARD COMMITTEES

Board Education Committee – Lesley Fisher, Jeff Folker, Beth Clemmensen

Mrs. Fisher advised that the Education Committee met on November 18. Topics discussed included the Language Acquisition Block with regard to assessments. Mrs. Jackson will give a world language update in January. The world language program for 2nd through 4th grade is being evaluated taking into consideration LASIC findings, declining enrollment, and what is good for language students. 5th grade will offer advanced Mandarin next year. The Committee received an update on PARCC and were advised that all teachers have received their preparation packets, the test will take an average of seven(7) hours, and that the tests are better, more robust and involve deeper thinking. English Language Adoption was discussed with a new program being implemented next year. A draft of the assessment report was discussed and a report will be presented at the December Board of Education meeting.

Board Finance & Operations Committee – Rick Schuler, Rob Lemke, Mike Borkowski
The Finance and Operations Committee had not met.

Board Policy Committee - Mike Borkowski, Jeff Folker

Mr. Folker reported that the District 67 Board Policy Committee had not met. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8. PRESS policy updates and social media policies will be discussed at that meeting.

Compensation Committee – Rob Lemke, Bill Andersen

Mr. Lemke reported that the Compensation Committee had not met.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

North Suburban Special Education District - Mike Borkowski

Mr. Borkowski reported that the NSSED Governing Body met on November 12, 2014. At the meeting an alternative billing structure was discussed. District 109 has publicly stated that they plan to file an “intent to withdraw” letter by December 31. District 112 plans to rescind their current letter of withdrawal and will probably resubmit by December 31 resetting the 18-month time frame. No formal vote is needed. Discussions took place regarding potential withdrawals and the potential impact on NSSED.

A Joint Board Workshop with District 115 took place where NSSED items were discussed. Administration is working on gathering data and analyzing the proposed

alternate billing structure. The next NSSED Board meeting will take place on December 10, 2014.

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

Curriculum Coordinating Committee – Lesley Fisher
Mrs. Fisher reported that the Curriculum Coordinating Committee had not met. The next meeting is scheduled for December 4.

Spirit of 67 Foundation – Lesley Fisher.
Mrs. Fisher reported that the Spirit of 67 Foundation held their fall luncheon on October 17 at Exmoor Country Club. \$50,000 was raised at the luncheon for the Spirit of 67 Foundation. The Spirit Board will reconvene in January 2014.

APT – Beth Clemmensen
Mrs. Clemmensen reported that the Executive APT met on November 12. Mr. Simeck provided information on a recent conference he had attended in Silicon Valley. Susan Milsk, new Director of Student Learning, was introduced and discussed the initiatives she is working on. Ms. Milsk took questions from parents in attendance. Several parents expressed interest in making sure the District is covering the basics, grammar in particular. Mrs. Clemmensen gave an overview of the purpose of the Education Committee including topics that had been covered over the past 12 months and how the Committee will be continuing to support the Mission/ Vision/ Milestones work. The APT Board gave their reports on the many great things happening in our schools and the work they have been accomplishing. Mrs. Clemmensen noted that the District is fortunate to have dedicated parents who donate their time to enhance the students' school experience.

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of 2014 Tentative Levy
Mr. Albus advised that annually the Board of Education is asked to consider and adopt a tax levy. A tax levy is a request for property taxes to fund the school year that starts the following July. While the Board can levy for any amount it desires the revenue is limited by a formula contained in the Property Tax Extension Limitation Act. The formula is based on CPI, known to be 1.5%, and the value of new construction within the District, the 2013 value was \$6.6M and the actual 2014 value will not be known until spring. The recommended levy has been prepared utilizing a new construction figure of \$21.7 million. The projected extension for 2014 excluding bonds and interest is \$31,1 million.

The District is required to adopt a tentative levy at least 20 days before adoption of a final levy and the final levy must be filed with the county by the last Tuesday in December. The District will satisfy the requirements by adopting a tentative levy on November 18, a final levy on December 15, and filing the levy with the County by December 30.

MOTION: Mr. Borkowski moved, seconded by Mrs. Fisher, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the 2014 Tentative Levy, as presented.

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

Ayes: Clemmensen, Lemke, Andersen, Folker, Borkowski, Schuler, Fisher

Nays:

Absent:

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Human Resources Items

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

MOTION: Mr. Folker moved, seconded by Mr. Schuler, 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: Folker, Lemke, Clemmensen, Andersen, Fisher, Schuler, Borkowski

Nays:

Absent:

The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls, and Financial Statements for October 1 – October 31, 2014

Education Fund	\$647,792.67
Building and Maintenance Fund	148,378.36
Debt Service Fund	130,715.01
Transportation Fund	100,517.79
Municipal Retirement Fund	-
Capital Projects Fund	36,119.48
Procurement Card Expenses	287,707.90
Direct Deposit Payroll and Taxes	<u>2,225,586.73</u>

Total Expenditures \$3,576,817.94

Approval of Minutes of A Regular Meeting, October 28, 2014

Approval of Minutes of An Executive Session, October 28, 2014

Approval of A Joint Board Workshop, November 13, 2014

Disposal of audio recordings – April 23, 2013

MOTION: Mr. Schuler moved, seconded by Mrs. Clemmensen, 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: Lemke, Borkowski, Schuler, Clemmensen, Andersen, Fisher, Folker

Nays: None

Absent:

The motion carried unanimously.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

Illinois Education Association- NEA

Union Election Integrity Unit

Laura Rukavina - Resident

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, November 24, 2014

Conferences 4pm-8pm – Full Day of School

Tuesday, November 25 2014

Conferences – No Student Attendance

November 26- 28, 2014

Thanksgiving Break

Monday, December 15, 2014

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

LFHS West Campus, Board Room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held prior to the meeting. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mrs. Clemmensen moved, seconded by Mr. Sculer, 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 7:50 p.m.

Mike Borkowski, Secretary Date