

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

July 21, 2015

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 Mr. Borkowski.

Board members present at roll call were:

Jeff Folker, Member	Suzanne Sands, Member
Kent Novit, Secretary	Beth Clemmensen, Vice President
Rob Lemke, Member	Mike Borkowski, President

Absent: Tom Ford, Member

Administration Present:

Mr. Michael Simeck, Superintendent
Ms. Jennifer Hermes, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services/CSBO
Mr. Allen Albus, Deputy Superintendent, Finance and Operations/CSBO
Dr. Lori Wilcox, Executive Director of Growth, Talent, and Human Relations
Ms. Susan Milsk, Director of Student Learning
Mr. Barry Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, Technology and Assessment

Staff Present: Eileen Faller, Board Clerk

Guests Who Signed In: Carl Lambrecht, Highland Park, Lisa Burton Radzely, parent, Kate Zimlich, parent, Alden Zimlich, parent, Paul Markoff, parent, Mark Lawton, Pioneer Press, Lona Crovetti, Champions.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Borkowski stated that the Strategic Plan report would be presented by Mr. Simeck and Mr. Steve Cordogan.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Simeck stated that it is a busy summer with a lot of activity at the administration center, generally the busiest time of the year. Work is progressing at Sheridan and Cherokee and new roofs are being installed at all schools. The STEM lab at Deer Path East has been completed and work is continuing on the VersiCourt at the back of Deer Path and will be ready for the fall. This is a joint project between students,

Spirit of 67 Foundation, The City of Lake Forest and the Friends of Lake Forest Parks and Recreation Foundation. On-line registration is going very well with 90% of families registered. Summer curriculum work is going on every day. 50 teachers, representing all grade levels, participated in six days of Lucy Caulkins writer workshop training that will affect every student and every classroom this year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Carl Lambrecht, Highland Park, suggested that seven districts should be joined together to reduce bureaucracy.

REPORTS

Strategic Plan

Mr. Simeck discussed the updated Strategic Plan from the D67 website and stated that the milestones of the District are the foundation of all that is done, including Achievement, Instruction, Assessment, Talent, Partnership and Environment. Mr. Simeck stated that elementary districts contribute 75% of instruction leading to the ACT in 11th grade and therefore the ACT data is an important and useful measure of student learning for both districts. Mr. Steve Cordogan reviewed the district's recent achievement trends and stated that the best standardized measure of academic performance for K-8 is the NWEA/MAP test and ACT performance. Mr. Cordogan gave an overview of data for mathematics and reading by grade level comparing Lake Forest MAP scores to the national norm. Mr. Cordogan summarized the District 67 Academic performance indicators and stated that by 4th grade, Spring 2015 MAP scores more than match the national grade norms for two grades higher. During the school year Lake Forest students generally grow far more than the national norm levels, however, 5th and 8th grade growth levels should be monitored. ACT performance has reached its highest level since universal testing began and student academic performance has consistently increased over the past twelve years.

Math Report

Ms. Milsk stated that the goals for 2014-2015 math included creating an aligned course sequence based on 6th -8th grade Common Core State Standards. A huge focus was on providing all students access to the same core curriculum and materials, based on readiness and mastery of content, creating a sequence that provided acceleration without omission of content and creating opportunities to master essential grade level content. Six(6) teachers from the 5th through 8th team and six(6) administrators met from December through May, focusing on the District's course design, curriculum, instructional practices and the readiness criteria for initial placement. Many different math books and programs were reviewed to establish if they were aligned to our students. Connected Mathematics was the selected program that allows teachers to continue to grow and keeps the core practices of the Bridges program. The goals for 2015-2016 are to utilize new materials and assessments and document challenges, collaborate and continue deep, focused study of the curriculum and corresponding instructional strategies and analyze student work and assessment data for achievement and growth.

Mr. Obrycki stated that Connected Mathematics is a good program that promotes a lot of discourse and is problem centered like Bridges and he would also like to use the program at the high school.

BOARD COMMITTEES

Board Education Committee – Beth Clemmensen, Jeff Folker, Suzanne Sands
The Education Committee had not met.

Board Finance & Operations Committee – Rob Lemke, Tom Ford, Kent Novit
The Finance and Operations Committee had not met. The next meeting is scheduled for August 6.

Board Policy Committee - Jeff Folker, Suzanne Sands, Kent Novit
The Policy Committee had not met. The next meeting will take place in September.

Compensation Committee – Tom Ford, Rob Lemke, Mike Borkowski
Dr. Lemke reported that the Compensation Committee met on July 13 to discuss establishing a framework for a more systematic and consistent process for reviewing annual compensation changes for administration and staff. The discussion included stipend policy, which economic indices would be best to use in calculating compensation changes and how best to calculate allocation of dollars each year to implement the changes. The committee will contact other school districts and The City of Lake Forest to garner ideas for the implementation. A joint discussion with the District 115 School Board was also suggested in order to review shared services positions. The Compensation Committee is scheduled to meet in September with a policy in place by January 2016.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

North Suburban Special Education District - Suzanne Sands
Mrs. Sands reported that no meeting had taken place. The next meeting is scheduled for August.

Legislative Liaison – Beth Clemmensen
Mrs. Clemmensen reported that it had been a busy week for education on both the State and Federal level. Two items were voted on. S1177, Every Child Achieves Act, was passed in the Senate on July 16 with an 81-17 vote and is meant to fix some of the provisions in the No Child Left Behind Act. On the State level SB316 came up for a third reading in Senate Committee on July 15, and was voted down. The key components of the legislation included a two(2) year property tax freeze on all Illinois Governments, a Chicago teacher pension parity provision that has the state pay normal costs to the Chicago Teacher Pension Fund, a pension holiday for CPS for FY2016 and 2017, Repeal of Block Grants to CPS, a State Commission to recommend a new school funding formula beginning June 1, 2017 and a new formula for distribution of supplemental funds for special education. The biggest concern for

District 67 was the property tax freeze as the District relies almost entirely on local tax revenue for funding. The impact of the Bill would depend on CPI but could cost \$0.5-\$1.0 million per year per district. Mrs. Clemmensen will continue to provide updates at the Board meetings.

Spirit of 67 Foundation – Suzanne Sands

No meeting had taken place. The next meeting is scheduled for September.

APT – Jeff Folker

No meeting had taken place. The next meeting is scheduled for September.

ACTION ITEMS:

Adoption of Resolution to Display Tentative Budget

Mr. Albus and Ms. Hermes gave a presentation on the Tentative Budget and advised that prior to adoption the Tentative Budget must be put on display for at least 30 days, a notice is published in the newspaper, a public hearing is conducted and the budget is adopted prior to the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year, September 21. A budget can be adjusted or modified up until the time the Board votes on its final approval. The Tentative Budget may be viewed in the District Office.

MOTION: Dr. Lemke moved, seconded by Mr. Novit that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, Adopt the Resolution to Display Tentative Budget.

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

Ayes: Folker, Clemmensen, Sands, Lemke, Borkowski, Novit

Nays:

Absent: Ford

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Policy 5:125 Social Media and Electronic Communication – 2nd Reading

Mr. Folker recommended approval of Policy 5:125 as discussed in Policy Committee and at the Board meeting in June.

MOTION: Mrs. Sands moved, seconded by Mr. Folker that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the second reading of Policy 5:125 Social Media and Electronic Communication, as presented.

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

Ayes: Clemmensen, Lemke, Folker, Borkowski, Novit, Sands

Nays:

Absent: Ford

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Policy 7:30 Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer – 2nd Reading

Mr. Folker recommended approval of the second reading of Policy 7:30.

MOTION: Mr. Folker moved, seconded by Mr. Novit, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the second reading of Policy 7:30 Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer, as presented.

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

Ayes: Sands, Lemke, Clemmensen, Borkowski, Novit, Folker

Nays:

Absent: Ford

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Dental and Flex Contract

MOTION: Dr. Lemke moved, seconded by Mr. Folker, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the Dental and Flex Contract, as presented.

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

Ayes: Borkowski, Folker, Clemmensen, Novit, Sands, Lemke

Nays:

Absent: Ford

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Honeywell Instant Alert Contract in the amount of \$2,772

MOTION: Mrs. Sands moved, seconded by Mrs. Clemmensen, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the Honeywell Instant Alert Contract, in the amount of \$2,772.

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

Ayes: Clemmensen, Folker, Sands, Borkowski, Lemke, Novit

Nays:

Absent: Ford

The motion carried unanimously.

Rejection of Painting Re-Bid for Cherokee and Sheridan Schools

Mr. Albus recommended that the painting bid be rejected and re-bid for spring break or early June 2016 to allow more time for more bids to be received.

MOTION: Mr. Folker moved, seconded by Mr. Novit, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, reject the Painting Re-Bid for Cherokee and Sheridan Schools.

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

Ayes: Novit, Lemke, Folker, Borkowski, Sands, Clemmensen

Nays:

Absent: Ford

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Whipple Consulting Contract in the amount of \$104,098

MOTION: Mr. Novit moved, seconded by Mrs. Sands, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the Whipple Consulting Contract in the amount of \$104,098.

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

Ayes: Borkowski, Lemke, Clemmensen, Novit, Sands, Folker

Nays:

Absent: Ford

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Human Resources Items

MOTION: Dr. Lemke moved, seconded by Mrs. Clemmensen, 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: Borkowski, Clemmensen, Sands, Folker, Lemke, Novit

Nays:

Absent: Ford

The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls, and Financial Statements for June, 2015

Education Fund	\$994,364.97
Building and Maintenance Fund	179,831.57
Debt Service Fund	825.00
Debt Service Fund = Bond/Interest Wire Pyts	167,060.69
Transportation Fund	145,358.94
Municipal Retirement Fund	81,814.91
Capital Projects Fund	-
Procurement Card Expenses	-
Direct Deposit Payroll and Taxes	<u>1,354,079.66</u>

Total Expenditures \$2,923,335.74

Approval of Membership in the Consortium for Educational Change in the amount of \$1,500

Approval of Minutes of A Regular Meeting, June 23, 2015

Approval of Minutes of An Executive Session, June 23, 2015

Approval of Minutes of A Board Workshop, June 23, 2015

Approval of Minutes of A Board Workshop, July 13, 2015

Disposal of Audio Recordings: January 9, 2014

MOTION: Mr. Folker 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: Folker, Sands, Clemmensen, Lemke, Borkowski, Novit

Nays:

Absent: Ford

The motion carried unanimously.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

First Day of Student Attendance – Full Day

Monday, September 7, 2015

Labor Day – No School

Monday, September 21, 2015

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

LFHS West Campus, Board Room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Novit moved, seconded by Mrs. Clemmensen 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 9:17 p.m.

Kent Novit, Secretary Date