

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LAKE FOREST COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT 115
April 14, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education of Lake Forest Community High School District #115, County of Lake, State of Illinois, was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 and called to order at 7:00 pm at West Campus in the Boardroom.

On Roll Call the following Members were found to be present:

Nicki Snoblin, Secretary
John Powers, Member
Ted Moorman, Member
Reese Marcusson, Member
Dave Schreiber, Vice President
Anne Sorensen, Member
Dick Block, President

Absent: None

Administration Present:

Michael Simeck, Superintendent
Allen Albus, Deputy Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Lauren Fagel, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction,
Technology & Assessment
Lori Wilcox, Assistant Superintendent of Growth, Talent, and Human Relations
Barry Rodgers, Principal
Giovanni Benincasa, Curriculum Director

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Block announced that tonight's meeting will be his last Regular Board of Education Meeting. He has been on the Board for 9 years and said it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve with his fellow Board Members and work with Mr. Simeck and Mr. Albus and the Senior Staff. He announced that new board members will be seated and the Board will elect officers on May 4, 2015. Board Members thanked him for his dedication, loyalty and professionalism and for his service on behalf of the residents of Lake Forest, Lake Bluff and Knollwood.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Simeck asked Mr. Rodgers to update the Board on school news. Mr. Rodgers announced that the high school is hosting their first TEDx event on Thursday. The event will include students and community members and will be streamed to allow members of the community to watch on line. He is hopeful that this will become an annual event and that next year's event will be held in the auditorium and will accommodate a larger audience.

Mr. Rodgers announced that Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach Phil LaScala has been named the Illinois Basketball Association Coach of the Year. He said that Social Studies teacher, Kelly McKee and Librarian, Laura Grigg, were featured in an article about redefining education that was featured in the Tribune Arts Section.

Lena Svigos reported that Prom is coming up on May 9. Students are raising money for a school library in Ghana. Mr. Block thanked Lena and Luke Gibson for their work on student council and for reporting on student activities throughout the year at monthly Board Meetings.

Social Studies teacher, Kelly McKee and LFHS Librarian and Tech Guru, Laura Grigg updated the Board on their work with Google Cultural Institute and a new program that will assist them in digitalizing the commonplace books prepared by students in Ms. McKee's class. Students met with representatives from Google Chicago for lunch to discuss their projects. The books are year-long projects that reflect concepts, ideas and artwork and share the connection to present past and future. Mrs. Grigg reported that she is currently facilitating a KTI on the SAMR model. The SAMR Model helps teachers evaluate tech tools. Pathbright is a digital portfolio program that offers students a dynamic experience and allows them to tag elements that will be placed in their commonplace books. Google Chicago reps will be invited to student presentations. Ms. McKee and Mrs. Grigg worked closely with the tech team, Jimmy Juliano and Christine Rider in researching the technology for implementation by history students.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Dean John Maher shared the results of the recent Comprehensive School Climate Inventory. The survey measures the shared perceptions of student, parents and staff. We received responses from 87.52% of students, 65.23% of staff and 22.32% of parents. While parent numbers are low, they are higher than the last survey which garnered responses from only 6% of parents. The survey measures safety rules and norms, physical security, social-emotional security, support for learning, respect for diversity, social support – for adults and students, the physical surroundings, engagement and connectedness. There are no negatives in the survey. Everything is positive in student and parent responses except for sense of social-emotional security and social and civic learning. Both items received a median rating in the neutral range between 2.5 and 3.5 on a 5 point scale. School personnel gave Leadership a neutral range median rating. Mr. Maher will visit departments to present the survey results and get feedback and will also present to Student Council and APT.

Mr. Rodgers and curriculum director, Gio Benincasa updated the Board on Leading Edge Learning. Mr. Rodgers reported that to date 140 teachers have received laptops. The freshman class received 450 Yoga Chromebooks. This year, learning spaces have been updated through a new collaborative classroom furniture pilot program. Next year, a Maker Space is planned for Robotics, the furniture pilot program will continue and there will be wireless classroom pilots. Leading Edge Learning engages staff in continuous, timely and relevant professional development. Mr. Benincasa said that in-class computing makes it possible to have a daily experience with technology without moving to the Library or to a computer lab. The Yoga Studio usage data is a good way to capture this recent shift in practice. Teachers are able to access the studio and share experiences with colleagues opening up good conversation and enriching programs across the curriculum.

BOARD COMMITTEES

Education Committee

Mrs. Snoblin reported that the Education Committee met April 9th. The topic of conversation was the new curriculum offerings for the 2015-2016 school year. Enrollment for all but one class, Exploring Computer Science, is going well. Exploring Computer Science will be withdrawn this year and retooled and offered again for the 2016-2017 school year. Modern Global Issues, AP English Language and Composition and AP Chinese Language and Culture will all be run next year. Mr. Block thanked retiring Board Members, Mrs. Snoblin and Mrs. Sorensen for their work on the Education Committee.

Finance/Operations Committee

Mr. Powers reported that the Finance/Operations Committee has not met since the last meeting. The next meeting will be on Monday, May 11th at West Campus at 7:30 am.

LIAISON REPORTS

There were no Liaison Reports.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Textbook Purchase – Policy 2:20

Per Board Policy 2:20, all curriculum, textbooks and educational services must be approved by the Board of Education. The administration recommends approval of new textbooks as requested by the faculty and approved by the administration.

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Sorensen, seconded by Mrs. Snoblin that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education approve the Textbook Purchase as presented.

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

ROLL CALL: Aye: Moorman, Schreiber, Sorensen, Marcusson, Powers, Snoblin, Block
Nay: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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Approval of Tuition-Based Students' Attendance in Transition Program

District 113 has requested that 3 of their special education students attend our Transitions summer program and our regular program during the 2015-2016 school year. District 113 will pay tuition to D115 for these students.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Marcusson, seconded by Mr. Moorman that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education approve the tuition based students' attendance in the Transition Program as presented

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

ROLL CALL: Aye: Schreiber, Sorensen, Snoblin, Marcusson, Powers, Moorman, Block
Nay: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of IJBI Trainers Contract Renewal

Mr. Albus reported that Illinois Bone and Joint has been providing the District with athletic training services on a part-time basis for almost five years. There is money allotted in the Athletic Budget for these services and the District is extremely pleased with the quality of professional services provided by IJBI. It is recommended that this contract be renewed.

MOTION: Mr. Powers moved, seconded by Mr. Schreiber that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education approve the IJBI Trainer's Contract renewal as presented.

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

ROLL CALL: Aye: Powers, Schreiber, Snoblin, Moorman, Marcusson, Sorensen, Block
Nay: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of CSCI as Alternative to Illinois 5 Essentials Survey

Per Illinois School Code, school districts can elect to use an approved alternative to the required Illinois 5 Essentials Survey with the approval of the Teacher Union. The LFEA has approved the use of the Comprehensive School Climate Inventory 2015. Once approved by the Board of Education, Mrs. Fagel will submit CSCI results to the Illinois Board of Education.

MOTION: Mrs. Snoblin moved, seconded by Mr. Marcusson that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education approve CSCI as the alternative to the Illinois 5 Essentials survey as presented.

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

ROLL CALL: Aye: Sorensen, Schreiber, Snoblin, Moorman, Marcusson, Powers, Block
Nay: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of Whipple Consulting Contract

After discussion, the Board decided to revisit this action item at the next meeting pending further information.

MOTION: Mr. Powers moved, seconded by Mr. Moorman that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education approve tabling the Whipple Consulting Contract until the next meeting.

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

ROLL CALL: Aye: Snoblin, Schreiber, Sorensen, Moorman, Marcusson, Powers, Block
Nay: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, Technology and Assessment Contract

MOTION: Mr. Moorman moved, seconded by Mr. Marcusson that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education approve Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, Technology and Assessment Contract as presented.

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

ROLL CALL: Aye: Sorensen, Powers, Schreiber, Moorman, Snoblin, Marcusson, Block
Nay: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal of Teachers

MOTION: Mr. Schreiber moved, seconded by Mrs. Sorensen that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education adopt the resolution authorizing honorable dismissal of teachers as presented.

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

ROLL CALL: Aye: Moorman, Schreiber, Snoblin, Sorensen, Marcusson, Powers, Block
Nay: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Dismissal and Reassignment of Part-Time, Non-tenured teacher

MOTION: Mrs. Snoblin moved, seconded by Mr. Powers that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education adopt the resolution authorizing dismissal and reassignment of part-time, non-tenured teacher as presented.

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

ROLL CALL: Aye: Sorensen, Schreiber, Snoblin, Moorman, Marcusson, Powers, Block
Nay: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Dismissal and Reassignment of Part-Time, Non-tenured teacher

MOTION: Mr. Marcusson moved, seconded by Mr. Moorman that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education adopt the resolution authorizing dismissal and reassignment of part-time, non-tenured teacher as presented.

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

ROLL CALL: Aye: Sorensen, Schreiber, Snoblin, Moorman, Marcusson, Powers, Block
Nay: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Dismissal of Part-Time Educational Support Personnel

MOTION: Mrs. Sorensen moved, seconded by Mr. Marcusson that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education adopt the resolution authorizing dismissal of part-time educational support personnel as presented.

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

ROLL CALL: Aye: Sorensen, Schreiber, Snoblin, Moorman, Marcusson, Powers, Block
Nay: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of Human Resources Report

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

MOTION: Mr. Powers moved, seconded by Mr. Schreiber, that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education approve the Human Resources report as presented.

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

ROLL CALL: Aye: Moorman, Snoblin, Sorensen, Schreiber, Marcusson, Powers, Block
Nay: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Block reported that the Consent Agenda includes:

Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls & Financial Statements March 5, 2015 – April 8, 2015:

Education Fund	\$495,400.38
Building and Maintenance Fund	264,375.12
Debt Service Fund	2,000.00
Transportation Fund	60,790.86
Capital Projects Fund/General	-
Procurement Card Expenses	256,415.29
Direct Deposit Payroll and Taxes	<u>2,277,844.67</u>
Total Expenditures	\$3,358,826.32

CONSENT AGENDA*

- A. Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls & Financial Statements March 2015
- B. Minutes of A Regular Meeting, March 10, 2015
- C. Minutes of An Executive Session, March 10, 2015
- D. Minutes of A Special Meeting, Community Open House, March 12, 2015
- E. Disposal of Audio Recordings: October 8, 2013

*Any item may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of a Board Member.

MOTION: Mr. Marcusson moved, seconded by Mrs. Sorensen, that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Marcusson, Sorensen, Snoblin, Powers, Schreiber, Moorman, Block
Nay: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

FOIA REQUESTS:

Jeanne M. Miller, LLC, Commercial
Nancy Thorner, Resident
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

April 30, May 1 and 2	Spring Musical, RMA 7:00 pm
April 16	TEDx Event – 10:00 am
April 22	Wall of Fame - 9:00 am
May 4	Old Board – New Board Meeting 7:00 pm LFHS West Campus Board Room

NEXT MEETING DATE:

May 12, 2015 Board of Education Meeting
7:00 pm West Campus Board Room

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Mrs. Snoblin moved, seconded by Mr. Schreiber, that the meeting be adjourned.
On voice vote, the motion carried

Mr. Block declared the meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm

Ted Moorman Secretary

Date