

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LAKE FOREST COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT 115  
March 11, 2014**

**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, March 11, 2014 and called to order at 7:15 p.m. at West Campus in the Boardroom.

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

Dick Block, Vice President  
Nicki Snoblin, Secretary  
John Powers, Member  
Ted Moorman, Member  
Todd Burgener, President

Absent: Monty Edson, Member  
Dave Schreiber, Member

Administration Present:

Michael Simeck, Superintendent  
Jennifer Hermes, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services  
Lauren Fagel, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, Technology & Assessment  
Andy Henrikson Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources  
Barry Rodgers, Principal

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Burgener called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. He acknowledged the passing of former Board President, William Hinchman. Mr. Hinchman, a long time resident of Lake Forest and an active member of the community, served on the Board from 1985-2003. He extended the Board's condolences to the Hinchman family and thanked him for his service. Mr. Burgener congratulated the APT on the recent Talent Show. He complimented Kate Whalley on her fantastic job as co-host of the show and thanked all of the students who worked on the show.

Mr. Burgener announced that during the month of February, he was called to testify before the Illinois Education Labor Review Board pursuant to an unfair labor practices claim asserted by the LFHS Teachers Union following the 2012 strike. The briefs of the hearing are due by mid-April and the conclusion decision of the arbitration judge is expected by the end of June. Mr. Burgener will keep the Board and community informed as he learns more.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Simeck asked Mr. Rodgers to update the Board on high school news. Mr. Rodgers introduced wrestling coach, Matt Fiordiroso who reported that Regis Durban has become the first State Champion in LFHS Wrestling history. Regis finished the season undefeated and was ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the state going into the state tournament. Mr. Fiordiroso said that in semi-finals, Regis wrestled the 2nd ranked wrestler in the state, who is 16<sup>th</sup> in the country in an overtime match. In finals he wrestled an athlete who was 51 and 0, ranked number one in the state and ninth in the country and

won in a sudden death tie breaker. Regis thanked his Coaches for their support and for an incredible life changing experience. Mr. Simeck congratulated Coach Fiordiroso on taking all comers, growing the team and growing not just champions but other kids who may not be going to state meets but have really been enriched by the program.

Mr. Rodgers announced that appointments of Jim Sullivan as Assistant Principal in charge of evaluation and assessment and Tom Meagher as Assistant Principal of Student Services were before the Board for approval tonight. Jim most recently has served as Science Department Chair, Business Department Chair and Director of Evaluation. Tom has recently served as Math Department Chair and in numerous other administrative capacities.

Student Council President, Kate Whalley, updated the Board on student activities at the high school. She announced that the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Talent Show was a big success and that over 250 students were involved in the production both on and off stage. She reported that the Choir will be traveling to Switzerland and that other students will be traveling to China with the China Exchange Program over Spring Break. Several service projects are in progress including the Glass Slipper Project, a book drive and the packaging of supplies to send to soldiers stationed overseas.

Mr. Rodgers presented an update on the 1:1 Computing Initiative. He reported that one of the Board Goals is to use technology to enhance instruction to inspire the best in our students and that goal has been taken up by the Leadership Team. The initiative, Leading Edge Learning, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom, proposes to bring mobile computing and all the practices that come with it to the high school to realize the potential of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom. A team of teachers, administrators and students visited several other schools to look at different models and have identified Google Apps for Education as the system that can provide the best ecosystem or environment to deliver 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. Multiple devices may be used to deliver Google so students can work together anytime, anywhere. Google is already used by numerous universities throughout the country. While the details are not complete, a proposal is being developed that will include piloting Chrome Books throughout the high school beginning in the 2014-2015 school year for Freshmen and in coming years for all students. There will also be a teacher component in the initiative which will include professional development opportunities for teachers. More information will be available once the proposal moves past the development stage.

Mr. Simeck complimented Kate Whalley on her stellar co-hosting performance at the Talent Show.

Mr. Simeck reported that the Mission Vision Goals feedback sessions have produced a wide range of comment from a number of different groups. He thanked Monty Edson who has devoted a great deal of time to the project and has attended the feedback sessions. The Board will have the opportunity to review the original draft and incorporate the feedback at their up-coming off-site workshop.

Mr. Simeck commented that the recent Community Book Read of ‘The Smartest Kids in the World’ by Amanda Ripley was a success noting that 40 staff members participated in 4 multiple hour after-school discussions. He was asked to speak at one of the sessions and noted that the investment of time, emotion and passion was noteworthy. He also commented that it was obvious in the session that they have high regard for Lauren Fagel who led the workshop.

Mr. Simeck reported that the Board will be asked to approve the appointments of Jim Sullivan and Tom Meagher later in the meeting and remarked that after working with both men for a long period of time, he was encouraged to hear conversations around the Board table about the competence of their work, their commitment and their passion.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

## **REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

There were no other reports.

## **BOARD COMMITTEES**

### Education Committee

Mrs. Snoblin reported that the Committee met on March 7th. They saw the Leading Edge Learning presentation that Mr. Rodgers made this evening.

### Finance/Operations Committee

Mr. Block reported that the Finance and Operations Committee met on March 6<sup>th</sup> and viewed and discussed the Leading Edge Learning presentation. He said that Singular will be removing their cell antenna on the high school tower but that AT&T is interested in taking its place. Staff is negotiating a lease agreement with AT&T. Renewal of the lease on a small activity bus which is on the agenda for approval tonight has the committee's support. The committee periodically looks at long term debt and opportunities to refinance the debt to save the tax payers some money. It was done a year ago and was just recently done again. No action will be taken to refinance at this time, but the Committee will continue to monitor the opportunities to refinance. The Committee is currently in annexation discussions with a small residential development under new ownership located off of Field Drive in the Conway Park industrial area. The development is not currently within the LFHS boundary but would like to be annexed. The Committee looked at the monthly financial package that the Board and the public receive and the decision was made to keep the package as it is for the time being. The next meeting is tentatively set for April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am at East Campus.

Mr. Burgener noted that both committees and the Board have seen the Leading Edge Learning presentation and that the Board is intrigued by the initiative and supportive of the concept but needs a better understanding of background information such as cost and how it would be covered. Given the timeline proposed and the desire to have the program up and running, there is a need for the Board to get the knowledge that it needs as soon as possible in order to make a determination of its support of going forward.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

Mr. Moorman reported that NSSED is currently examining their finances and fund balances. They currently have a fund balance of 23% or \$10 million of unallocated funds and a budget of \$42 million. They would like approval from the 18 member district boards to shoot for a target of 15% plus or minus 3%. NSSED's funding comes through IDEA funds that are given up from member districts and dispersed by the State and their concern is that if the State is late in paying they will not be able to fund their operations. Mr. Moorman said he thought 10% was a reasonable number. The Board discussed the option for NSSED to cut expenses instead of asking

for more funding as D115 did when our fund balance went below target. The District's contract with NSSED puts the burden on member districts to fund the shortfall rather than have NSSED cut expenses or find alternate funding. Mr. Moorman asked the Board for direction prior to the vote at next month's meeting. Ms. Hermes commented that after discussions with other member district business officials she found that they also have questions about the NSSED request. It was suggested that Mr. Moorman ask that NSSED table the motion until more information can be obtained.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Approval of Replacement Activity Bus Lease

It was recommended that this item be tabled pending receipt of further information.

**MOTION:** Mr. Block moved, seconded by Mr. Moorman, that the Lake Forest High School District 115 Board of Education table the approval of a replacement activity bus lease pending receipt of further information.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Aye: Moorman, Block, Snoblin, Powers, Burgener  
Nay: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of Human Resources Report

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Block moved, seconded by Mrs. Snoblin that the Lake Forest 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: Snoblin, Block, Powers, Moorman, Burgener  
Nay: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Burgener reported that the Consent Agenda includes:

Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls & Financial Statement February 2014:

Financial Reports: The List of Checks Written and Direct Deposit Payroll and Taxes for the period February 6, 2014 to March 5, 2014:

Education Fund	\$ 554,833.78
Building and Maintenance Fund	266,652.64
Debt Service Fund	-
Transportation Fund	47,163.31
Capital Projects Fund/ General	3,971.25

Procurement Card Expenses	635,705.51
Direct Deposit Payroll & Taxes	<u>1,913,938.18</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,422,264.67

Minutes of a Regular Meeting, January 14, 2014  
 Minutes of a Special Board Meeting, February 11, 2014  
 Minutes of an Executive Session, February 11, 2014  
 Minutes of a School Calendar Hearing, February 11, 2014  
 Minutes of an Executive Session, February 18, 2014  
 Disposal of Audio Recordings: July 17, 2012

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

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

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

**ROLL CALL:** Aye: Powers, Snoblin, Block, Moorman, Burgener  
 Nay: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

**FOIA REQUESTS:**

Brent Johnson, non-resident  
 Don Russ, resident

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

March 24-28	Spring Break
March 31	School Reopens

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** April 8, 2014 Board of Education Meeting  
 7:00 pm – West Campus Board Room

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Mr. Burgener declared the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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 Nicki Snoblin, Secretary

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 Date

3/11/14