

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LAKE FOREST COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT 115  
June 10, 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, June 10, 2014 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. 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  
Dave Schreiber, Member  
Todd Burgener, President  
Dick Block, Vice President

Absent: None

**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 announced that the Board met previously in Executive Session and no action was taken during that session.

Mr. Burgener announced that Anne Sorensen has been chosen unanimously by the Board to be appointed to fill the seat vacated by Monty Edson. Mrs. Sorensen, a resident of Lake Bluff for 23 years, was one of five applicants interviewed during the week of May 26 by an ad hoc Committee which included Mr. Block, Mrs. Snoblin and Mr. Burgener. The committee reviewed applications of 18 community members who expressed interest in completing Mr. Edson's term which will end in April. The applicants' desire to run for the seat in the spring election was also an important consideration in choosing the appointee. Mr. Burgener said that all of the applicants were strong candidates and solid community members who would bring value to the Board. Mrs. Sorensen received the endorsement of the Lake Bluff Caucus and has been an active member of the community, serving as the President of the Board of the Alliance for Excellence Education in District 65, working with the Charmmd Committee on emotional wellness initiatives and serving a 3 year term on the Board's Education Committee. She has just completed her first year on the Board's Finance and Operations Committee. She and her husband are parents to 3 children, 2 LFHS graduates and a senior currently in the high school. Mr. Burgener said that he will be asking for a motion to approve Mrs. Sorensen's appointment to the Board.

Board members thanked all those involved in the process and urged interested community members to volunteer for current community member vacancies on Board committees.

## **ACTION ITEM**

### Approval of the Appointment of a New Board Member

**MOTION:** Mr. Block moved, seconded by Mrs. Snoblin, that the Lake Forest High School District 115 Board of Education approve the appointment of Anne Sorensen to the Board of Education.

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

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Burgener administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Sorensen.

Mrs. Sorensen joined the Board at the Board table.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Simeck asked Mr. Rodgers to update the Board on high school activities. Mr. Rodgers provided Board Members with a copy of Young Idea, the student-produced literary magazine and a copy of Matthew Koch's Independent Study on Education on a Global scale beyond 2014. He announced that Honors Night and Graduation were great successes. Information about students Honors Night and a list of universities that the Class of 2014 will be attending is available on the website. He congratulated spring sports teams and introduced and congratulated the State Champion Girl's Soccer Team and Coaches, Steve Douglass and Ty Stuckslager. Mr. Rodgers reported that teachers are still hard at work due to snow days. They will be engaged in workshops and meetings as they plan for next year.

Mr. Simeck said that Graduation was a tremendous success. He thanked Mr. Rodgers, Jim Thiel, Laura Clegg, and Carol White and her crew for all their hard work.

Mr. Simeck reported that *US News and World Report's* annual comparison lists on Colleges is out. *Newsweek* does a similar list which should be published shortly. Mr. Simeck commented that we can do better in college readiness and climb the list by increasing our AP participation. We can accomplish this by dropping barriers to entry into AP classes. The Science Department has already done this which will result in a 32% increase in AP Sciences classes for next year. Our current participation rate in AP is 47% with a 94% pass rate. Our students attend a wide range of colleges. Our emphasis is on finding the right place for right kid and seeing them thrive. Our average student is substantially above the national average. There is peer pressure to attend the most prestigious schools, but many of our students are looking for smaller colleges who often offer outstanding undergraduate research opportunities as well as stellar senior capstone programs and are nurturing and financially viable.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no Public Participation.

## **REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

Mr. Albus and Ms. Hermes presented the FY 15 Tentative Budget report. Ms. Hermes reported that per Illinois School Code, all Districts are required to put the Tentative Budget on public display for at least 30 days; publish a notice in the newspaper; conduct a public hearing and adopt a budget prior to the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year. The Administration is recommending that the Tentative FY 15 Budget be placed on public display and that September 9, 2014 or soon thereafter be established as the Public Hearing date. She said that the budget can be adjusted or modified up until the time the Board votes on its final approval.

Mr. Albus updated the Board on the Tentative 2014-2015 Budget. He noted that operating funds projected revenues are estimated at be \$46.9 Million with projected expenses at \$46.5 Million. He said that there are facility improvement items included in the budget including replacement of storage areas at East and West campus, stair and floor repairs, replacement of a vehicle, door replacements and asphalt replacement. Mr. Rodgers reported on instructional items in the budget which will include the Leading Edge Learning Initiative, academic support systems, curriculum redesign and 21<sup>st</sup> Century classroom spaces. The Budget will be on public display until September.

Liz Brandel, chair of the Lake Forest High School Foundation, updated the Board on the Foundation's activities on behalf of the students of the high school. The Foundation has raised nearly \$1.5 Million in grants since its inception with about a third of the funding go to core subjects, a third to electives and a third to fund other programs such as professional development and school-wide technology needs. Eleven grants were awarded this spring including the Loaner Library for the 1:1 Initiative, the new Business Incubator Class, Robotics Club equipment and licenses, and digital cameras for the Journalism Class and the Art Department. This year, the Learning Disabilities Association and the Foundation partnered to fund the TEACCH Learning Program that will be used in the Special Education Department.

Social Studies teacher, Stephen Dunn reported on Scholar a program developed by Drs. Mary Kalantzis and Bill Cope who feel that emerging information and communication technologies can help transform teaching and learning. Mr. Dunn has been using the program which includes 7 key principals, differentiated learning, ubiquitous learning, recursive feedback, multimodal meaning, active knowledge making, collaborative intelligence and metacognition. The software allows students and the teacher to interact and review and comment on shared information and data on the computer. Mr. Dunn thanked the Foundation for awarding the grant to purchase the Scholar program.

## **BOARD COMMITTEES**

### Education Committee

Mrs. Snoblin reported that the Committee has not met since the last meeting. The next meeting will be in September.

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Finance/Operations Committee

Mr. Block reported that the Committee has not met since the last meeting.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

Mr. Moorman reported that District 213 is leaving the co-op. There will still be a budget surplus and there will not be a dues increase. The Board structure has changed from a governing board and an executive board to just the governing board. He announced that there are coaches at NSSD who will come to schools to conduct workshops if requested.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Adoption of the Resolution to Display Tentative Budget 2014-2015

**MOTION:** Mr. Schreiber moved, seconded by Mr. Block, that the Lake Forest High School District 115 Board of Education approve the adoption of the resolution to display the Tentative Budget 2014-2015 as presented.

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

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of CLIC Liability Insurance Contract Renewal

Mr. Albus reported that since 2000, the District has belonged to an insurance coop that includes 172 other school districts who have joined together to purchase property, liability, automotive, student accident and fiduciary liability coverage in a cost effective manner.

**MOTION:** Mr. Block moved, seconded by Mr. Schreiber, that the Lake Forest High School District 115 Board of Education approve the CLIC Liability Insurance Contract Renewal as presented.

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

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of CLIC Workers Compensation Contract Renewal

Mr. Albus recommended the Board approve the renewal of the CLIC Workers Compensation Contract Renewal as presented.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Sorensen moved, seconded by Mrs. Snoblin, that the Lake Forest High School District 115 Board of Education approve the renewal of the CLIC Workers Compensation Contract renewal as presented

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

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of Policy 4:140 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

This is a legal change in Operational Services regarding the waiver of student fees. Mr. Burgener suggested waiving the first reading of the policy and asked for a motion to do so.

**MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, seconded by Mrs. Snoblin that the Board waive the first reading of Policy 4:140.

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

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of Policy 4:140 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**MOTION:** Mr. Moorman moved, seconded by Mrs. Snoblin that the Board approve Policy 4:140 as presented.

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

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of Policy 8:20 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

This is a change in the Community Use of School Facilities policy. Mr. Burgener suggested waiving the first reading of the policy and asked for a motion to do so.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Snoblin moved, seconded by Mr. Block that the Board waive the first reading of Policy 8:20.

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

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of Policy 8:20 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**MOTION:** Mrs. Snoblin moved, seconded by Mr. Powers that the Board approve Policy 8:20 as presented.

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

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of Department Chair of Mathematics Multi-year Contract

Mr. Rodgers recommended approval of a Multi-year Contract as Department Chair of Mathematics for Joseph Obrycki as presented.

**MOTION:** Mr. Moorman moved, seconded by Mr. Block, that the Board approve a multi-year contract for Joseph Obrycki.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Aye: Block, Sorensen, Snoblin, Schreiber, Moorman, 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. Powers 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: Block, Sorensen, Schreiber, Snoblin, 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 May 2014:

Financial Reports: The List of Checks Written and Direct Deposit Payroll and Taxes for the period May 8, 2014 to June 4, 2014:

Education Fund	\$ 449,444.73
Building and Maintenance Fund	251,615.74
Debt Service Fund	1,010.00
Transportation Fund	94,867.76
Capital Projects Fund/ General	-
Procurement Card Expenses	-
Direct Deposit Payroll & Taxes	<u>2,744,537.82</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,541,476.05

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Approval of Budget Transfers  
Approval of Designation of Depositories  
Adoption of Prevailing Wage Resolution  
Approval of School Treasurer Appointment  
Approval of a Pre-Engagement Letter for William Blair  
Minutes of a Regular Meeting, May 13, 2014  
Minutes of an Executive Session, May 13, 2014  
Minutes of an Executive Session, May 15, 2014  
Minutes of a Joint Board Workshop, May 22, 2014  
Disposal of Audio Recordings: November 13, 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.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

**FOIA REQUESTS:**

Eric Gerber, Resident  
Nancy Thorner, Resident  
Tom Kacich, Commercial  
Delecia Copeland, Commercial

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There were no announcements.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** July 1, 2014 Board of Education Meeting  
7:00 pm – West Campus Board Room

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Mr. Burgener declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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Nicki Snoblin, Secretary

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Date

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