

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

LAKE FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT 67

November 19, 2013

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. Andersen.

Board members present at roll call were:

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| Lesley Fisher | Rick Schuler |
| Beth Clemmensen | Mike Borkowski |
| Rob Lemke | Jeff Folker |
| Bill Andersen | |

Absent:

Administration Present:

Mr. Michael Simeck, Superintendent
Ms. Jennifer Hermes
Mrs. Lauren Fagel
Dr.. Lori Wilcox
Dr. Andy Henrikson

Staff Present: Eileen Faller, Board Clerk

Guests Who Signed In: Ms. J. Sommers, Everett, Ms. C. Kenny, resident, Ms. C. Schacher, Cherokee, Ms. L. Rukavina, Cherokee/Everett, Ms. Fritz-Brennan, DPM, Mrs. Patt, resident, Mr. Patt, resident, Ms. McGregor, DPM/Everett Liaison.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Andersen thanked Mrs. Fisher for chairing the October meeting in his absence. Mr. Andersen stated that the school Board is deeply engaged in the roles of vision, oversight and community engagement. The Board shares a commitment to students successfully reaching the highest levels academically, and being competitive on a global scale, and in terms of character, giving students the opportunity to develop into productive, ethical, mature citizens. The Board is listening to the community, working on many initiatives and ensuring the shared values of academic excellence, good citizenship and moral character are passed on to the next generation of Lake Forest residents.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Simeck introduced Martha Sostre coach of the DPM Girls Cross Country Champion team that includes, Lauren Garriques, Emma Milburn, Courtney Schmidt,

Mary Gregg, Emily Silge, Brett Chody, Lauren Zarek, Gillian Buckadt, Paige Speed and Sidney Pettit. Mrs. Sostre stated that the team exemplifies the meaning of teamwork and co-operation. The Board congratulated the team and coach on winning the first state championship in the history of Deer Path School.

Mr. Simeck asked Dr. Henrikson to give an update on the Mandarin program. Dr. Henrikson reviewed the cost of the immersion program and indicated that grant money so far totaled \$171,520. Grant money for 2013-2015 is anticipated to be \$79,000 with the expected net cost for 2014-2015 at around \$20,000 for 200 students.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Charlene Fritz-Brennan, resident, spoke on behalf of fellow resident, Laura Rukavina, regarding the importance of the primary grades of Kindergarten through 4th grade and her concern regarding the Mandarin Program at Cherokee.

Carmen Kenny, resident, spoke to the Board and stated that although a second language program is great she does not see the need for a Mandarin Program.

Laura Rukavina, resident, asked the Board to consider the number of children transferring from Cherokee to other schools in the District, the bussing and the yearly transfer situation.

Jennifer Durburg asked the Board to present a five(5), ten and fifteen year vision for the Mandarin program to the community.

Mr. Andersen thanked the members of the public for their presentation.

REPORTS

Assessment Report – Lauren Fagel and Lori Wilcox

Mr. Simeck introduced Mrs. Lauren Fagel and Dr. Lori Wilcox who presented the Assessment Report. The main points presented were the changing nature of assessments across the state and country with ISAT moving to PARCC and the focus on achievement moving to a focus on growth. With the change in ISAT cut scores the district's scores dropped, like all surrounding districts, resulting in District 67 not meeting AYP. Dr. Wilcox reported that NWEA MAP testing provides much more timely and meaningful data that teachers can use to inform instruction. The Fall 2012 and Fall 2013 MAP tests were fully aligned to Common Core State Standards. Dr. Wilcox presented an overview of District 67 MAP Assessment results. The Board thanked Mrs. Fagel and Dr. Wilcox for their presentation.

Website

Mr. Simeck asked Mrs. Whipple to give an overview of the new Website to the Board and thanked her for her hard work. Mrs. Whipple stated that it was a team effort including Cornelius DuBose and Janice Patterson and reported that the project came in on time and on budget.

Mission/Vision/Goals – Beth Clemmensen

Mr. Simeck asked Mrs. Clemmensen to report on the Mission/Vision/Goals initiative. Mrs. Clemmensen stated that the Committee reviewed proposals from several different vendors with detailed follow-up meetings. The next step will be to provide details of the vendor, process and costs to both District 67 and District 115 boards with formal approval at the December Board meetings.

A matrix was developed to assist in evaluating vendors looking at criteria such as: being an expert facilitator and good listener, the ability to build consensus with multiple, diverse stakeholders, an educational, business and school environment understanding, someone who could help bring the vision to life in a meaningful and creative way and within a reasonable cost/value relationship. Both boards are eager to begin the process.

Rockville – Lesley Fisher

Mrs. Fisher reported that a group including administrators, teachers and Board members visited Rockville school in New York. Rockville is a K-12 “lighthouse” district that other schools look to for guidance. The group had an opportunity to observe the elementary, middle and high school. The district is more heterogeneous, both socially and economically, has larger classrooms and four(4) to five(5) teachers in each classroom. Special Education students are integrated into the classrooms that include all levels of learners, with staff support. Teachers are available any time, including early morning and throughout the day, to give extra support to students needing help. The Lake Forest group was one of three groups visiting Rockville that day. Mrs. Fisher reported that she had a renewed appreciation of the staff and resources in the Lake Forest community and that it was a worthwhile trip.

Mr. Simeck added that there are uniformly high expectations for every student and that all students are challenged. Three words describe the program, support, support, support.

China Trip– Rick Schuler

Mr. Schuler reported that a group of teachers, principals, administrators and Board members spent six(6) days in Beijing and Tianjin visiting elementary and high schools. The group was very impressed with the teachers and students. One of the interesting facts is the number of students per class anywhere between 35 and 50 with many more teachers. Teachers teach fewer classes, spend more time preparing and have more time for their students. Students are very dedicated and under pressure as college entry is based on the results of their tests. Chinese educators view themselves as teaching to tests with the result that students are not creative learners.

LASIC – Beth Clemmensen

The 4th LASIC meeting was held last week with an opportunity to brainstorm various prototypes/models for language acquisition. The strengths and weaknesses of the current program were discussed. Five(5) teams brainstormed models with a goal for the teams to meet in December and identify two(2) or three(3) prototypes to be brought to Mr. Simeck for full evaluation.

Mrs. Clemmensen thanked the parents and teachers for their dedication and passion for having a strong world language program. Mrs. Fisher stated that the genuine goal of the LASIC committee is to bring a recommendation to the Superintendent that will be the best for the entire district and students.

Food Service Committee – Anne Whipple

Mrs. Whipple reported that the committee met in October and will be meeting again after the Thanksgiving break. The committee consists of eighteen people from all schools and they brainstormed what would be an ideal food service model. Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital offered the services of one of their dietitians who will join the Committee in December

BOARD COMMITTEES

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

Mrs. Fisher reported that the Education Committee met earlier that day and discussed the charge of the committee, LASIC, the Rockville trip and hope to discuss a possible collaboration with Northwestern school on the STEM program.

Board Finance & Operations Committee – Rick Schuler, Rob Lemke, Mike Borkowski

Mr. Schuler reported that the topics discussed were SSA's and the tax levy. The committee felt the SSA's had been properly established for the past ten years. Mr. Andersen and Mr. Schuler will be meeting with the City to discuss further.

The tax levy was also discussed. A decision was made to vote in favor of the tentative tax levy but more information would be available at the next Finance and Operations meeting on December 10. There are four(4) months remaining to gauge the need for the tax increase.

Board Policy Committee - Mike Borkowski, Jeff Folker

No report was presented.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

North Suburban Special Education District - Mike Borkowski

Mr. Borkowski advised that the Boards had discussed NSSSED with Dr. Tim Thomas at a recent meeting.

Illinois Association of School Boards/ED-RED – Bill Andersen

No report was presented.

Curriculum Coordinating Committee – Lesley Fisher

Mrs. Fisher reported that the Committee met on November 7. A discussion took place on Common Core English Language Arts. Mrs. Brueggeman, Mrs. Fagel and Dr. Wilcox are working to adopt new, aligned materials. Staff development will continue in the summer. The Bridges math program was discussed with teachers sharing that students are discovering, investigating and adopting a mathematical vocabulary and tone. Problem solving techniques are encouraged. The Agile Mind math program was also discussed with the goal of Algebra for All for upcoming Lake Forest Community High School students, they are analyzing how 5th graders move from Bridges to Agile Mind. Lake Bluff combines both programs for 5th graders and there will be articulation with Lake Bluff. Mrs. Smith, middle school math coach, is working with teachers on emphasizing The 8 Standards for Mathematical Practice.

Spirit of 67 Foundation – Lesley Fisher

Mrs. Fisher reported that the Spirit of 67 met on November 12. \$107,000 has been raised thus far with 47% district wide participation. The guest speaker was Mr. Michael Simeck.

APT – Lesley Fisher

The APT met on November 13 and the guest speakers were Ms. DeVore, Principal DPMW and Mr. Kroll, Assistant Principal DPME. A discussion took place, in response to concerns from parents, that there is too much homework. Further discussion will take place regarding excessive testing/assignments due on the same day. Some suggestions for parents were, time management, long term planning, binder organization, helpful hints packet, after school homework club, math resource center and students advocating for themselves. Deer Path administration is investigating implementing a program on reorganization/study habits similar to that offered to freshmen at Lake Forest Community High School.

Mrs. Whipple and Mr. DuBose presented an overview of the website.

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of Tentative Levy

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

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Human Resources Items

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

MOTION: Mr. Borkowski moved, seconded by Mrs. Fisher, 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: Clemmensen, Lemke, Andersen, Folker, Borkowski, Schuler, Fisher.
Nays: None
Absent: None

The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Maintenance Grant in the amount of \$50,000
Acknowledgement of Mrs. Bogan Gift
Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls, and Financial Statements for October 2013
Approval of Minutes of A Regular Meeting – October 22, 2013
Approval of Minutes of An Executive Session – October 22, 2013
Approval of Minutes of A Special Meeting – November 14, 2013
Disposal of audio recordings – February 1 and 28, 2013

MOTION: Mr. Folker moved, seconded by Mr. Borkowski, 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: None

The motion carried unanimously.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

National Bureau of Economic Research Inc., Commercial
Nancy Thorner, Non-Resident
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Howard Handler, North Shore Barrington Association of Realtors, Commercial

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held prior to tonight's meeting. No action was taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| Monday, November 25, 2013 | Conferences 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, November 26, 2013 | No Student Attendance - Conferences 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday, November 27, 2013 | No Student Attendance |
| November 28 and 29 | Thanksgiving Break |

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
LFHS West Campus, Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Borkowski moved, seconded by Mr. Schuler, 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 9:50 p.m.

Mike Borkowski, Secretary Date