

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

**April 9, 2013**

**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 9, 2013 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:

Jim Carey, Vice President  
Dick Block, Secretary  
Todd Burgener, Member  
John Scribner, Member  
Nicki Snoblin, Member  
Sharon Golan, President

Absent: Monty Edson, Member

Administration Present:

Michael Simeck, Superintendent  
Allen Albus, Deputy Superintendent for Finance and Operations  
Jennifer Hermes, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services  
Dr. Julie Cooley, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services  
Jay Hoffmann, Principal  
Jennifer Knight, Director of Personnel and Instruction

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Golan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She announced that this is the last meeting of the current Board as Mr. Carey, Mr. Scribner and Mrs. Golan will be retiring from the Board. She thanked the Superintendent, the Administrative team, support staff and the Board for their work. She noted that the Board and the Administrative team have achieved many things over the past years, most notably, the passage of a \$54 Million bond referendum, the revitalization of West Campus, major renovations to the high school, the implementation of shared services, resulting in a reduction of costs, the implementation of the back to black strategy, the retention of the S&P AAA rating, achieving a balanced budget and the hiring of the new Superintendent.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Simeck asked Mr. Hoffmann to update the Board on school activities. Mr. Hoffmann announced that graduates David Crane (77), Thomas Mohr (82) and Rob Pelinka (88) were inducted into the Alumni Wall of Fame. Michelene Tomek introduced members of the State Champion Girls' Ice Hockey team, Madison Pfalzer, Anna Bleck, Katherine Hayes, Caroline Knop, Chandler Scoco, Frannie Sensenbrenner and head coach, Elizabeth Zorn. This is the second Girls' Ice Hockey State Championship in the past 3 years.

Mr. Simeck reported on the recent Alumni Wall of Fame Induction, noting that the event was a unique opportunity to celebrate some of the older kids in our community. He thanked Anne Whipple and Joy Murawski for organizing an inspiring, amazing event for our kids and the

community. He noted that the inductees shared their stories, as well as their passion about the career paths they've chosen.

Mr. Simeck said that after a routine review of our Bond Rating by Standard and Poors, our AAA Bond Rating has been retained. Mr. Albus commented that only 24 schools in Illinois and 76 schools across the country have a AAA Bond Rating. Mr. Simeck commented that this is a tribute to the sound stewardship of the Board President and the Board.

Mr. Carey noted that the District had been running deficits due to the prior comments, notably the labor contract with the teacher's union. A back to black program was developed that included, restructuring, renegotiation of contracts, including the teacher contract and cutting expenses in all areas except in the classroom. We are now back to a balanced budget and are looking forward to balanced budgets going forward.

Mr. Block suggested that the laundry list of actions employed to balance the budget be displayed on the website.

Anne Whipple updated the Board on the highlights of some of the recent communication activities, including a new community newsletter, a community survey, community meetings and a redesign of the District's webpage.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Nancy Thorner, 331 E. Blodgett Avenue, Lake Bluff, read comments regarding Common Core and distributed an article "Why There's a Backlash Against Common Core".

Mr. Carl Lambrecht of Highland Park suggested that the public be allowed to share their views at the beginning and end of the meeting. He also commented on the student fees and asked if there would be a report on the closed session.

#### **REPORTS**

There were no reports.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEES**

##### Education Committee

Mrs. Snoblin reported that the committee met on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and received a recap of the Tri-institute Day and the recent ASCD Conference attended by 7 of our teachers. They received an update on the Community Wellness Task Force and their progress in evaluating resources available in the community and further developing those resources in relation to the emotional wellness of all the young people in the community. Depression Awareness Week begins May 6<sup>th</sup>. They received a preview of the Common Core Standards presentation. Goals and the Vision Statement were also discussed. Mrs. Snoblin thanked community committee members, Beth Coughlin and Ann Sorenson for their insight, analytical skills and hard work. There is no meeting scheduled.

Board Finance and Operations Committee

Mr. Carey reported that the committee has not met since their last meeting. He thanked community committee members, Kevin Burns, Susan Roen, Fred Fellows, Steve Reimer and Will Thoms for their work on the committee.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Approval of “Resolution authorizing the issue of not to exceed \$4,100,000 debt certificates to improve the high school track, bleachers and storage facilities, alter, repair and equip other school facilities and undertake certain energy efficient projects.”

Mr. Albus reported that the not to exceed number has now been reduced to \$4,000,000. He gave an overview of the D115 Capital Projects including the track replacement for \$1,732,951, the Siemen’s performance contract for \$1,751,165 which includes rebuilding dectron units which are the air systems in the pool and replacement of aging and malfunctioning chillers that cool the entire building. Also included is the replacement of obsolete boiler burners, installing upgraded energy efficient lighting in the pool. Approval of the third component, storage at both campuses including a new West Campus garage, auditorium rigging, and other items for \$505, 884 is not on tonight’s the agenda but will be brought forward next summer.

Elizabeth Hennessy, of William Blair, reported that the time is favorable to move forward with getting the bond rating in place with construction starting in June.

**MOTION:** Mr. Carey moved and Mr. Scribner seconded that the Lake Forest High School District 115 Board of Education approve the Resolution authorizing the issue of not to exceed \$4,000,000 debt certificates to improve the high school track, bleachers and storage facilities, alter, repair and equip other school facilities and undertake certain energy efficient projects” as presented.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Aye: Block, Burgener, Carey, Snoblin, Scribner, Golan  
Nay: None

Motion Carried

Approval of Siemens Performance Contract

**MOTION:** Mr. Burgener moved and Mrs. Snoblin seconded that the Lake Forest High School District 115 Board of Education approve the Siemen’s Performance Contract as presented.

**ROLL CALL:** Aye: Carey, Burgener, Block, Snoblin, Scribner, Golan  
Nay: None

Motion Carried

Approval of Track Bids

These bids include earthwork, site concrete and asphalt pavement for \$926, 555.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Snoblin moved and Mr. Carey seconded that the Lake Forest High School District 115 Board of Education approve the Track Surface Bids as presented.

**ROLL CALL**                      Aye:    Snoblin, Carey, Burgener, Block, Scribner, Golan  
  Nay:    None

Motion Carried

Approval of Track Surface Purchase

Beynon BSS 1000 Track Surface for \$380,603.19.

**MOTION:** Mr. Scribner moved and Mr. Carey seconded that the Lake Forest High School District 115 Board of Education approve the Track Surface Bids presented.

**ROLL CALL:**                      Aye:    Block, Burgener, Carey, Snoblin, Scribner, Golan  
  Nay:    None

Motion Carried

Approval of Student Fees

The only fees that have been increased are fees of a non-required nature.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Snoblin moved and Mr. Carey seconded that the Lake Forest High School District 115 Board of Education approve the Student Fees for 2013-2014 as presented.

**ROLL CALL:**                      Aye:    Scribner, Block, Burgener, Carey, Snoblin, Golan  
  Nay:    None

Motion Carried

Approval of Website Design Proposal

**MOTION:** Mrs. Snoblin moved and Mr. Carey seconded that the Lake Forest High School District 115 Board of Education approve the Website Design Proposal as presented.

**ROLL CALL:**                      Aye:    Snoblin, Burgener, Carey, Snoblin, Scribner, Golan  
  Nay:    None

Motion Carried

Adoption of 2013-2014 Goals

**MOTION:** Mr. Carey moved and Mr. Burgener seconded that the Lake Forest High School District 115 Board of Education approve adoption of the 2013-2014 Goals as presented.

On voice vote, the motion carried

Approval of Human Resources Report

Mrs. Knight gave an overview of Human Resources activities.

**MOTION:** Mr. Carey moved and Mr. Burgener seconded that the Lake Forest High School District 115 Board of Education approve the Human Resources Report as presented.

**ROLL CALL:** Aye: Snoblin, Burgener, Carey, Snoblin, Scribner, Golan  
Nay: None

Motion Carried

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mrs. Golan reported that the Consent Agenda includes:

Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls and Financial Statement

Approval of Financial Reports:

Financial Reports: The List of Checks Written and Direct Deposit Payroll

From March 7, 2013 to April 3, 2013:

Education Fund	\$ 544,957.37
Building and Maintenance Fund	191,357.48
Debt Service Fund	2,000.00
Transportation Fund	59,525.92
Capital Projects Fund/ General	--
Procurement Card Expenses	--
Direct Deposit Payroll & Taxes	<u>2,255,350.66</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,069,631.19

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Disposal of audio recordings: None

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Burgener moved and Mr. Block seconded 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: Scribner, Block, Snoblin, Burgener, Carey, Golan  
Nay: None

Motion Carried

**FOIA REQUESTS:**

TaShaunda Shumpert RJB Properties. Tashaunda@rjb-properties.com

Nancy Thorner, 331 E. Blodgett Avenue, Lake Bluff, Il 60044

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. for a discussion on matters related to the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1) No action was taken.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

April 16	Student Service Recognition Night
April 17	LFHS Foundation Luncheon
April 23 & 24	PSAE Testing – Juniors Only
May 2-4	Seussical Performances
April 17	Board Meeting 6:30

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

May 14, 2013	Board of Education Meeting 7:00 pm – West Campus Board Room
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**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Carey moved and Mr. Burgener seconded that the meeting be adjourned.  
On voice vote, the motion carried

Mrs. Golan declared the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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Nicki Snoblin, Secretary

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Date