

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LAKE FOREST COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT 115
February 10, 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, February 10, 2015 and called to order at 8:00 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
Jennifer Hermes, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
Lauren Fagel, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction,
Technology & Assessment
Lori Wilcox, Assistant Superintendent of Growth, Talent, and Human Relations
Barry Rodgers, Principal

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Block announced that in recognition of the late hour he would forego the President's report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Simeck asked Mr. Rodgers to update the Board on school news. Mr. Rodgers reported that E Day was a great success with a variety of activities for students and staff including cooking lessons, hints on how to decorate your college dorm room, a performance by a local theatrical troupe and guitar lessons. Rehearsals are underway for the school musical, *Sweeney Todd*. Student Council President, Luke Gibson reported that the over 900 tickets were sold for the Turnabout Dance. A donation will be made to Greenwood Elementary School. Student Council and Women's Club are working together to purchase a gift card for a local family who lost their home in a fire. Lena Svigos reported that Student Council is holding a coat drive for a public school in Chicago.

Mr. Rodgers reported that work is underway on the 2015-2016 technology roll out and that efforts are being ramped up for technology training for teachers. Science teachers will attend the National Science Teachers Association Conference in Chicago. Tri-District Day is coming up and will feature discussions on formative assessment and other types of assessment.

Mr. Simeck briefed the Board on the recent National School Boards Conference. Major topics included ESEA Reauthorization, currently known as No Child Left Behind Act, Unfunded or Underfunded Mandates, such as IDEA, a special education program, and Local Control an issue of Federal overreach. He had the opportunity to meet with Senators Durbin and Kirk and their staffs as well with members of congress. Mr. Simeck discussed key takeaways from the conference. He noted that ESEA is moving forward quickly and no presidential veto is expected if the bill is passed. Senator Harkin has introduced bills that would fully fund IDEA within 10 years. In the past 8 years, underfunded or unfunded mandates, such as IDEA have cost District 115 \$10.6 million and District 67 \$16.3 million. This means local homeowners have funded \$26.9 million or an average of \$2250 per household on Special Education alone. As an example of overreach, Mr. Simeck showed a report that is compiled for the Office of Civil Rights within the Office of the Department of Education every other year. Twenty-eight people worked to complete this labor intense report which is only one of many reports that are required of school districts. Board Members can get engaged by attending the Alliance Leadership Summit on February 17 and 18 in Springfield, where they will have the opportunity to meet with local legislators and hear a presentation from the Governor. There is also a Lake Division Dinner in Barrington on March 11th.

Anne Whipple updated the Board on the School Climate Survey that launched on January 20th and closed on February 6th. The survey went to staff, students and parents in the District. Student response rate was 88.5%, staff rate was 65.2% and 22.3% of parents responded which is up from 6% in previous surveys. A comprehensive report will be received in two(2) or three(3) weeks which will identify areas of strengths as well as areas for improvement. Report results will be shared with the Board and with those groups who responded.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Dr. Tom Meagher and Counselor Brad Naughton presented the Post-High School Report for the Class of 2014 and Student Services Department Update. Dr. Meagher reported that Indiana University in Bloomington, University of Iowa, Auburn, U of I –Champaign Urbana and University of Missouri – Columbia are the top 5 public institutions chosen by the 413 members of the Class of 2014. The top 5 private institutions chosen are the University of Denver, University of Dayton, Marquette University, DePaul University and DePauw University. Members of the Class of 2014 have chosen 160 schools in 39 states for a wide variety of reasons. The acceptance rate of public institutions include University of Colorado- Boulder at 61%, U of I – Champaign at 70%, Indiana University – Bloomington at 85%, University of Michigan at 23%, University of Missouri – Columbia 70%, Miami University – Oxford at 62% and University of Wisconsin at 37%. Private school acceptance rates include Boston College at 32%, University of Dayton at 65%, University of Denver at 68%, Marquette University at 62%, Northwestern at 21%, Notre

Dame at 21%, Texas Christian University at 52% and Vanderbilt at 17%. The top attended 4 year public school is U of I in Champaign. The top attended 4 year private school is Marquette University. Twenty-seven graduates are attending the College of Lake County.

Dr. Meagher updated the Board on the work of the Student Services Department. He reported that each counselor is on a core team that meets regularly to help students who are having difficulty at the school. They work with students and communicate with parents on a regular basis to help their students succeed. We have a growing limited English proficiency population and we are currently testing 8 students to determine what services they will need to be successful. The student data collection process has been improved. The Alumni Tracker, connected to the Naviance Program, will provide more information on where the graduates went to school and how long it took to them to graduate. This new information which will be incorporated into this annual report in the future.

Mr. Naughton talked about Student Services initiatives. Counselors wanted to focus on the physical act of filling out the application online. They held a summer program for seniors on writing the college essay. They reevaluated the College Resource Center and redesigned the room to make it more inviting for students to stop in. The room is now manned by a counselor during lunch periods to provide assistance to students and help relieve some of the pressure of filling out applications. Assistance in filling out forms for free financial aid is offered to parents and 4 sessions to help navigate the FAFSA process were held at the high school. Seniors receive an email with links to information about all the scholarships provided.

BOARD COMMITTEES

Education Committee

Mrs. Snoblin reported that the Education Committee met on February 4 at 7:30 a.m. They discussed what impact moving final exams would have on the school calendar. It was noted that moving finals to December before the winter break could relieve some of the stress associated with finals. It would also mean that we would have to start school earlier in August which could impact family time and vacations traditionally planned in August. No significant changes are planned for the near future but this initial discussion opened the door for continuing discussions by staff and the administration on finals. The Committee received a presentation on new expanded summer school offerings and the eight(8) new classes in the fall catalogue. The summer school catalogue was released earlier this year to allow students the opportunity to plan ahead for summer activities. Some of the fall classes replace or combine existing classes. The next meeting is on April 8 at 7:30 a.m. at the high school. Mr. Powers suggested investigating start dates of schools in the area to see what other Districts are doing.

Finance/Operations Committee

Mr. Powers reported that the Finance/Operations Committee has not met since the last Board Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for March.

Policy Committee

Mr. Moorman reported that the Committee met to discuss legislative issues that required updates to our policies. They also discussed alcohol testing and will be seeking further legal feedback prior to implementing a policy. Mr. Simeck said that Dr. Wilcox has spoken to legal counsel and will be reporting her findings to the Board during the coming week.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Moorman reported that a tri-district meeting was held with Districts 65 and 67. He noted that as we bring programs and students back to the high school, we are using fewer NSSSED services and that tuition costs are an ongoing issue. Efforts continue to have NSSSED restructure the way they bill the consortium. The search for a new NSSSED Superintendent is underway.

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$9,900,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2015, of the District, for the purpose of refunding bonds of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to William Blair & Company, L.L.C.

Mr. Albus reported that the District issued voter approved bonds in the amount of \$53.9 million to fund facility improvements at East and West Campuses. The bond repayment schedule is 20 years, but they are callable, which means they can be refinanced after 10 years. The Finance and Operations Committee invites Elizabeth Hennessy from Wm. Blair to update the group on the finance market on a regular basis. At the last Finance and Operation Committee, it was the consensus of the group to recommend moving forward with a partial refinancing of \$9.9 million at this time with the balance targeted for refinancing if the market remains favorable in 2016. This strategy could save approximately \$5 million. Mrs. Hennessy provided an overview of the strategy and rate assumptions.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mrs. Sorensen that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education approve the Adoption of Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$9,900,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2015, of the District, for the purpose of refunding bonds of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to William Blair & Company, L.L.C.

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

Adoption of the Resolution authorizing and directing the execution of an Escrow Agreement in connection the issue of not to exceed \$9,900,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2015, of the District.

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MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Snoblin, seconded by Mrs. Sorensen that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education adopt the resolution authorizing and directing the execution of an Escrow Agreement in connection the issue of not to exceed \$9,900,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2015, of the District.

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

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of CrisisGo App

Mrs. Fagel recommended that the Board approve entering into a contractual agreement with CrisisGo, an outside consulting firm located in Marion, Illinois. CrisisGo provides an app that can be downloaded on personal Apple and Android devices to provide a rapid response communication system in the event of an emergency. Students and District employees could opt to have this app on their phone. This service would not replace the current crisis management procedures and protocols but would serve as an added layer of protection.

MOTION: Mr. Schreiber moved, seconded by Mr. Moorman that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education approve the CrisisGo App 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 Waiving the First Reading of PRESS Issue 87 Policy Updates

These policies have been updated in response to changes in legislation.

MOTION: Mrs. Sorensen moved, seconded by Mr. Powers that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education waive the first reading of PRESS Issue 87 Policy updates.

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 Second Reading of PRESS Issue 87 Policy Updates

These policies have been updated in response to changes in legislation.

MOTION: Mr. Marcusson moved, seconded by Mr. Moorman that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education approve the Second reading of PRESS Issue 87 Policy updates.

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 Waiving the First Reading of PRESS Five Year Updates

MOTION: Mrs. Sorensen moved, seconded by Mrs. Snoblin that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education waive the first reading of PRESS Five Year Updates.

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

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of Second Reading of PRESS Five Year Updates

MOTION: Mrs. Sorensen moved, seconded by Mr. Schreiber that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education approve the Second reading of PRESS Issue 87 Policy updates.

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. Marcusson moved, seconded by Mrs. Sorensen, 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: Powers, Moorman, Sorensen, Snoblin, Marcusson, Powers, Block
Nay: None

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Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Block reported that the Consent Agenda includes:

Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls & Financial Statements January 8,2015 – February 4, 2015.	
Education Fund	\$383,910.45
Building and Maintenance Fund	136,163.39
Debt Service Fund	-
Transportation Fund	56,014.29
Capital Projects Fund/General	25,974.33
Procurement Card Expenses	173,592.46
Direct Deposit Payroll and Taxes	<u>1,849,827.24</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,626,472.16

CONSENT AGENDA*

- A. Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls & Financial Statements, January 2015
- B. Minutes of a Regular Meeting, January 13, 2015
- C. Minutes of an Executive Session, January 13, 2015
- D. Minutes of a Tri-District Board Workshop, January 22, 2015
- E. Disposal of Audio Recordings: July 16, 2013

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

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

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

FOIA REQUESTS:

Chicago Tribune, Commercial

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Friday, February 13, 2015 Institute Day – No Student Attendance
- Monday, February 16, 2015 President’s Day – No School
- Wednesday, February 18, 2015 Late Start Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 4, 2015 Late Start Day – 9:30 a.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 10, 2015 Board of Education Meeting
 7:00 p.m. West Campus Board Room

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mrs. Snoblin moved seconded by Mr. Moorman at 10:10 p.m. to move to Executive Session to discuss matters related to the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

5 ILCS 120/2(2)

Votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Snoblin, Moorman, Schreiber, Marcusson, Sorensen, Powers, Block

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Mr. Block declared the meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Nicki Snoblin, Secretary

Date