

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LAKE FOREST COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT 115
March 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, March 10, 2015 and called to order at 7:00 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/CSBO
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 the Board will be conducting its annual self-evaluation and evaluation of the Superintendent's performance. He invited the public to comment and share their input by emailing the Board. He asked that respondents address broad issues, rather than personal experiences. All Board member emails listed are on the Board page on the website.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Simeck asked Mr. Rodgers to update the Board on school news. Mr. Rodgers complimented all those who were involved in the recent Talent Show. He noted that there is no shortage of talent in Lake Forest, Lake Bluff and Knollwood as evidenced by the incredible performances and production values in the show. The PARCC exams will begin tomorrow. The exams are based upon new rigorous common core standards. Staff has been working for the past few months to prepare for this first time administration of the exams. Spring sports are underway and Boys Basketball is winding down and heading to sectionals. LFHS will hold a TED X event at the high school on April 16th. Students, adults and community members will be involved in the event which will be streamed to allow members of the community to watch on line. The rules are very prescriptive with approximately 150 pages of rules and regulations, so only 100 people will be allowed in the audience this year. The hope is that this will become an annual event and that next year's event will be held in the auditorium and will accommodate a larger audience.

Lena Svigos reported that Senior Student Council held a luncheon for the support staff to thank them for their help throughout the year. Student Council President, Luke Gibson said that the Freshman Cabinet is putting together a public service announcement that will remind students to check their student email. School email is the easiest way for teachers, coaches and counselors to keep in touch with students and for students to be informed about important events.

Mr. Rodgers updated the Board on curriculum offerings for the 2015-2016 school year. *Exploring Computer Science*, is a gateway course for students who would like to study technology and computers down the line. *AP Chinese Language and Culture* is a natural outgrowth of our World Language AP program. This class is for students who are capable of taking AP Chinese language and is comparable to a second semester class at the university level. *Guitar Making*, a one semester course, is interdisciplinary in nature. It offers students the opportunity to build an electric guitar from scratch, learn the theory behind building the guitar and the science behind it as well as about the electronics and some music theory. *Modern Global Issues* offers students insight into global issues and the historical context leading to global issues that affect Africa, Europe Asia. Students will also examine the United States' continuing role as a leader in the world. *AP Environmental Science and AP US Government and Policy*, is a 2(two) hour block, interdisciplinary. problem-solving course where students will go into their community to do environmental studies, take their studies to City Hall and learn to advocate. Lake Forest High School is one of only 10 high schools in the state that was approved to offer *AP Seminar*. The course is part of the AP capstone sequence and is centered around learning the tools that will be used at the university level. Students in the AP Capstone sequence will receive a special diploma. The course offers opportunity for high level thinking, critical thinking and time for students to follow their own passions within a particular discipline. This year, the program will be framed around global issues. It will be followed by a course called *AP Research* where students will learn college level research skills. The 2014-2015 school year was the first year for the Lake Forest Robotics Team. Team members are having a great experience competing with other high schools. Next year, *Robotics* will be a stand-alone class in addition to being a competitive team. While widely taught at other competitive peer high schools, *AP English Language and Composition* has never been offered at LFHS. The course focuses on the skills required at the university level for writing and critical thinking. Over 100 students have already signed up for this course. *Academic Teacher's Assistant* is a course where students learn mentoring and teaching skills and work side by side with teachers in the classroom. *Lifeguard Training* teaches important life skills like CPR, first aid and responsibility.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Technology, Lauren Fagel reported that new textbooks are on display for review by the Board for the next five weeks. Nine new textbooks will be on the April Agenda for approval.

Mr. Simeck said that Talent Show is arguably the best event of the year and a great showcase for our students' varied talents. The high school Open House is scheduled for Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Library and all community members are invited to attend. The current state of the school from financial, curricular and instructional perspectives will be reviewed and time will be allotted for a question and answer period and a tour of some of the new areas of the school. The school was on display for 8th grade students and their parents in February. Mr. Simeck encouraged community members to read *Mindset* by Dr. Carol Dweck. The Lake Forest Book Store is offering a 15% discount on the book. The book is applicable to business as well as education and parenting.

Community and staff book conversations will be held. Mr. Simeck thanked LEAD for taking the lead in bringing Dr. Dweck to the District in August.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION

There were no reports or discussions.

BOARD COMMITTEES

Education Committee

Mrs. Snoblin reported that the Education Committee has not met since the last Board Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for the first Wednesday in April.

Finance/Operations Committee

Mr. Powers reported that the Finance/Operations Committee met on March 4th. He noted that the date of the May meeting will be changed due to schedule conflicts and that the date will be communicated once the meeting is set. Mr. Moorman reported that SEDOL will be terminating their West Campus lease a year early. The District will reimburse a portion of the capital improvements made by SEDOL to them over a period of 20 years. SEDOL has found a new tenant, Connections Academy East to lease their space. The Committee also discussed the possibility of designing a new sign for West Campus that would identify the tenants in the building. Student fees for the 2015-2016 school year were also discussed.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Moorman reported that NSSSED met last night and that committee members have been chosen to begin the search for a new Superintendent to replace retiring NSSSED Superintendent Tim Thomas. Mr. Moorman noted that he has taken over as the governing board member on the NSSSED Foundation and will keep the Board updated.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Student Fees

Mr. Albus stated that a lot of changes were made to the existing fee structure last year. The textbook purchase program was changed to a standard rental fee which resulted in an average 24.74% savings for parents. Yearbooks went from a required fee to an optional fee which reduced the Registration Fee by 18.70%. Staff recommends that the fee structure implemented last year be maintained holding some fees flat and making adjustments to others.

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Sorensen, seconded by Mr. Moorman that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education approve the Student Fees as presented.

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

Approval of Citadel Lease Renewal

Mr. Albus reported that the Citadel Theater entered a 5-year lease at West Campus in July of 2010 at a rental fee of \$10,000 per year with annual increases of 2.5%. Citadel has requested a lease renewal for an additional 5 years and a continuation of 2.5% annual increases. Either party may terminate the lease with one year's notice.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Marcusson, seconded by Mr. Powers that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education approve the Citadel lease renewal as presented

Mrs. Snoblin reported that she has a professional relationship with Citadel and abstained from voting.

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

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

Motion Carried

Approval of SEDOL Termination Agreement

Four years ago, SEDOL entered into a 20 year lease with the District for the second floor academic wing of West Campus. Recently, some of SEDOL's member districts have decided to withdraw which will have a significant impact on SEDOL's revenue. SEDOL has asked to terminate their lease early. The Administration recommends that the Board approve the SEDOL Termination Agreement and the lease with Connections Academy for the SEDOL space. SEDOL will vacate the building this summer, one year early. In exchange, the District, as long as a lease with Connections Academy East is executed, will reimburse approximately \$1.4 over the next 15 years to SEDOL for capital improvements they made to their space. The Connections Academy lease will be one year longer than the original SEDOL lease.

MOTION: Mr. Moorman moved, seconded by Mrs. Snoblin that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education approve the SEDOL termination agreement 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 the New Connections Lease

Betty Lundquist, founder of New Connections briefed the Board on the services provided to ED BD students in the New Connections program.

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MOTION: Mr. Powers moved, seconded by Mrs. Sorensen that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education approve the New Connections Lease as presented.

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 Release of Executive Session Minutes – July 2014 – January 2015

Mr. Block reported that he has reviewed the Executive Session Minutes from July 2014 through January 2015 and recommends approval of their release.

MOTION: Mr. Powers moved, seconded by Mrs. Sorensen that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education approve the release of Executive Session Minutes from July 2014 through January 2015 as presented.

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 Mr. Moorman, 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

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Block reported that the Consent Agenda includes:

Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls & Financial Statements February 5, 2015 – March 4, 2015:

Education Fund	\$514,666.34
Building and Maintenance Fund	207,865.34
Debt Service Fund	-
Transportation Fund	94,697.37
Capital Projects Fund/General	4,268.04

Procurement Card Expenses	157,332.00
Direct Deposit Payroll and Taxes	<u>1,929,387.53</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,908,216.62

CONSENT AGENDA*

- A. Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls & Financial Statements February 2015
- B. Acceptance of 2014 Audit
- C. Approval of Renewal of Illinois High School Association Membership
- D. Minutes of A Regular Meeting, February 10, 2015
- E. Minutes of An Executive Session, February 10, 2015
- F. Minutes of An Executive Session, March 5, 2015
- G. Minutes of A Joint Board Workshop, March 5, 2015
- H. Disposal of Audio Recordings: September 17, 2013

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

MOTION: Mrs. Snoblin moved, seconded by Mr. Marcusson, 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:

Karen Jesse, Non-resident

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thursday, March 12, 2015	Community Open House – 7:00 p.m. LFHS Library
Friday, March 13, 2015	Student Attendance Day – Make Up Day for All Students
Friday, March 27, 2015	Spring Break begins End of Day
Tuesday, April 7, 2015	School Re-opens

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 14, 2015 Board of Education Meeting
 7:00 pm West Campus Board Room

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Mr. Block declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

 Nicki Snoblin, Secretary

 Date