

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 128
VERNON HILLS, ILLINOIS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

11-16-09

The Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Patrick Groody, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The following members were noted present: Stephen Arthur, Alex Delli Paoli, Patrick Groody, Karin Lundstedt, Ellen Mauer, Marsha Oberrieder and Judy Sugarman. Absent: None.

Also present: Prentiss Lea, superintendent; Al Fleming, associate superintendent; Yasmine Dada, assistant superintendent for business; Jess Porres, business consultant; Deb Larson, assistant superintendent of curriculum & instruction; Marina Scott, LHS principal; Rick Mittelman, attorney; Denise Neal, recording secretary.

COMMUNICATION

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

- Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Deborah Larson, introduced LHS teachers Julie Dempsey, Becky Kinnee and Anne Singleton who shared team, parallel and station teaching concepts. These concepts are used to increase communication between teachers, students and parents and more fully engage students who typically need additional support resources.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- No Report.

REPORTS FROM STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

- VHHS Student School Board Representative, Mansi Kathuria, reported on the following activities:
 - One-Act Play performances took place last weekend
 - Auditions for *Grease* are coming up
 - The Orchestra recently held a concert
 - The Orchestra has been asked to perform at The Midwest Clinic
 - Winter sports are beginning
 - Students are involved in term papers and looking forward to the long Thanksgiving weekend
- LHS Student School Board Representative, Elizabeth Oldenburg, reported on the following activities:
 - *Beauty and The Beast* performances were spread over 2 weekends
 - Over \$100, 000 was raised by the Wildcat Fine Arts Foundation

- A recent coat drive was successful
- The Student Council canned food drive will end on November 23
- Winter sports are beginning

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Lea reported on the following *Good News*:
 - Congratulations to Vernon Hills High School Assistant Principal **Jean Aucutt** and VHHS Science Department Supervisor **Tom Chinske** on receiving awards at the Illinois Directors of Students Activities awards banquet held November 15 at Pheasant Run Resort. Jean received the Principals' Recognition Award, which recognizes principals' participation, support and commitment to student activities. Tom received the Educational Leadership Award.
 - The following Libertyville High School students have been named November Students of the Month: **Pom Thongpichai, David Ruiz, Jake Smith, Mitch Kenney, Darinka Sutic, Britt Clarke, Allison Gattone, Zach Herberger, Rebecca Mueller, Nick Ackerman, Rich LaMarre, Katie Waehner, Alysse Ray, Stefan Vidovich, Lindsay Schweitzer, Kalyn Constable.**
 - VHHS student **Steven Sprieser** was named the recipient of this year's SAR Award from the American Legion.
 - VHHS teachers **Doug Gerber** and **Jay Walgren** have been named influential teachers by VHHS graduates and current MIT students **Lisa Xu** and **Anna Christensen.**
- Superintendent Lea acknowledged the following donations:
 - A monetary donations from Citicare, Inc.
 - Books from Jean Aucutt, Mundelein
 - VHS tapes from Jackie Ferguson, Mundelein
 - A VHS tape from Maryann Abdallah & Family, Vernon Hills
 - An audio book from Brooke Gabris, Gurnee
- Superintendent Lea informed the Board that a Freedom of Information request had been received and a response provided.
- Superintendent Lea recognized the contribution that school board members make to our communities in honor of School Board Recognition Day, and each board member was presented with a Certification of Recognition and a Barnes & Noble gift card.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- President Groody extended an invitation for general public comment, including a review of the three-minute guidelines. No comments were received.

CONSENT VOTE AGENDA

It was moved by Member Lundstedt and seconded by Member Mauer to approve the Consent Vote Agenda as presented.

- a) Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2009
- b) Employment of Employees
 - 1) Certified Staff Replacement Hire

- a) Teri Weaver, PT English Teacher, VHHS
- 2) Educational Support Staff Resignation
 - a) Donna Pucci, ELL Teacher Aide, LHS (*December 11, 2009*)
- 3) Coaching/Extracurricular Activities Replacement Hires
 - a) Jennifer Fijalkowski, Girls' Softball Assistant Coach, VHHS
 - b) Edwin Lasak, Girls' Bowling Head Coach, LHS
- c) Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recording of May 12, 2008
- d) Disposal of Obsolete Equipment
- e) Bills Payable & Supplemental Bill List
- f) Contracts over \$1000
- g) Treasurer's Report

On a roll call vote: AYE: Arthur, Delli Paoli, Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder and Sugarman. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. The motion carried. Addendum #16.

PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL

It was moved by Member Sugarman and seconded by Member Oberrieder to approve the second reading & adoption of Policy 2:260 - Uniform Grievance Procedure (School Board) and Policy 5:220 - Substitute Teachers (Professional Personnel)

On a roll call vote: AYE: Delli Paoli, Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder, Sugarman and Arthur. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. The motion carried. Addendum #17.

Chairperson Mauer reported on the Summer Work Schedule discussion which took place at the Program & Personnel Committee Meeting. The administration is proposing a four-day work week during the summer break. Staff members would still work the same number of hours but all offices would be closed on Fridays, resulting in energy savings of \$170,000. The summer school schedule would also be modified to accommodate this change. Board members were in consensus to explore this option.

It was moved by Member Sugarman and seconded by Member Lundstedt to approve the 2010-11 Proposed School Calendar as presented and endorse the 2011-12 holiday schedule as discussed.

On a roll call vote: AYE: Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder, Sugarman, Arthur and Delli Paoli. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. The motion carried. Addendum #18.

It was moved by Member Oberrieder and seconded by Member Sugarman to approve the Educational Tour requests as presented:

- 1) VHHS Varsity Girls' Basketball Retreat to Lake House in Salem, WI – November 7 and 8, 2009
- 2) VHHS Theatre Students' Trip to the Illinois High School Theatre Festival at Illinois State University – January 7 – 9, 2010
- 3) VHHS Ecological Trip to Belize – June 20 – 30, 2010

On a roll call vote: AYE: Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder, Sugarman, Arthur, Delli Paoli and Groody. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. The motion carried. Addendum #19.

It was moved by Member Sugarman and seconded by Member Lundstedt to approve the resignation of David Widzisz at the end of the 2009-10 school year.

On a roll call vote: AYE: Mauer, Oberrieder, Sugarman, Arthur, Delli Paoli, Groody and Lundstedt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. The motion carried. Addendum #20.

FACILITIES AND FINANCE

It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Arthur to approve the 2009 Certificate of Tax Levy and accompanying Resolutions, Certifications and Attestations.

On a roll call vote: AYE: Oberrieder, Sugarman, Arthur, Delli Paoli, Groody, Lundstedt and Mauer. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. The motion carried. Addendum #21.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Chairman Groody reported that a Property Committee meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. and the following issues were discussed:

- The consensus of the Property Committee was to continue using the former administration building for storage.
- Continue to support the efforts of the Brainerd Preservation Committee and follow-up with them in the near future.

SEDOL

Delegate Lundstedt reported that the next meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2009.

IASB

No Report.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Sugarman and seconded by Member Oberrieder to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

A voice vote was taken with all members present voting aye. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Oberrieder, Secretary

Patrick Groody, President