

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING ON DRIVER
EDUCATION MODIFICATION OF SCHOOL CODE MANDATES**

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 128

**Libertyville High School Library
708 W. Park Avenue, Libertyville, IL
6:00 p.m. – November 8, 2010**

President Patrick Groody declared the Special Meeting/Public Hearing open at 6:05 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present: Stephen Arthur, Pat Groody, Karin Lundstedt, Marsha Oberrieder and Judy Sugarman. Absent: Ellen Mauer and Alex Delli Paoli.

Also present: Prentiss Lea, superintendent; Al Fleming, associate superintendent; Jess Porres, business consultant; Deb Larson, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction; Marina Scott, LHS principal, Sean Matthews, Jen Speciale, Joe Roth, Dan Gooris, Kevin Holly and Tamara Flett, LHS teachers; Denise Neal, recording secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

President Groody declared the Public Hearing open at 6:06 p.m. and asked if there were any Educator comments or testimony regarding the modification request.

- *Superintendent Prentiss Lea provided a brief overview of the request for modification of school code mandates for Driver Education to continue counting simulation hours toward the six-hour driving requirement by utilizing 9 hours of driving simulation in lieu of 2.25 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. The use of simulators will allow teachers to replicate dangerous driving conditions in a safe environment for students, and will allow more students to take advantage of driver education instruction at a reduced cost over private instruction and neighboring public school districts.*
- *LHS Driver Education teacher Sean Matthews noted that no additional staff will be needed in providing the additional simulation hours and 48 additional students can be accommodated per semester.*

Board member Judy Sugarman inquired about any effect on student driving that the new 50 required hours of driving with parents has had. LHS driver education teacher Sean Matthews replied that grading constraints have not enabled teachers to note any improvements because parents are spreading the 50 hours of required driving time over a longer period of time and it doesn't always coincide with the grading period.

Board member Karin Lundstedt asked if the number of students taking private driver education instruction had changed. LHS driver education teacher Sean Matthews indicated that the CHSD 128 fee structure was still reasonable at \$190 when compared to the \$600 or more for private instruction.

Board Member Alex Delli Paoli arrived at 6:16 p.m.

President Groody reiterated the modification request to substitute 9 hours of simulator driving instruction for 2 of the 6 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction.

President Groody asked if there were any public comments or testimony regarding the modification request. Hearing no further request for comment, President Groody declared the public hearing closed at 6:19 p.m.

It was moved by Member Lundstedt and seconded by Member Sugarman to approve the Application for Modification of School Code Mandates to continue to count Driver Education Simulation hours toward the six-hour driving requirement.

On a roll call vote: AYE: Arthur, Delli Paoli, Groody, Lundstedt, Oberrieder and Sugarman. NAY: None. ABSENT: Mauer. The motion carried. Addendum #26.

It was moved by Member Lundstedt and seconded by Member Oberrieder to adjourn the Special Meeting at 6:20 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Oberrieder, Secretary

Patrick Groody, President