

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 128
VERNON HILLS, ILLINOIS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

12-14-09

The Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Vice President Judy Sugarman, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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

Also present: Prentiss Lea, superintendent; Al Fleming, associate superintendent; Yasmine Dada, assistant superintendent for business; Jess Porres, business consultant; Mary Todoric, communications director; Marina Scott, LHS principal; Ellen Cwick, VHHS principal; Rick Mittelman, attorney; Denise Neal, recording secretary.

COMMUNICATION

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

- The Board recognized the following students for their achievements:
 - National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalists – VHHS students Angela Cao, Jacob Dudek, Matthew Hlavacek, Sean Hogan, Juliana McLain, Cole Moffat, John Sileika, Dillon Skeeham, Nora Snyder, Michael Wagner and Andrew Welter.
 - National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalists – LHS students Alan Fan and Jamie Park.
 - Perfect ACT Score – VHHS students Juliana McLain, Michael Wagner and Andrew Welter.
 - Perfect ACT Score – LHS students Kristen King and May Yang.
 - 2009 NTCE Award for Outstanding Writing – VHHS student Tia Ginakakis.
 - State Swimming Competition – 6th Place 200 Freestyle and 11th Place 500 Freestyle – VHHS student Melanie Rowland.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- No Report.

REPORTS FROM STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

- VHHS Student School Board Representative, Mansi Kathuria, reported on the following activities:
 - Orchestra students are practicing for Midwest Clinic performances
 - Adopt-A-Family party plans are being finalized
 - Poms team placed 2nd in recent competition

- Students are ready for Winter Break
- LHS Student School Board Representative, Elizabeth Oldenburg, reported on the following activities:
 - The Student Council collected over 20 thousand food items in their recent canned food drive
 - The Holiday Concert took place last week
 - Students are involved in the “Feed My Starving Children” effort

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Superintendent Lea reported on the following *Good News*:
 - *U.S. News & World Report* has released its annual rankings of the Best American High Schools for 2010. For the third consecutive year, both Libertyville and Vernon Hills High Schools have made this prestigious list, receiving silver medal status in the rankings. With 37 of its high schools being named among the nation’s best, Illinois ranked 4th for the number of high schools to make the list. LHS and VHHS were among only six Lake County high schools to be honored. Congratulations should also go to all of our feeder districts—Libertyville 70, Hawthorn 73, Oak Grove 68 and Rondout 72—for their work in laying a strong academic foundation for our students.
 - 206 District 128 seniors have been named 2010 Illinois State Scholars. State Scholars rank in the top 10 percent of high school seniors in Illinois, and are selected based on SAT, ACT and/or Prairie State Achievement Exam scores, and/or class rank at the end of junior year.
 - The following LHS students have been named November Students of the Month: **Mitchell Kenney, Zachary Herberger, Nicholas Ackerman, Jacob Smith, Rebecca Mueller, Britton Clarke, Kaitlyn Waehner, Stefan Vidovich, Darinka Sutic, Allison Gattone, Alysse Ray, Lindsay Schweitzer, Richard LaMarre, Kalyn Constable, David Ruiz, and Wisut Thongpichai.**
 - The following VHHS students have been named December Cougar Class Act Award Winners: **Renata Vinhas, Victoria Hagan, Adnan Meskic, Erin Steele, Matthew Motley, Cynthia Aynilian, Dustin Rusch, and Art Royzengurt.**
 - The VHHS Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering Team (WYSE) finished in first place at the Science Opportunity Test held at the Milwaukee School of Engineering on Nov. 24. This is the fourth consecutive first-place finish for the VHHS WYSE team at the Science Opportunity Test. In addition to finishing in first place as a team, six of the eight team members placed among the top 16 scorers, with **Sean Hogan** being named the top scorer in the competition! Nearly 150 students participated in the Science Opportunity Test. The team members,

coached by VHHS Science Teacher **Joshua Ravenscraft**, are **Moya Chen, Dillon Skeehan, Sean Hogan, Andrew Welter, Jessica Block, Mike Wagner, Parin Kadakia** and **Mansi Kathuria**.

- Congratulations to the District 128 teachers who were named recipients of Innovation Grants from the District 128 Foundation for Learning. The grants are awarded to teachers whose proposed projects actively engage students and impact student learning. Each grant is awarded a maximum of \$1,000. Foundation trustees awarded a total of \$7,750 in grants to recipients at a luncheon held Nov. 25. To date, the Foundation has awarded nearly \$20,000 in Innovation Grants to Libertyville and Vernon Hills High School teachers. The following eight programs and projects will be funded through the newly awarded grants:
 - Latino Leadership Team, awarded to **Tiffany Heinlein, Jodie Cusick-Acosta, Rebeca Garcia**—VHHS; Social Thinking Curriculum, awarded to **Andrea Townsend** -- LHS/VHHS; Culture, Identity, and Knowledge: Ernesto Mejia Student Lunch & Learn and Latino Parent/Student Evening Program, awarded to **Wendy Meister-Louria, Tiffany Heinlein**—VHHS; Orchestra Collaborative Composition Project, awarded to **Jason Heath** – LHS; Good Eats: The Chemistry of Food, awarded to **Sherri Rukes** – LHS; Introduction to Material Science Unit, awarded to **Sherri Rukes** – LHS; Elluminate in the Classroom: Using Synchronous and Asynchronous Virtual Meeting Space as Supplementary Education, awarded to **Meredith Tarczynski, David Widzisz** – LHS; Safe Navigation: G.P.S. Units (Go Places Safely), awarded to **Bryan Wilcox** – LHS
- The following VHHS students were named Student Ambassadors at the Lake County Technology campus for the 2009-2010 school year: **Rory Klema, Alyssa Nugent, and Meghan Paul**. These students were chosen by their instructors as the top students in their respective programs. Also, **Chloe Seawall** and **Adam Fischbach** were chosen to participate in last month's SkillsUSA Fall Leadership conference with the Tech campus.
- **VHHS Science Teacher Kedric Greenawalt** was named an outstanding teacher by a first-year honors student at the University of Missouri.
- **LHS Social Studies Teacher Dennis Duffy** was named a "Most Inspirational Teacher" by a former LHS student who attends Western Illinois University.
- VHHS freshman **Kayla Marvin** recently trained for and completed a half marathon (13.1 miles) on Dec. 6 in Las Vegas to benefit The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. Kayla's sister Chelsea, a VHHS 2006 graduate, suffers from the disease. Together, Kayla and Chelsea raised over \$9,115 for research in hope for a cure.
- Congratulations to LHS Athletic Director **Briant Kelly** who recently completed the process of becoming a Certified Athletic Administrator. The CAA program, administered by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association,

identifies those directors nationally who demonstrate a certifiable level of both experience and expertise in the administration of interscholastic athletics.

It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Lundstedt to appoint Al Fleming, Yasmine Dada and Denise Neal as the FOIA Officers for CHSD 128.

On a roll call vote: AYE: Arthur, Delli Paoli, Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder and Sugarman. NAY: None. ABSENT: Groody. The motion carried. Addendum #22.

It was moved by Member Lundstedt and seconded by Member Delli Paoli to reschedule the Regular January Business Meeting of the School Board from Monday, January 25, 2010 to Tuesday, January 26, 2010 due to a conflict with the Annual ED-RED Legislative Dinner.

On a roll call vote: AYE: Delli Paoli, Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder, Sugarman and Arthur. NAY: None. ABSENT: Groody. The motion carried. Addendum #23.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Vice-President Sugarman 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 Sugarman and seconded by Member Oberrieder to approve the Consent Vote Agenda as presented.

- a) Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2009
- b) Employment of Employees
 - 1) ESP Staffing – Ten Months to Twelve Months at LHS
- c) Coaching/Extracurricular Activities Resignation
 - 1) Amanda Carroll, Girls' Track Assistant Coach, VHHS
- d) Coaching/Extracurricular Activities Dismissals
 - 1) Laura Taylor and Tiffany Taylor, Cheer Co- Head Coaches, LHS
- e) Coaching/Extracurricular Activities Replacement Hires
 - 1) Cory Deacon, Cheer Head Coach, LHS
 - 2) Jennifer Smith, Boys' Volleyball Assistant Coach, VHHS
- f) Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recording of May 27, 2008
- g) Disposal of Obsolete Equipment
- h) Bills Payable & Supplemental Bill List
- i) Contracts over \$1000
- j) Treasurer's Report

On a roll call vote: AYE: Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder, Sugarman, Arthur and Delli Paoli. NAY: None. ABSENT: Groody. The motion carried. Addendum #24.

PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL

It was moved by Member Delli Paoli and seconded by Member Arthur to approve the second reading & adoption of Policy 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting (General Personnel) and 7:190 Student Discipline (Students).

On a roll call vote: AYE: Mauer, Oberrieder, Sugarman, Arthur, Delli Paoli and Lundstedt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Groody. The motion carried. Addendum #25.

Chairperson Mauer provided the following information to the Board:

- Proposed On-Line Registration is in line with the Strategic Plan and will move forward to a paperless process.
- Freshman parents will be required to come into the school to provide original documentation to support residency.

It was moved by Member Arthur and seconded by Member Mauer to approve the Education Tour Requests as presented:

- 1) LHS Chamber Orchestra Trip for Clinics at Butler and Indiana Universities – January 14 and 15, 2010
- 2) LHS Sno Catz Ski Trip to Granite Peak in Wausau, WI – January 15 -17, 2010
- 3) LHS Model UN Trip to Attend the Ivy League Model UN Conference at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA – January 28 -31, 2010
- 4) LHS Orchestra Trip to the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, MN – February 26-28, 2010
- 5) VHHS Varsity Baseball Trip to Marion, IL – March 29 – April 2, 2010

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

FACILITIES AND FINANCE

It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Delli Paoli to award the LHS Art Gallery bid to Walter Daniels of Chicago in the amount of \$117,437.00. It was noted that this was the low bidder out of nine bids presented. The Libertyville Wildcat Fine Arts Foundation presented the Board with a check in the amount of \$50,000 and the LHS Art Club presented the Board with a check in the amount of \$19,000, both of which will be used to offset the cost of the LHS Art Gallery.

On a roll call vote: AYE: Sugarman, Arthur, Delli Paoli, Lundstedt, Mauer and Oberrieder. NAY: None. ABSENT: Groody. The motion carried. Addendum #27.

It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Lundstedt to approve the recommendation to retain Fanning-Howey for consultation and preparation of bid documents for Option Z – LHS Pool Ventilation and Air Distribution System.

On a roll call vote: AYE: Arthur, Delli Paoli, Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder and Sugarman. NAY: None. ABSENT: Groody. The motion carried. Addendum #28.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Property Committee Member Stephen Arthur reviewed the following issues discussed at the 6:30 p.m. Property Committee meeting:

- Brainerd Building Status
- Overall site plan for Butler Lake Campus

SEDOL

Delegate Lundstedt reported on the following:

1. Completed renovations at Sally Potter School
2. Laremont construction project status
3. Notification from Lake Zurich School District 95 of withdrawal from SEDOL

IASB

No Report.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Oberrieder, Secretary

Judy Sugarman, President pro tempore