

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 128
VERNON HILLS, ILLINOIS

MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

2-22-10

The Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 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; Deb Larson, assistant superintendent for curriculum & instruction; 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

- Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Deborah Larson, provided an overview on Student Achievement – The Big Four (Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & Feedback) within the District 128 Strategic Plan. Mrs. Larson reported on the ongoing collaboration with Dr. Jane Pollack, a curriculum assessment consultant and noted the most effective component of classroom learning is the teacher and the following four areas provide full support of teachers.
 - 1) A new curriculum revision process is underway to identify core learning targets and standards with assessment of approximately one third of all courses completed.
 - 2) Instruction and effective teaching strategies are now part of the teacher evaluation process.
 - 3) Assessment provides students with effective feedback on learning targets.
 - 4) Performance data provides students and teachers a means to revise teaching strategies and standards.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report.

REPORTS FROM STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

- VHHS Student School Board Representative, Mansi Kathuria, reported on the following activities:
 - Performances of the musical, *Grease* took place February 18-20
 - Orchestris auditions are taking place February 22-25

- Spring Play auditions are scheduled for March 2-4
 - Turnabout was held on January 30
 - Winter sports are winding down
 - WYSE Team placed 1st in regional competition and will be competing at state
 - Poms team placed 1st and 2nd in recent competition
- LHS Student School Board Representative, Elizabeth Oldenburg, reported on the following activities:
 - Turnabout was held February 20
 - Girls' Basketball team won the IHSA and NSC Regional Championship
 - Boys' Swim team placed 4th
 - The Winter Play performances took place February 11-13
 - Spring Play auditions are coming up
 - Cabaret will take place on February 24
 - WYSE team took 2nd place in Regional competition

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Lea reported on the following *Good News*:
 - Congratulations to District 128 and Assistant Superintendent for Business **Yasmine Dada** on receiving the Meritorious Budget Award from the Association of School Business Officials International. The award is given for excellence in the preparation and issuance of the 2009-10 school system annual budget.
 - The following students were named Libertyville High School January Students of the Month: **Christopher Douglas, Jorge Pardinias, Camilla Ou, Mitchell Morgan, Wallis Higley, Joshua Ok, Blanca Hernandez, John Wilcox, Matthew Rades, Savina Ori.**
 - Congratulations to the following District 128 students who have been selected as a candidate for the United State Presidential Scholars Program: (LHS) **Kristen King**, (VHHS) **Matthew Hlavacek, Juliana McLain, Michael Wagner** and **Andrew Welter**. The program recognizes and honors some of the nation's most distinguished graduating seniors, who are chosen on the basis of their accomplishments in many areas and represent excellence in education and the promise of greatness in America's youth.
 - Winter has been a busy and successful season for the District 128 Special Olympians. On Sunday, Jan. 24, VHHS hosted our Special Olympic Area Basketball Tournament. Twenty-six high school teams participated, and the District 128 team won a silver medal. Four of our athletes qualified for the recent state winter games in snowshoeing by winning gold medals at the area winter games in Bartlett on Jan. 10. The state winter games took place in Galena Feb. 2-4. District 128's four athletes came away with six gold medals, two bronze medals and a fourth-place ribbon. Most recently our team took advantage of an opportunity to play a basketball game at the United Center on Feb. 10. More than 175 family and friends were on hand to watch our team play West Chicago High School in an

exhibition game on the floor of the United Center immediately preceding the Chicago Bulls taking on the Orlando Magic. Members of the District 128 Special Olympics Team are **Michael Ivers, Francisco Pita Jr., Israel Arenas, Marquitta Scott, Sierra Hodges, Doug Ardito, Bobby Borgula, Anne Jennings, Melissa Silsdorf, Will Seabolt, Val Paykina, Laura Steen, Frances Padoan, and Waudud Anthony**. The District 128 Special Olympians are coached by **Andy Compton** and **Jim Rogers**.

- Great news from both of our District 128 Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering teams. Both the VHHS and LHS teams competed in the Feb. 13 Academic Challenge regional competition at College of Lake County, and finished 1st and 2nd in their respective divisions. Both teams advance to the WYSE sectional competition scheduled for March 12 which will be hosted by VHHS. The **VHHS team** captured first place with an amazing score of 496.3/500 overall. In addition to the excellent team score, individual medals were won by: **Jessica Block** (1st – Biology), **Mark Juhn, Mansi Kathuria and Sam Rong** (tied for 3rd – Biology), **Mike Wagner** (1st – Chemistry), **David Kim** (2nd – Chemistry), **Moya Chen** (3rd – Chemistry), **David Kim and Dillon Skeehan** (tied for 1st – Computer Science), and **Brynan Qiu** (3rd – Computer Science), **Kris Groth and Mason Kessler** (tied for 1st – Engineering Graphics), and **Bryan Palmero** (2nd – Engineering Graphics), **Mike Wagner** (2nd – English), **Andrew Welter** (3rd – English), **Moya Chen, Sean Hogan and Kenny Shaevel** (1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in Math) **Andrew Welter, Sean Hogan, and Dillon Skeehan** (1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively in Physics.) The team is coached by **Joshua Ravenscraft**. The **LHS Team** was lead by junior **May Yang** who earned a medal in both Biology (3rd) and Chemistry (2nd) and had the highest combined score on the team. Other individual medalists were: **Alex Politakis** (1st – Physics), **Weitao Qiang** (2nd – Biology), **Wendy Guo** (3rd – English), **Weiqiao Huang** (2nd – Math), and **Ryan Patterson** (3rd – Math). The second place finish qualified the team to compete in the sectional competition at Vernon Hills High School on March 12. The LHS team is coached by **Pete Dawson**.
- This is the first year that LHS has participated in the triannual Certamen Latin Competition. Certamen is a quiz-bowl style Latin competition in which teams from Chicago and North Shore area high schools compete against one another in the areas of Latin grammar, translation, history, culture, and mythology. Latin 1 students **Joe Pecora, Andy Pecora, Brittany Morin, Anna Fell, Sarah Rubin and Katy Simpson** represented LHS in the Certamen competition this year. The first competition was held on Oct. 27, and LHS won third place. On Dec. 2, LHS won 2nd place in the Latin 1 division. The final contest of the year was held on Feb. 2 at Lake Forest High School where LHS won 2nd place. The team's hard work throughout the season earned LHS 2nd place overall for the year. The team is sponsored by **Jamie Reuben**.
- Superintendent Lea informed the Board of five FOIA requests received and responses provided.

- Superintendent Lea announced that CHSD 128 is one of 128 districts in the United States and one of eight in Illinois nominated for the Meritorious Budget Award. For the past five years we have received the highest financial ranking in the state of Illinois. Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Yasmine Dada, provided an overview of the Long Range Financial Plan and reviewed the financial data for the district noting that in 2017 the district fund balances will be depleted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- President Groody extended an invitation for general public comment, including a review of the three-minute guidelines. A resident thanked the Board for the ongoing intensive discussion regarding a resolution to the Orchesis dance practice space. President Groody expressed appreciation for the comments and indicated that the administration was continuing to research other options.

CONSENT VOTE AGENDA

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

- a) Approval of Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2010
- b) Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2010
- c) Approval of Committee of Whole Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2010
- d) Employment of Employees
 - 1) Certified Staff
 - a) Request for Leave of Absence – 2010-2011 School Year
 - 1) Megan Gavin, International Language (Spanish), LHS
 - b) Retirement
 - 1) Mark Scharfenberg, Special Services, LHS, 2012-2013 School Year
 - 2) Support Staff
 - a) Resignations
 - 1) Susan Roy, Department Supervisor Secretary, VHHS, February 2, 2010
 - 2) Andrea Walls, Department Supervisor Secretary, VHHS, February 19, 2010
- e) Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings of July 28, 2008
- f) Disposal of Obsolete Equipment
- g) Bills Payable & Supplemental Bill List
- h) Contracts over \$1000
- i) 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 #35.

PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL

It was noted that Computer Skills, which is currently offered to freshmen students, will be introduced as a summer school offering this summer.

It was moved by Member Sugarman and seconded by Member Oberrieder to approve the second reading & adoption of the following Board Policies: Policy 5:280 – Duties and Qualifications (Educational Support Personnel); Policy 2:200 – Types of Board of Education Meetings (Board of Education); and Policy 2:250 – Access to District Public Records (Board of Education)

On a roll call vote: AYE: Delli Paoli, Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder, Sugarman and Arthur. NAY: None. ABSENT: . The motion carried. Addendum #36.

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

1. VHHS Junior State of America Trip to Washington, D.C. – February 12 - 14, 2010 – *Cancelled due to weather and rescheduled to March 2010*
2. VHHS DECA –State of Illinois Career Development Conference, Decatur, IL – March 4 – 6, 2010
3. LHS Debate Team – IHSA State Debate Tournament, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL – March 18 – 20, 2010
4. LHS Varsity Baseball Trip to Scottsdale, AZ – March 27 – April 3, 2010
5. LHS FCCLA State Competition in Springfield, IL – April 8 and 9, 2010
6. LHS Model UN Conference at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL – April 8 – 11, 2010
7. LHS WYSE Team - Illinois Academic Challenge State Competition at U of I, Champaign, IL – April 21 and 22, 2010
8. VHHS DECA – International Career Development Conference (1st, 2nd and 3rd place VHHS DECA winners), Louisville, KY – April 24 – 28, 2010
9. LHS Current and Former Freshman Honors English Trip to Greece/Turkey – June 17 – 28, 2010
10. LHS Art Students’ Trip to France – early June, 2011

On a roll call vote: AYE: Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder, Sugarman, Arthur and Delli Paoli. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. The motion carried. Addendum #37.

President Groody requested a summary of unfunded mandates for board reference from the Administration for the March board meeting.

FACILITIES AND FINANCE

It was moved by Member Delli Paoli and seconded by Member Arthur to approve the LHS freight elevator replacement bid award to the low bidder – R.L. Soho General Contractors in the amount of \$245,000. It was noted that out of a total of ten bids, three were disqualified.

On a roll call vote: AYE: Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder, Sugarman, Arthur, Delli Paoli and Groody. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. The motion carried. Addendum #38.

Chairperson Oberrieder noted that the Facilities and Finance Committee is taking the Orchesis dance practice facility issue very seriously and looking into options. It is anticipated that discussion will continue over the next several months.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

No Report.

SEDOL

No Report.

IASB

No Report.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Groody and seconded by Member Sugarman to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Oberrieder, Secretary

Patrick Groody, President