

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 128
VERNON HILLS, ILLINOIS

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

3-22-10

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 & instructions; Mary Todoric, communications director; Jess Porres, business consultant; 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, introduced Special Olympics Coordinator, Andy Compton. Andy shared information regarding recent activities, including the invitational basketball play at the United Center on March 10th and introduced students Doug Ardito, Will Seabolt, Anne Jennings and Laura Steen.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Groody informed the Board that the superintendent evaluation information will be sent out soon.

REPORTS FROM STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

- VHHS Student School Board Representative, Mansi Kathuria, reported on the following activities:
 - DECA team will be competing in national competition
 - Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) will be competing in state competition
 - WYSE team took 1st place in sectional competition and will be competing at state
 - Ongoing fundraisers for Haiti Relief and Uganda
 - Students are looking forward to spring break
- LHS Student School Board Representative, Elizabeth Oldenburg, reported on the following activities:

- Spring sports are winding down
- Poms placed 2nd in state competition
- Boys' lacrosse team played in a tournament in Tennessee
- AP testing is coming up
- Student Council annual blood drive
- Students are excited about spring break

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Lea reported on the following *Good News*:
 - Libertyville High School senior **Alex Politakis** was selected as a semifinalist for the U.S. Physics Team. His performance places him in approximately the top 10% of students taking the exam nationwide.
 - The following students were named Vernon Hills High School Cougar Class Act Award winners for March: **Bryan Maldonado, Tyler Peterson, Austin Vitaliano, Fallon Faia, Bridget Munoz, Hannah Gunning, Lysette Gonzalez, Samantha Zinni, Brynan Qiu and Jacob Patterson.**
 - LHS 2008 graduate **Sarah Pfluger** has been awarded the Barbara Lotze Scholarship for Future Teachers by the American Association of Physics Teachers. Successful applicants receive a stipend of up to \$2,000 that may be granted for each of four years.
 - The following District 128 students were recognized as IMEA All State Musicians: Vernon Hills High School: Chorus: **Emily Paul, Luke Hanson, Cole Moffat, John Papandrea**; Orchestra: **Lisa Chertok, Joseph Ho, Jason Song**; Band: **Laura Brooks, Danny Park, Eddie Rumzis, Michael Wagner, Mitch Evett, Andrew Welter**; Libertyville High School: Chorus: **Rosie O'Connor, Claire Salata, Kiersten Frumkin, Ben Paulson**; Orchestra: **Lee Starovich, Megan Lathan**; Band: **Carrie Huse, Allison Schafernak, Hannah Diamond, Jackie Hong, Alan Fan, Patrick Thompson, Kyle Licocci.**
 - The VHHS DECA Business Club recently joined over 1,000 DECA members from across the state at this month's 2010 Illinois Association of DECA Career Development Conference in Decatur. At the conference banquet, scholarships from the Illinois Foundation for Marketing Education were presented to outstanding senior DECA students. VHHS DECA member **Mitch Bukhar** received a \$1,000 scholarship. The "Outstanding Service Recognition Award" was presented to VHHS DECA Sponsor **Sheryl Olson** in recognition of 14 years of dedicated service to the Illinois DECA Board of Directors and as the State Officer Team Advisor. In addition to the many honor received by VHHS club members at the competition, the following 15 students will advance to this year's international competition in Louisville, Kentucky; sophomores—**Erin Bolanowski, Lauren Groody, Ritesh Mishra, Jared Moor, Rohan Varshney**; juniors—**Marco Filimon, Patrick Szczupak**; seniors—**Joel Bissell, Robert Bryant, Mitch Bukhar, Ben Chacko, Brandon Curry, Erik Hencier, Alex Larsen, and Eric Oberwise.**

- Congratulations to the following students who will be recognized as March students of the month at a celebration later this week: **Zachary Labrum, Natalie Salton, Clay Cusek, Ryan Bennett, Nicolas Coutre, Nathan Wolf, Donna Dahm, Bradford Reszel, and Kelly Hackendahl.**
 - LHS seniors **Alex Politakis and Weitao Qiang** have advanced to the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad national exam.
 - LHS Girls' Varsity Basketball Head Coach **Kathie Swanson** has been selected by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association as the District 6 Co-Coach of the Year.
 - Local high school students were recently given the opportunity to try real world fashion merchandising as part of a clothing display contest held at Plato's Closet in Libertyville. Ten local high schools created wall displays using store clothing and accessories. Congratulations to VHHS student designers **Katia Adame, Mirna Cervantes, Kacy Galisdorfer, Paola Marin** and **Elina Yufa** for receiving the most votes on their display. They will receive a \$250 shopping spree and custom-created coupons for every VHHS student. The VHHS designers were students of **Jeanne Wolff.**
 - Landscape design professionals from **James Martin Associates** will once again graciously donating their time to help the VHHS VH2O club spruce-up the school's courtyard on April 17th in celebration of Earth Day.
 - VHHS 2002 graduate **Michael Tatz** was recently featured in a promotional video for the United States Military Academy at West Point. First Lieutenant Tatz was the first VHHS student representative to the board of education.
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- Superintendent Lea informed the Board of six FOIA requests received and responses provided.
 - Superintendent Lea acknowledged the following donations:
 - Books for the VHHS library from Laura Clatch of Mettawa
 - Historical newspapers to District 128 from James Mohahan of Libertyville
 - Assorted camera equipment to LHS from Len Pergander of Mundelein
 - Superintendent Lea reported on the following:
 - District 128 received a General Assembly Certificate of Achievement for *Recognition of the Government Finance Officers Association of Excellence in Budget Preparation.*
 - New electronic communication standards/expectations
 - D128 Foundation Donor breakfast

PUBLIC COMMENT

- President Groody extended an invitation for general public comment, including a review of the three-minute guidelines. A comment was received from a VHHS senior student regarding staff resignations and/or terminations.

CONSENT VOTE AGENDA

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

- a) Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2010
- b) Approval of Board Workshop Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2010
- c) Employment of Employees
 - 1) Certified Staff
 - a) Requests to Remain Part-Time
 - 1) Deborah Beagle, Student Activities Director, VHHS
 - 2) Elissa Gong, Science, VHHS
 - 3) Kim Johnson, Social Worker, LHS
 - 4) Judi Neuberger, Counselor, LHS
 - 5) Jennifer Tye-Spytek, Mathematics, VHHS
 - b) Request to Go Part-Time
 - 1) Nikol Oszewski, Mathematics, LHS
 - c) Resignations:
 - 1) Lisa Hartman, Student Assistance Program Coordinator, LHS
 - 2) Ben Horwitz, English, VHHS
 - 3) Melissa Malmed, English, VHHS
 - 4) Amy McDonald, Social Studies, LHS
 - 5) William Pitcher, Department 1 (Business Education), LHS
 - 6) Nicole Seibt, English, VHHS
 - 7) Ben Snyder, Mathematics, LHS
 - d) Retirements
 - 1) Carol Sackley, Special Services, LHS, June 2011
 - 2) Suzanne Butler, Counseling Supervisor, VHHS, June 2014
 - 3) Deborah Larson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, District Office, June 2014
 - 4) Thelma Krupp, International Language Department Supervisor, LHS, August 2014
 - e) Replacements
 - 1) Amy Christian, English, VHHS
 - 2) Tara Nieves, English Department Supervisor, VHHS
 - 3) Ashley E. Simpson, English, VHHS
 - 4) Siobhan Szabo, English, VHHS
 - 2) Support Staff
 - a) Position Reassignment – Ten Months to Twelve Months
 - b) Replacements
 - 1) Nancy DiCarlo, Department Supervisor Secretary for English, Science and Social Studies, VHHS
 - 2) Suzanne Richert, Department Supervisor Secretary for Department 1, Math and International Languages, VHHS
 - 3) Coaching/Extracurricular Activities
 - a) Resignations
 - 1) Anthony Morgan, Girls' Track Assistant Coach, VHHS

- 2) William Pitcher, Girls' Golf Head Coach, Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach, LHS
- 3) David Sill, Boys' Bowling Head Coach, LHS
- 4) Jamie Taylor, Cheerleading Assistant Coach, LHS
- d) Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings of September 22, 2008
- e) Disposal of Obsolete Equipment
- f) Bills Payable & Supplemental Bill List
- g) Contracts over \$1000
- h) 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 #39.

PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL

It was moved by Member Sugarman and seconded by Member Lundstedt to approve the second reading and adoption of Board Policies 4:110 – Transportation (Operational Services); 5:10 – Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment (General Personnel); 6:60 – Curriculum Content (Instruction); 7:10 – Equal Educational Opportunities (Students); 7:20 – Harassment of Students Prohibited (Students); 7:180 – Preventing Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment (Students).

On a roll call vote: AYE: Delli Paoli, Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder, Sugarman and Arthur. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. The motion carried. Addendum #40.

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

- 1) VHHS FBLA State Competition in Decatur, IL – March 26 & 27, 2010
- 2) LHS Skills USA Competition in Springfield, IL – April 15-17, 2010

On a roll call vote: AYE: Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder, Sugarman, Arthur and Delli Paoli. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. The motion carried. Addendum #41.

It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Sugarman to approve the 2010-2011 Annual Staffing Recommendations.

On a roll call vote: AYE: Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder, Sugarman, Arthur, Delli Paoli and Groody. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. The motion carried. Addendum #42.

It was moved by Member Delli Paoli and seconded by Member Sugarman to approve the Annual Employment Recommendations.

- 1) Continuing Employment Recommendations
 - a) First Year Non-Tenured Faculty
 - b) Second Year Non-Tenured Faculty
 - c) Third Year Non-Tenured Faculty
 - d) Fourth Year Non-Tenured Faculty and Placed on Tenure
- 2) Non-Renewal Recommendations

- a) Third Year Non-Tenured Teacher
- b) Part-Time Non-Tenured Faculty

On a roll call vote: AYE: Mauer, Oberrieder, Sugarman, Arthur, Delli Paoli, Groody and Lundstedt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. The motion carried. Addendum #43.

It was moved by Member Sugarman and seconded by Member Lundstedt to approve the Employment of Employees as presented:

- 1) Non-Renewal of a Second Year Non-Tenured Teacher
- 2) Resignation
 - a) Jennifer Denis, English, VHHS
- 3) Certified Staff Request to Remain Part-Time
 - a) Monica Feeny, International Language, LHS

On a roll call vote: AYE: Oberrieder, Sugarman, Arthur, Delli Paoli, Groody, Lundstedt and Mauer. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. The motion carried. Addendum #44.

FACILITIES AND FINANCE

It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Sugarman to award the Landscape Maintenance Contract bid to Alaniz Landscape Group from Elgin in the amount of \$31,640.00 plus Alternate #1 – Fertilizer, Tree and Shrub Care – in the amount of \$2,327.00 for a total of \$33,967.00 for the 2010 growing season.

On a roll call vote: AYE: Sugarman, Arthur, Delli Paoli, Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer and Oberrieder. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. The motion carried. Addendum #45.

It was moved by Member Lundstedt and seconded by Member Arthur to award the VHHS Field House Sound System bid to Top Shelf Technologies in the amount of \$21,932.00.

On a roll call vote: AYE: Arthur, Delli Paoli, Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder and Sugarman. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. The motion carried. Addendum #46.

Chairperson Oberrieder noted the following:

- The Facilities and Finance Committee discussed the Orchesis Program practice facility issue on March 8, 2010 and more information will follow in April.
- Committee work on the short and long-term capital plan continues and updates will be discussed in April.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

No Report.

SEDOL

Delegate Lundstedt provided a report on the March 3 quarterly SEDOL Meeting. SEDOL Board Members toured the new Laremont School which is scheduled for an August 1 completion.

IASB

President Groody reminded Board Members of the upcoming IASB Lakes Division Spring Dinner Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Groody and seconded by Member Mauer to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 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