

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 128
VERNON HILLS, ILLINOIS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

9-20-10

The Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:04 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, Marsha Oberrieder and Judy Sugarman. Absent: Ellen Mauer.

Also present: Prentiss Lea, superintendent; Al Fleming, associate superintendent; Yasmine Dada, assistant superintendent for business; Deb Larson, assistant superintendent for curriculum & instruction; Mary Todoric, communications director; Ellen Cwick, VHHS principal; Rick Mittelman, attorney; Denise Neal, recording secretary.

COMMUNICATION

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

- LHS teachers Meredith Tarczynski and Dave Lapish, along with students Jessie Silvis and Amy Sleep, reported on a recent trip to Greece with the Freshmen Lit Honors class.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Groody announced that School Board Candidate Nominating Petitions may be circulated beginning Tuesday, September 21, 2010. Courtesy packets are available at the Community High School District 128 Administration Center, 50 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 101, Vernon Hills, IL 60061.

REPORTS FROM STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

- LHS Co-Representative Erik Engstrom reported on the following activities:
 - Soccer team is undefeated (12-0)
 - A 5K Red Ribbon Race will be held on September 26
 - ACT testing will take place on September 11
 - Homecoming activities will be held October 1 & 2
- VHHS Representative Nitya Bhagavatula reported on the following activities:
 - Homecoming is September 25
 - NHS activities have begun
 - Cougar Class 5K is scheduled for October 3

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Lea reported on the following *Good News*:

- U.S. Secretary of Education **Arne Duncan** announced the nation's 2010 National Blue Ribbon of Excellence Award winners at a ceremony held in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 9. District 128 was honored to learn that Vernon Hills High School was one of the recipients. The 254 public and 50 private schools recognized will be honored at an awards ceremony on Nov. 15 and 16 in Washington, D.C. In the past 28 years, more than 6, 000 of America's schools have received this coveted award. The Blue Ribbon Award of Excellence is an extremely competitive and rigorous award competition, and is the highest distinction granted to schools by the U. S. Department of Education.
- The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that are either high performing or have improved student achievement to high levels, especially among disadvantaged students. The program is part of a larger Department of Education effort to identify and disseminate knowledge about best school leadership and teaching practices. Each year since 1982, the U.S. Department of Education has sought out schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals, including those that beat the odds.
- VHHS was recognized in the high performing school category. These are schools that are ranked among a state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments in both reading (English language arts) and mathematics, or that score at the highest performance level on tests referenced by national norms in at least the most recent year tested.
- The Association of School Business Officials International has once again awarded District 128 the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting award based on the District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending 2009. The award, the highest recognition for school district financial operations offered by ASBO, is only conferred to school systems that have met or exceeded the standards of the guidelines for effective, high-quality financial reporting that are recognized by school business officials throughout the United States.
- Thirteen District 128 seniors have been named semifinalists in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Competition. Those students are Libertyville High School: **Samuel (Teddy) Amdur, Thomas August, Mitchell Boynton, Toni Cao, Scott Cooper, Erika Danckers, Soumya Ghosh, May Yang**, Vernon Hills High School: **Molly Gilhart, David Kim, Daniel Kocoj, Kenneth Shaevel, Meghan Wilgus**. Semifinalist selection is determined by scores on the 2009 PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test). 686 students from Illinois representing 156 high schools qualified as semifinalists. Semifinalists represent less than 1% of graduating high school seniors nationally. As semifinalists, these students will continue in the competition to qualify for National Merit Finalist status and may be eligible to win Merit Scholarship awards.
- LHS senior **Zack Rapp** won a scholarship award while attending a Guitar Camp last month. Zack will receive a \$16,000 scholarship to Berklee College that is renewable after the first year. Berklee College is the elite conservatory for music outside of the classical spectrum, including jazz, rock, and popular. Zack has been a member of the LHS Chamber Orchestra for the past three years, and a leader in the 1st violin section the past two. He is also active in a couple of rock bands with his friends from school and arranged some of the music for their performance at last year's LHS Collage.

- Members of the LHS LEAF Club participated in the Sept. 18 "It's Our River Day." This year, LEAF concentrated its efforts on the section of Bull Creek that flows northward from Butler Lake. The LEAF advisor is **Dave Lapish**.
- The LHS Boys' Cross Country team donated \$1000 to the Fisher House Foundation. The team raised the money through the sale of discount cards for local Libertyville businesses. Top fundraisers were **Nick Korhumel, Easton Huch** and **Nick Young**. Following a team tradition, the members elected to give half of their proceeds to charity, selecting the Fisher House Foundation as one of the charities. Because members of the military and their families are stationed worldwide and must often travel great distances for specialized medical care, Fisher House Foundation donates "comfort homes" built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers. These homes enable family members to stay free of charge in order to be close to a service member during hospitalization for an unexpected illness, disease, or injury. The team is coached by **Mark Buesing, Matt Condron, and Caitlin Bye**.
- Superintendent Lea informed the Board that 2 FOIA requests were received a response provided.

It was moved by Member Oberrieder and seconded by Member Lundstedt to approve the 2010-11 Applications for Recognition of Schools as presented.

On a roll call vote: AYE: Arthur, Delli Paoli, Groody, Lundstedt, Oberrieder and Sugarman. NAY: None. ABSENT: Mauer. The motion carried. Addendum #13.

- The Board discussed a possible change for the November Board meeting from Tuesday, November 16th to Wednesday, November 17th to accommodate the travel schedules for the U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award of Excellence presentation to VHHS Principal Ellen Cwick and Superintendent Prentiss Lea. It was the consensus of the Board to keep the meeting as scheduled on Tuesday, November 16th. Associate Superintendent, Al Fleming, will represent Superintendent Lea at the November Board Meeting.
- VHHS resident Dennis Donnelon, representing the VHHS Project Turf Committee, requested approval from the Board to move forward with a fundraising campaign for artificial turf at the VHHS football stadium. The fundraising efforts will continue through December 2011 with construction anticipated to begin the following summer. The Board granted verbal approval to move forward with fundraising and wished the group good luck.

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

- a) Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2010
- b) Employment of Employees
 - 1) Educational Support Replacement Hire
 - a) Colleen Monaco, Monitor, LHS
 - 2) Coaching/Extracurricular Activities Resignation
 - a) Stacy Golden, Boys' Swim Assistant Coach, LHS
 - 3) Coaching/Extracurricular Activities Replacement Hire
 - a) James Pardun, Boys' Swim Assistant Coach, VHHS
- c) Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings
 - 1) February 23, 2009
 - 2) March 9, 2009
- 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: Delli Paoli, Groody, Lundstedt, Oberrieder, Sugarman and Arthur. NAY: None. ABSENT: Mauer. The motion carried. Addendum #14.

PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL

It was moved Member Lundstedt and seconded by Member Arthur to approve the first reading and adoption of Board Policy Amendment 4:150 Facility Management and Building Programs (Operational Services).

On a roll call vote: AYE: Groody, Lundstedt, Oberrieder, Sugarman, Arthur and Delli Paoli. NAY: None. ABSENT: Mauer. The motion carried. Addendum #15.

It was moved by Member Lundstedt and seconded by Member Oberrieder to approve the Educational Tour Requests as presented.

- 1) VHHS Varsity Girls' Basketball Trip to Salem, WI – November 6&7, 2010
- 2) LHS FBLA National Fall Leadership Conference in Washington, DC – November 19-21, 2010
- 3) LHS Varsity Baseball Trip to Scottsdale, AZ – March 26 through April 2, 2011
- 4) LHS/VHHS Trip to China – June 6 through June 20, 2011 (estimated)

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

FACILITIES AND FINANCE

It was moved by Member Delli Paoli and seconded by Member Lundstedt to Adopt the Aggregate Levy for Tax Year 2010.

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

It was moved by Member Sugarman and seconded by Member Arthur to approve the Pool Mechanical Change Orders as presented.

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

Chairperson Oberrieder reviewed the following committee discussion topics:

- 1) The Orchesis Practice Facility flooring will be installed over the Veteran's Day holiday. The Orchesis Dance Program will begin at the end of November.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

No Report

SEDOL

Delegate Lundstedt provided the following information on the August 21st SEDOL Governing Board Meeting:

- A three-year bargaining agreement for the support staff was approved.
- The VHHS Best Buddies program was recognized for their positive interactions.
- A tour of Laremont School was conducted.
- SEDOL Superintendent Bill Delp will be retiring at the end of the 2010-11 school year.

IASB

No Report

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Sugarman and seconded by Member Lundstedt to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 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