

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 128  
VERNON HILLS, ILLINOIS

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

1-24-11

*The Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Pro Tem 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:** Al Fleming, associate superintendent; Yasmine Dada, assistant superintendent for business; Deb Larson, assistant superintendent for curriculum & instruction; Mary Todoric, communications director; Jess Porres, business consultant; Ellen Cwick, VHHS principal; Marina Scott, LHS principal; Rick Mittelman, attorney; Denise Neal, recording secretary.*

**COMMUNICATION**

**EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION**

- The following LHS and VHHS student groups were recognized for recent accomplishments in academic, athletic and extracurricular activities:
  - National Merit Finalists
  - LHS Soccer Team Champions
  - LHS Swimming Finalist
  - VHHS Swimming Finalist – 10<sup>th</sup> in State
  - LHS IMEA Allstate Band, Jazz Band, Choir & Orchestra as well as the cast, crew and orchestra from *The Drowsy Chaperone*
  - VHHS IMEA Music Recognition
  - VHHS Allstate Theatre
- Jim Ballowe, President of Vernon Hills Park District, thanked VHHS Physics teacher Jason Rush and his students for their efforts in the design, construction and operation of the catapult for the Vernon Hills First Annual Pumpkin Roll and Launch.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- President Pro Tem Sugarman commented on the recent Cook Library preview event attended by many D128 Board Member and Administrators. Congratulations were expressed to the Cook Library Board for their Libertyville expansion project. President Pro Tem Sugarman announced that the scheduled Executive Session would not be needed unless board members felt a need to discuss the review of closed session minutes.

## REPORTS FROM STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

- VHHS Representative Nitya Bhagavatula reported on the following activities:
  - *The Drowsy Chaperone* Students will be performing at Theatre Fest
  - First Semester Final Exams were taken January 11-13
  - IMEA performances are scheduled for January 26-29
  - Turnabout is scheduled for February 5
  - Spring sports will be starting soon
- LHS Co-Representative Erik Engstrom reported on the following activities:
  - First Semester Final Exams were taken January 11-13
  - Writers Week activities took place the week of January 24
  - The Wind Ensemble will perform at IMEA
  - Girls Basketball team is undefeated – NSC Lake Division Champions

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Lea reported on the following *Good News*:
  - The following students were named Libertyville High School December Students of the Month: **Matt Bertler, Jessica VanRoeyen, Travis Wegren, Ellie Goldberg, Christian Klepac, Anthony Paglia, Kaitlyn Kousins, Shelly Schick, Jessica Dawson, Elizabeth Pagura, Joey Nedland, and Matt Truskowski.**
  - Vernon Hills High School English teacher **Wendy Meister-Louria** has met the rigorous requirements to become the third D128 teacher to earn National Board Certification from the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards.
  - LHS senior **Hannah Mowery** and VHHS senior **Nitya Bhagavatula** have been named to the 2010-11 *Daily Herald* Leadership Team. LHS senior **Nikki Antrim-Indart** was named an honorable mention to the team. A feature about this year's team will appear in the Jan. 27 edition of the *Daily Herald*.
  - District 128 Technology Director **Mick Torres** and Communications Director **Mary Todoric** were selected to present at this summer's National School Public Relations Association national seminar. Mick and Mary will speak on the topic of developing expectations for communicating electronically with students. NSPRA also selected Mary to speak at the conference, along with a team of her fellow INSPRA board members, on the topic of communicating school finance.
- Superintendent Lea acknowledged the following donations:
  - A chandelier and wall sconces from Lisa Stueckemann of Libertyville to the LHS Fine Arts Department
  - Digital multi-meters, Type K Thermometer, Jewelers Scale, Dual Tracking Power Supply, Rechargeable "D" size batteries and alligator clips and 24 awg wire from Michael Austin of Libertyville to the LHS Science Department

- A \$5,000 monetary donation from Kevin Garren of Libertyville to the LHS Don Shupe Scholarship Fund
- Superintendent Lea informed the Board that 2 FOIA requests were received and responses provided.

**It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Delli Paoli to approve the Semi Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) as presented.**

***On a roll call vote: AYE: Arthur, Delli Paoli, Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder and Sugarman. NAY: None. ABSENT: Groody. The motion carried. Addendum #33.***

- Superintendent Lea informed the Board that he attended the first organizational meeting of the Vernon Hills Area Community Leaders, which will meet on a quarterly basis to share information.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- President Pro Tem 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 Lundstedt and seconded by Member Oberrieder to approve the Consent Vote Agenda as presented.**

- a) Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2010
- b) Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2010 (*remain in closed file*)
- c) Employment of Employees
  - 1) Educational Support Staff Resignations
    - a) Damian Kulikowski, Special Services Teacher Aide, LHS
    - b) Jodene Reynolds, Security (P/T), LHS
  - 2) Educational Support Staff Dismissal
    - a) Paul Slominski, TV/Video Technician, LHS
  - 3) Educational Support Staff Transfer/Replacement Hires
    - a) Irene Constantinidis, Department Secretary, LHS
  - 4) Coaching/Extracurricular Replacement Hires
    - a) Curtis Fowle, Boys' Lacrosse Assistant Coach, VHHS
    - b) Tommy Shenchuck, Boys' Water Polo Assistant Coach, LHS
- 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, Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder and Sugarman and Arthur. NAY: None. ABSENT: Groody. The motion carried. Addendum #34.***

## **PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL**

**It was moved by Member Lundstedt and seconded by Member Arthur to approve the second reading and adoption of Board Policies** 2:220 School Board Meeting Procedure (*School Board*); 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure (*School Board*); 4:170 Safety (*Operational Services*); 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment (*General Personnel*); 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria (*General Personnel*); 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting (*General Personnel*); 5:120 Ethics (*General Personnel*); 5:220 Substitute Teachers (*Professional Personnel*); 5:260 Student Teachers (*Professional Personnel*); 6:300 Graduation Requirements (*Instruction*); 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools (*Students*); 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students (*Students*); 7:310 Restrictions on Publications (*Students*).  
***On a roll call vote: AYE: Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder, Sugarman, Arthur and Delli Paoli. NAY: None. ABSENT: Groody. The motion carried. Addendum #35.***

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

- LHS Model UN, Univ. of Chicago Model UN Conference, February 3-6, 2011
- VHHS Junior State of America, Washington, D.C., February 17-20, 2011
- VHHS Choral Students Performance Tour of Ireland, March 26-April 2, 2011

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

### **It was moved by Member Lundstedt and seconded by Member Oberrieder to approve the Employment of Employees as presented.**

- 1) Certified Staff Appointment
  - a) Dustin Helvie, Fine & Performing Arts Department Supervisor, LHS (July 1, 2011)
- 2) Educational Support Staff Resignation
  - a) Kathryn Wagner, Library Aide, VHHS (January 28, 2011)
- 3) Educational Support Staff Replacement Hire
  - a) Erin Medley, LST Secretary, LHS

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

## **FACILITIES AND FINANCE**

Chairperson Oberrieder reviewed the following committee discussion topics:

- 1) Congratulations to Assistant Superintendent for Business, Yasmine Dada and her staff for all the work that went into building the audit.
- 2) The Cost Reduction Task Force continues to work on further increasing efficiency in D128.
- 3) Board members and Administrators toured the new Orchesis Practice area.
- 4) The LHS/VHHS Swimming Pools Air Quality Review Committee met and a report will be provided in February.

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

President Pro Tem Sugarman reported that the Property Committee is scheduled to meet with the Brainerd Preservation Committee in February and information will be shared with the Board.

**SEDOL**

Delegate Lundstedt reported that the quarterly SEDOL meeting is scheduled for January 27.

**IASB**

No Report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Oberrieder to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Oberrieder, Secretary

Judy Sugarman, President pro tem