

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 128  
VERNON HILLS, ILLINOIS

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

12-13-10

*The Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:13 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: 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**

- Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Deborah Larson introduced VHHS Social Studies Department Supervisor Jim Seward and VHHS International Language Department Supervisor Cheryl Steffens, who provided an updated on Curriculum Standards in District 128.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- President Groody announced that the D128 Foundation has distributed more than \$11,000 to eight projects selected by the foundation board. President Groody expressed his appreciation to all who have contributed to the D128 Foundation over the past four years.

**REPORTS FROM STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

- VHHS Representative Nitya Bhagavatula reported on the following activities:
  - Students are looking forward to Winter Break
  - The boys basketball team is undefeated
  - The Adopt-A-Family party is scheduled for December 16
  - The Interact Club is sponsoring a coat drive
  - The Holiday Concert is scheduled for December 21
- LHS Co-Representative Erik Engstrom reported on the following activities:
  - The Fall musical, The Drowsy Chaperone, has been selected to perform at Theater Fest
  - The Holiday Choir Concert is scheduled for December 14
  - The WISH project party will take place this week for 180 families

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Lea commented on the recent recognition which was bestowed on VHHS from the U.S. Department of Education for the Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award as a great achievement for a school that is only ten years old. VHHS Principal Ellen Cwick displayed the plaque which was presented to the school.
- Superintendent Lea reported on the following *Good News*:
  - The following students were named Libertyville High School November Students of the Month: **Natalee Algozino, Jordan Bauer, Leanna Blair, John Burnett, Amanda Colwell, Graham Clark, Vincent Licocci, Camille Michelotti, Austin Pettinato, Julia Smagacz, Alec Tranel and Kristen Webb.**
  - The following District 128 teachers were named recipients of 2010-11 District 128 Foundation for Learning Innovations grants: **Monica Tolva, Corey Atwell, Kelly Garrison, Liz Wietrzak, Amy O'Neill, Rebecca Austin, Sheila Russell, Sherri Rukes, Adam Lueken and Joshua Ravenscraft.**
  - The following VHHS students were named December Cougar Class Act Award Winners: **James Baek, Madeline Bartsch, Meriam Ben Hadj Tahar, Bailey Clemons, Nicholas Garpow, Shylee Garrett, Fanni Lakatos, Paige Mahrenholz, Edward Park, Austin Pierce, Allen Riquelme, Angelica Sisalima, Michelle Tatone and Stephanie Wilson.**
  - District 128 is pleased to announce that 194 of its seniors have been named Illinois State Scholars. State Scholar winners rank in the top 10 percent of high school seniors. Selection is based on SAT, ACT and/or Prairie State Achievement Exam scores, and/or class rank at the end of the junior year. ISAC recognized 17,335 students from 749 different high schools from across the state as 2011-12 Illinois State Scholars.
  - The LHS Model United Nations Team competed in last month's prestigious Brown University Ivy League MUN conference. An incredible 8 out of 16 LHS students won awards. **Joey Nedland, Osman Jamil, Soumya Goush, Mitch Boynton, Roger Michaelides** all earned honorable mention. **Eric Pulick** won Outstanding Delegate for his representation of Austria in the Security Council. **Teddy Amdur** won best delegate representing the Minister of Unification for the Republic of Korea in the mini-crisis. **Craig Breckenridge** won best delegate for representing White House Chief of Staff Hamilton Jordan in the Iran Hostage Crisis.
  - The Illinois Theatre Association's 2011 All-State Production, *Into the Woods*, will include representatives from the Vernon Hills High School Fine and Performing Arts Department. Included in the *Into the Woods* cast is VHHS junior **Drew Echales**, with VHHS sophomore **Paige Kibbler** performing in the orchestra, and VHHS director **Kevin Phelan** serving as assistant producer for the show. The All-State production brings together a company of more than 70 students and staff from all areas of Illinois, representing 40 high schools.
  - Libertyville High School's fall 2010 production of *The Drowsy Chaperone* has been selected to be performed at the 2011 Illinois High School Theatre

Festival. The cast, orchestra and crew will travel to Urbana on Jan. 6 and will present two performances of the show on Friday, Jan. 7 at Foellinger Auditorium at the University of Illinois.

- The final total of donations from the LHS “**Cats for the Cure**” for *Susan G. Komen for the Cure* was \$10,433.54. Thank you to all who contributed to this important cause.
  - Thanks to the LHS cheerleaders for their donation of more than 50 toys to the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. The toy collection, part of the freshmen, junior varsity, and varsity team holiday gathering, will directly benefit families during the holidays.
  - Twenty members of the VHHS choirs, along with director **Jeremy Little**, will perform live on US 99.5 this Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 6:30 a.m. The students will sing two holiday songs as part of the “Lisa Dent and Ramblin’ Ray’s” morning show celebration of the season.
  - VHHS student **Citlali Flores** received 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the SkillsUSA Regional Competition for Cosmetology. Citlali will now move on to represent VHHS at the State level of competition.
- Superintendent Lea informed the Board that 2 FOIA requests were received and responses provided.

#### **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 Mauer to approve the Consent Vote Agenda as presented.**

- a) Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2010
- b) Employment of Employees
  - 1) Certified Staff Resignation
    - a) Kim Johnson, Social Worker, LHS (*end of 2010-2011 school year*)
  - 2) Educational Support Staff Retirement
    - a) Judy Anderson, Attendance Clerk, LHS (*June 9, 2011*)
  - 3) Educational Support Staff Transfer/Replacement Hires
    - a) Sue Gallivan, LST Secretary, LHS (*June 2011*)
    - b) Patti Scherrer, LST Secretary, LHS
  - 4) Coaching/Extracurricular Replacement Hire
    - a) Matt Erlenbaugh, Wrestling Assistant Coach, VHHS
- c) Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings of May 26, 2009
- d) Disposal of Obsolete Equipment
- e) Bills Payable & Supplemental Bill List
- f) Contracts over \$1000
- g) Treasurer’s Report

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

***On a roll call vote: AYE: Arthur, Delli Paoli, Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder and Sugarman. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. The motion carried. Addendum #31.***

### **PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL**

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

- 1) LHS Sno Catz Ski Trip to Granite Peak, Wausau, WI, January 14-16, 2011

***On a roll call vote: AYE: Delli Paoli, Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer, Oberrieder, Sugarman and Arthur. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. The motion carried. Addendum #32.***

### **FACILITIES AND FINANCE**

Chairperson Oberrieder reviewed the following committee discussion topics:

- 1) Architectural drawings and estimated costs for the LHS Concession Stand Project will be presented to the Board in January. A collaborative funding effort is underway with Parent CATS and the Fine Arts Parent group.
- 2) The Cost Reduction Task Force has begun to look at cost savings methods.
- 3) The TIF district, which was extended in 2008 for 12 years, has realized excess revenues of approximately \$400,000-500,000, which will be distributed to the appropriate taxing bodies within the next few weeks.
- 4) Tax rate objections have been filed and are under review.
- 5) Air quality at LHS pool facility was discussed.

### **PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

No Report

### **SEDOL**

Delegate Lundstedt reported that the quarterly SEDOL meeting was postponed until January.

### **IASB**

Superintendent Lea thanked Board Members Stephen Arthur, Karin Lundstedt, and Ellen Mauer for attending the IASA/IASB/IASBO Joint Annual Conference this year and acknowledged Communications Director Mary Todorik for her panel presentation at a workshop during the conference.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**It was moved by Member Oberrieder and seconded by Member Lundstedt to move into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Sale or Lease of Real Estate – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)(6).**

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

**It was moved by Member Sugarman and seconded by member Mauer to reconvene in Open Session at 8:49 p.m.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Member Sugarman and seconded by Member Mauer to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 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