

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 128
VERNON HILLS, ILLINOIS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

2-28-11

The Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:03p.m. by President Groody, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The following members were noted present: Stephen Arthur, Alex Delli Paoli, Patrick Groody, Ellen Mauer, Marsha Oberrieder and Judy Sugarman. Absent: Karin Lundstedt.

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

- Great Lakes Credit Union Representative Lizzie Childers provided information on the Mad City Money project which provides VHHS students with real life budgeting experiences.
- Margaret Pither presented information regarding the CPHY – Community Partnership for Healthy Youth Presentation. Student Assistance Program Coordinators Todd Schneider (LHS) and Margaret Pither (VHHS) secured a grant which allowed them to realize their goals for the CPHY program. Students from LHS and VHHS spoke about different events sponsored by the program throughout the year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Groody reminded the Board of the upcoming IASB Lakes Division Spring dinner meeting on March 17.

REPORTS FROM STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

- LHS Co-Representative Hannah Mowery reported on the following activities:
 - Students enjoyed the January snow days
 - Turnabout
 - Winter Recognition Assembly
 - Winter sports are wrapping up
 - Math Team won regional competition
 - Spring sports are beginning
 - Spring break plans are being considered
- VHHS Representative Nitya Bhagavatula reported on the following activities:
 - Turnabout was held on February 5
 - First Class COVE project for Uganda school

- Winter sports are wrapping up
- Click it or Ticket project – no texting while driving

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Village of Libertyville Mayor, Terry Weppler, addressed the Board with a request for a three-year extension on the current Brainerd Preservation Committee lease payment agreement. Brainerd Preservation Committee President, Jim Moran, reiterated the request for a three-year extension on the lease payment only - retaining the original lease term to 2056.

It was moved by Member Delli Paoli and seconded by Member Oberrieder to extend the Brainerd Preservation Committee Lease as requested by Village of Libertyville Mayor Terry Weppler. Following a brief discussion, Member Delli Paoli moved to amend and Member Oberrieder seconded the amendment to approve the three-year extension for the lease payment only with the lease term until 2056 the same, pending attorney review.

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

- Superintendent Lea acknowledged a donation of a silver mink fur cape from Judy Sugarman of Vernon Hills to the LHS Theatre Department.
- Superintendent Lea reported on the following *Good News*:
 - District 128 has received the SchoolSearch 2011 Bright Red Apple Award for excellence in education. District 128 is one of only 73 Illinois school districts out of 868 school districts to receive this award. The Bright Red Apple Award of Excellence in Education, which District 128 has received annually since the award's inception, is based on five key factors: academic performance, pupil/teacher ratio, expenditure per pupil, educational level of teachers, and average teacher salary. District 128 ranked strong in all five family-favored categories.
 - District 128 Assistant Superintendent for Business **Yasmine Dada** and her staff were once again honored for their excellent work when they received their second consecutive Meritorious Budget Award from the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO). The award is given for excellence in preparation and issuance of a 2010-11 school system annual budget.
 - Vernon Hills High School Science Teacher **Jay Walgren** has been named Outstanding High School Physics Teacher in the Illinois Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers. Walgren will receive the award at the Illinois Science Education Conference in the fall of 2011. Teachers receive the award based on exceptional performance, enthusiastic student response, teaching philosophy, impact on students, professional development, incorporation of state and national science teaching standards, and innovations in teaching.
 - LHS School Resource Officer **Bob Uliks** received the Friends of SAP Award at last week's Illinois Association of Student Assistant Professionals state conference in Springfield. The award is given annually to an individual who demonstrates exceptional leadership, commitment and dedication in the field of student assistance.

- The following students were named Libertyville High School January Students of the Month: **Kat Werdan, Brenda Zanze, Victoria Cavalcante, Carolyn McMahon, Hunter VanWagner, Jack Donofrio, Justin Jost, and Kyle Copeland.**
- The following VHHS DECA Club members received awards at the North Suburban DECA Area Contest held Feb. 1 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center: **Darek Macanowicz**, Automotive Services, 1st Place; **Neviya Chacko and Marjorie Kirilenko**, Buying & Merchandising Team, 2nd Place; **Gabe Cotton**, Principles of Business Management and Administration, 3rd Place; **Lauren Groody**, Restaurant Management, 3rd Place; **Jared Moor**, Marketing Management, 5th Place; **Ritesh Mishra and Rohan Varshney**, Financial Analysis Team, 5th Place; **Christina Kroes**, Restaurant Management, Economics, 5th Place; **Kacy Galisdorfer and Casey Petterson**, Marketing Communications Team, Human Relations, 2nd Place; and **Patrick Szczupak**, Marketing Communications, Economics, 3rd Place. The DECA Club is advised by **Sheryl Olson.**
- Congratulations to the D128 seniors named 2011 National Merit Finalists: LHS: **Samuel (Teddy) Amdur, Thomas August, Mitch Boynton, Toni Cao, Scott Cooper, Erika Danckers, Soumya Ghosh, May Yang.** VHHS: **Molly Gilhart, David Kim, Daniel Kocoj, Kenneth Shaevel, Meghan Wilgus.** Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.
- Three VHHS students received awards in the Third Annual Lake County Fire Chief's YouTube Video Contest for Fire Safety and Burn Prevention. The awards ceremony was held at the Advocate Condell Medical Center Conference Center in Libertyville on Feb. 9 as part of National Burn Awareness Week. Sophomore **Kurt Wickboldt's** video, "Home for the Holidays" received second-place honors, while senior **Lindsey Yacullo** and junior **Lauren Hernandez** captured third-place honors for their video, "L2." The students were sponsored by VHHS staff representatives **Sandy Martin** and **Jerry Miceli**, respectively. As second-place winner, Kurt Wickboldt received a \$300 American Express gift card, while Lindsey Yacullo and Lauren Hernandez received a \$200 gift card for placing third.
- The VHHS WYSE Team captured first place in the Regional testing at the College of Lake County. The team captured first place with an amazing score of 500/500 overall, as well as many individual medals. The team now advances to the March 11 Sectional competition that is being hosted by VHHS and coordinated by Cougar WYSE team Coach, **Joshua Ravenscraft.**
- The following LHS students received honors in the recent FCCLA competition: Child Development: **Brittany Donovan and Nikki Krumm** -- 1st place and Most Outstanding; Clothing: **Goli Parvinian** -- 1st Place, **Alex Swenson** -- 1st Place and Most Outstanding, **Carly Strecker** -- 2nd Place, **Valerie Steinhauser** -- 1st Place, **Anna Gottfreid** -- 1st Place; Foods/Salads: **Diana Davellis** -- 1st Place; Foods/Cookie Decorating: **Brooke Donovan** -- 1st Place, **Julie Ahlgrim** -- 2nd Place, and **Morgan Dickson** -- 2nd Place.
- Six LHS students qualified as semifinalists for the U.S. Physics Team. Three hundred eighty-four students were selected nationwide from over 4,000 students. The LHS semifinalists are: **Teddy Amdur, Thomas August, Scott Cooper, Kenny Nash, Mark Rhind, and May Yang.**

- Superintendent Lea informed the Board that two School Finance 101 Classes will be held – one at the Libertyville Village Hall and one at the Vernon Hills Village Hall with dates to be determined.
- Superintendent Lea read a district position statement regarding school consolidation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- President Groody extended an invitation for general public comment, including a review of the three-minute guidelines. Rob Sherman of Buffalo Grove addressed the Board with a concern regarding an LHS science teacher referencing and/or teaching creationism or intelligent design in a science class.

CONSENT VOTE AGENDA

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

- a) Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2011
- b) Employment of Employees
 - 1) Certified Staff Retirement
 - a) Monica Patterson, Family & Consumer Science, LHS, June 2015
 - 2) Certified Staff Replacement Hire
 - a) Jason R. Schroeder, Team Leader/Dean, LHS
 - 3) Educational Support Staff Replacement Hire
 - a) Jill M. Schwartz, Library Aide (PT), VHHS
 - 4) Coaching/Extracurricular Resignations
 - a) Victor Capron, Boys' Golf Assistant Coach, VHHS
 - b) Pete Dawson, Boys' Golf Assistant Coach, LHS
 - c) Colin Mason, Boys' Cross Country Assistant Coach, VHHS
- c) Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings of July 27, 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, Mauer, Oberrieder, Sugarman and Arthur. NAY: None. Absent: Lundstedt. The motion carried. Addendum #39.

PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL

It was moved by Member Sugarman and seconded by Member Oberrieder to approve the second reading and adoption of Board Policy 6:230 Library Media Program (Instruction).

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

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

- 1) LHS Wind Ensemble, Concert, Clinic and Recording Session, Illinois State University – February 20 and 21, 2011

- 2) LHS Mock Trial Team, State Mock Trial Tournament, Springfield, IL – March 3 – 5, 2011
- 3) LHS Debate Team, IHSA State Debate Tournament, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL – March 17 – 19, 2011
- 4) LHS Future Business Leaders of America, Illinois FBLA State Leadership Conference, Decatur, IL – March 25 and 26, 2011
- 5) LHS Boys' Varsity Lacrosse Trip to Louisville, KY – March 25 – 27, 2011
- 6) VHHS Boys' Varsity Baseball Trip to Jacksonville and Marion, IL – March 26 – 31, 2011
- 7) LHS Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, FCCLA State Competition – April 7 and 8, 2011
- 8) LHS Model UN Conference, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL – April 7 – 10, 2011
- 9) LHS WYSE Team, Illinois Academic Challenge State Competition, U of I, Urbana-Champaign – April 10 and 11, 2011
- 10) LHS Drops of Ink, NSPA Journalism Convention, Anaheim, CA – April 14 – 16, 2011
- 11) LHS Skills USA Competition in Applied Technology areas, Springfield, IL – April 14 – 16, 2011
- 12) LHS Chamber Orchestra Trip to Monticello, IL – April 15 and 16, 2011
- 13) LHS Girls' Varsity Lacrosse Team Trip to Columbus, OH – April 15 and 16, 2011
- 14) VHHS Math Team, ICTM State Math Team Competition, U of I, Champaign-Urbana – April 29 and 30, 2011

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

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

- 1) Educational Support Staff Replacement Hire
 - a) Cindy Rowland, Assistant Principal's Secretary, LHS (June 6, 2011)

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

FACILITIES AND FINANCE

It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Arthur to adopt the Resolution to Prepare Tentative Budget for FY 2012.

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

It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Arthur to approve the Village of Vernon Hills Loan 20 year \$1.3 Million Dollar Retirement.

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

Chairperson Oberrieder reviewed the following committee discussion topics:

- 1) Member Delli Paoli reported on the recent upgrade to the air quality systems in the LHS Pool area and informed the Board that a one year data collection period at both schools has begun in an effort to better understand any ongoing issues.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

No Report.

SEDOL

It was noted that Dr. Thomas Meline has been chosen to replace retiring SEDOL Superintendent Dr. William Delp.

IASB

No Report.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Sugarman and seconded by Member Oberrieder to adjourn the meeting at 8:14p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Oberrieder, Secretary

Patrick Groody, President