

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 128
VERNON HILLS, ILLINOIS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

3-22-11

The Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:04p.m. by President Groody, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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

President Groody appointed Ellen Mauer as Secretary Pro Tempore in Marsha Oberrieder's absence.

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; Jess Porres, business consultant; Ellen Cwick, VHHS principal; Marina Scott, LHS principal; Lynn Himes, attorney; Rick Mittelman, attorney; Denise Neal, recording secretary.

COMMUNICATION

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

- Madeline Powell, Doug Dusthimer and Margaret Pither, along with Erin Art of the Lake County Health Department, provided information on the VHHS Social Norms Project.
- Cheryl Steffens, Mike Mullaney and Nora McKiernon, of the Health & Wellness Committee, provided updates on health and wellness issues/projects.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Groody reported that District 128 is working with the Village of Libertyville to extend the Brainerd Building lease payment terms. Amendments have been drafted and are being reviewed by attorneys.

REPORTS FROM STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

- VHHS Alternate Representative Andrew Wood reported on the following LHS activities:
 - Student Progress Report #2 on March 22
 - Students are looking forward to Spring Break the week of March 28-April 1
 - AP testing is scheduled for May 2
 - Winter Sports Award Night was held on March 16
 - Spring sports are beginning
 - Jazz Band concert was held on March 18
 - Student Council will sponsor a Blood Drive on April 7
 - Prom will be held on May 14

- VHHS Representative Nitya Bhagavatula reported on the following activities:
 - The International Club held a bake sale with proceeds going to Japan
 - Spring sports are underway
 - FBLA will be competing at State Competition
 - Mr. Cougar contest will take place on April 9

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Lea reported on the following *Good News*:
 - The following students were named Libertyville High School February Students of the Month: **Sarah Blackwell, Emma Kazian, Lindsay Williams, Jessica Apgar, Logan Reiff, Patrick Bennett, Jason Leib, Audrey Roubik, Meghan Horvath, Cassie Austin, Brandon LoCoco, Joey Nield, Mason O'Brien.**
 - The following Vernon Hills High School students were named March Cougar Class Act Award winners: **Jenna Longobardi, Kurt Wickboldt, Kelly Firnbach, Colleen Hehr, Jessica Lawdan, Karen Mari, Ramu Sundararajan, Bradley Perl, Andrew Wood, Anthony Pettenon, Victor Blanton, David Zepeda** and **Nicholas LaLuzerne.**
 - A paper written by VHHS Science Teacher **Jay Walgren** has been published in the January 2011 issue of *The Physics Teacher*. Mr. Walgren's article, "Innovative Use of a Classroom Response System During Physics Lab," will be seen by over 10,000 teachers in colleges and high schools worldwide.
 - Congratulations to LHS students **Nathan Wolf** and **Elizabeth Ulanday** for advancing to the second round of the Chemistry Olympiad testing. They will be taking the five hour national test on April 16.
 - Congratulations to the LHS **WYSE** team for its 3rd place finish at the Illinois Academic Challenge Sectional competition. **Nina Andrejevic** received a 3rd place medal in Math; **Matt King** finished 2nd in English and qualified for the State competition; **Roger Michaelides** finished 2nd in Physics and qualified for State; and **May Yang** finished 1st in Physics and qualified for State in both Physics and Chemistry. LHS placed 5th overall in the regional competition with all 15 students earning medals. The team is now preparing for the State competition, held at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana on April 16.
 - VHHS student and DECA member Patrick Szczupak has been awarded an Applegate scholarship - the Leonard Pokladnik Memorial Award for \$1,000.
- Superintendent Lea informed the Board that 2 FOIA requests were received and responses provided.
- Superintendent Lea read statements regarding school consolidation and the LHS biology class issue regarding the teaching or referencing of creationism.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- President Groody extended an invitation for general public comment, including a review of the three-minute guidelines. Comments and concerns were received from several residents and non-residents 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 Lundstedt and seconded by Member Mauer to approve the Consent Vote Agenda as presented.

- a) Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2011
- b) Employment of Employees
 - 1) Certified Staff Request to Remain Part-Time (2011-2012)
 - a) Deborah Beagle, Student Activities Director, VHHS
 - 2) Certified Staff Request to Go Part-Time (2011-2012)
 - a) Frances Fatta, Fine & Performing Arts, VHHS
 - 3) Certified Staff Requests for Leave of Absence
 - a) Amanda Carroll, Social Studies, VHHS – 1st Semester 2011-12 School Year
 - b) Karen LeMaistre, English, LHS – 1st Semester 2011-12 School Year
 - 4) Certified Staff Resignation
 - a) Jeanne Wolff, Family & Consumer Science, VHHS
 - 5) Certified Staff Replacement Hire
 - a) Nicholas P. Austin, Counselor, VHHS
 - 6) Certified Staff Transfer/Replacement
 - a) Josephine DiMarco, Social Worker, VHHS
- c) Educational Support Staff Resignation
 - a) Andrew O'Hara, Courier/Custodian (B&G), District Office/LHS
- d) Educational Support Staff Replacement Hire
 - a) Iwona Awlasewicz, TV/Video Technician, LHS
- e) Coaching/Extracurricular Activities Resignation
 - a) Stephen Brooks, Boys Lacrosse Assistant Coach, LHS
- f) Coaching/Extracurricular Activities Replacement Hire
 - a) Lauren Rucks, Softball Assistant Co-Coach, LHS
- g) Disposal of Obsolete Equipment
- h) Bills Payable & Supplemental Bill List
- i) Contracts over \$1000
- j) Treasurer's Report

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

PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL

It was moved by Member Lundstedt and seconded by Member Arthur to approve Annual Staffing Recommendations as presented.

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

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

- 1) VHHS Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, (FCCLA) State Competition, Springfield, IL – April 7 & 8, 2011
- 2) VHHS Outdoor Environmental Program and Canoe Trip to Quetico Provincial Park, Ontario, Canada – June 8 - 15, 2011

On a roll call vote: AYE: Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer, Arthur and Delli Paoli. NAY: None. Absent: Oberrieder and Sugarman. The motion carried. Addendum #47.

It was moved by Member Lundstedt and seconded by Member Delli Paoli to approve the Annual Employment Recommendations as presented:

- 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) Request to Return Full-Time (2011-2012):
 - a) Monica Feeny, International Language, Libertyville High School
 - b) Megan Gavin, International Language, Libertyville High School
 - c) Elissa Gong, Science, Libertyville High School
 - d) Rebecca Kinnee, English, Libertyville High School
 - e) Nikki Olszewski, Mathematics, Libertyville High School
 - f) Jennifer Tye-Spytek, Mathematics, Vernon Hills High School
- 3) Non-Renewal 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
 - e) Part-Time Non-Tenured Faculty

On a roll call vote: AYE: Lundstedt, Mauer, Arthur, Delli Paoli and Groody. NAY: None. Absent: Oberrieder and Sugarman. The motion carried. Addendum #48.

FACILITIES AND FINANCE

Member Arthur reviewed the following committee discussion topics:

- 1) The status of the April 6th LHS Concession Stand Bid Opening was updated
- 2) The F&F Committee is looking at a 20 Year Capital Plan

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

No Report.

SEDOL

No Report.

IASB

No Report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Lundstedt to move into Executive

Session at 8:23 p.m. to discuss Employment of an Employee – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057.

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

It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Arthur to reconvene in Open Session at 9:16 p.m.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Arthur to approve and adopt a resolution authorizing a Notice of Remedy for Staff Member A2011.

On a roll call vote: AYE: Delli Paoli, Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer and Arthur. NAY: None. Absent: Oberrieder and Sugarman. The motion carried. Addendum #49.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Arthur to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

A voice vote was taken with all members present voting aye. NAY: None. ABSENT: Marsha Oberrieder and Judy Sugarman.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Mauer, Secretary Pro Tempore

Patrick Groody, President