

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 128  
VERNON HILLS, ILLINOIS

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

9-26-11

*The Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Groody, followed by the pledge of allegiance.*

*The following members were noted present: Stephen Arthur, Jim Batson, Alex Delli Paoli, Patrick Groody, Karin Lundstedt, Ellen Mauer and Bill Ratzler. Absent: None.*

*Also present: Prentiss Lea, superintendent; Al Fleming, associate superintendent; Yasmine Dada, assistant superintendent for business; Deb Larson, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction; 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 and Instruction Deborah Larson introduced Dr. Ellen Cwick, VHHS Principal, who provided an overview of the Uganda trip in conjunction with the ongoing Cove Project. VHHS Special Services Teacher Assistant, Rachel Blanton and VHHS Student School Board Representative, Kate Lee, provided their personal comments on the Uganda trip experience as well.
- Associate Superintendent Al Fleming acknowledged the following student academic achievements:
  - 11 National Merit Semi-Finalists
  - 1 National Achievement Scholar Semi-Finalist
  - Future Business Leaders of American (FBLA) Award of Excellence

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- President Groody clarified the terms of the Brainerd Lease Agreement Amendment which is to extend the lease termination notification date to December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Batson to approve the Brainerd Lease Agreement Amendment as presented.**

***On a roll call vote: AYE: Arthur, Batson, Delli Paoli, Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer, and Ratzler. NAY: None. Absent: None. The motion carried. Addendum #17.***

## REPORTS FROM STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

- VHHS Representative Kate Lee reported on the following activities:
  - Homecoming activities took place September 19-24
  - Homecoming Dance was held on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>
  - First Class Orientation
  - EKG testing took place on September 28<sup>th</sup>
  - IMEA Choir, Orchestra and Band Auditions are scheduled for early October
- LHS Co-Rep Darinka Sutic reported on the following activities:
  - Sports updates
  - Fall musical is in production
  - FBLA held 2 successful fundraisers this fall

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Lea reported on the following *Good News*:
  - The 2010-11 Libertyville High School Boys' Volleyball Team was recently honored by ZONI—Zebras of Northern Illinois-- for the consistent display of sportsmanship by the team, its fans and coaches. The team was coached by **Steve Rochon**.
  - Vernon Hills High School has been named the winner of Westfield Hawthorn Center's *Give Back to School* program. As the 2011 winner, VHHS will receive a check for \$2,500. VHHS was one of more than 100 local schools in the competition.
  - The District 128 Foundation for Learning will be the recipient of a \$3,200 check from Tom & Eddie's. The Foundation, along with the Stevenson High School Foundation, are benefactors of a fundraiser held during the grand opening of Tom & Eddie's in Vernon Hills. Ten percent of the first nine days of sales was split between the two foundations. Thank you to Tom and Eddie's and everyone who helped support the fundraiser.
  - The LHS Boys' Cross Country Team has been busy this fall making a difference in the lives of others. Each year, the team fundraises and donates to charities chosen by the team members. On Sept. 12 the team donated \$1,600 to the Semper Fi Fund, a nonprofit organization that provides immediate financial support for injured and critically ill members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families. On Sept. 19, the team presented a check to the family of Gabby Drozd to benefit The Gabby Drozd Fund which was established in honor of Lake Zurich teen, Gabriella Drozd, who was killed in a hit-and-run accident on July 22, 2011. The team is coached by **Mark Buesing, Matt Condron and Caitlin Bye**.
  - The VHHS Girls' Volleyball Team, coached by **Abbie Gutzmer**, raised over \$2,500 at last week's Volley for the Cure. The money will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

- LHS student, **Taylor Isberg**, is the recipient of the John Bruce Yeh Merit Scholarship by Midwest Young Artists. Mr. Yeh is the principal clarinetist of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. In addition to the scholarship, Taylor will have the following opportunities: he will meet and be mentored by Mr. Yeh, he will receive lessons with Mr. Yeh and he will be recognized in all MYA Concert Programs as a scholarship recipient.
  - 2008 VHHS graduate, **Ally Bains**, has been named one of Glamour Magazine's Top 10 College Women of 2011. Ally received the honor in the Activist category for her work on establishing *Ally's Law* which gives access to employee washrooms to those with a medical condition. She is currently a student at Lake Forest College.
  - LHS students, **Jovana and Nina Andrejevic**, were selected as part of the inaugural cohort of IIT Boeing Scholars and successfully completed the 2011 "Cities of the Future" Summer Session. 50 juniors and 44 seniors were selected from 45 Chicago-area high schools to participate in the IIT Boeing Scholars program. Their selection was based on their outstanding commitment to academics, promise as future leaders and vision for positively impacting their communities and the world through STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields.
- Superintendent Lea provided an update on the LHS and VHHS swimming pool status.
  - Superintendent Lea informed the Board of 4 FOIA requests which were received and responses provided.
  - Superintendent Lea acknowledged the following 5 donations:
    - Monetary donation from Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Faia of Vernon Hills, to the VHHS Bridges Group
    - 1993 Honda Accord XL Coupe from Mr. Leroy Thomson, Jr. of Arlington Heights to LHS Auto Shop Classes
    - LeBlanc Vito Tenor Sax from Ms. Linda Boynton, to the LHS Fine Arts Department
    - 80 cases of xerographic paper from Treeless Products of Vernon Hills to D128
    - Monetary donation from Mr. Steve Uhler of Libertyville, to the LHS Football Program

**It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Lundstedt to approve the 2011-2012 Applications for Recognition of Schools.**

***On a roll call vote: AYE: Batson, Delli Paoli, Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer, Ratzer and Arthur. NAY: None. Absent: None. The motion carried. Addendum #18.***

## **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 Lundstedt and seconded by Member Batson to approve the Consent Vote Agenda as presented.**

- a) Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2011
- b) Employment of Employees
  - 1) Certified Staff New Hire
    - a) Mary Nicholson, Part-Time Speech Pathologist, LHS/VHHS
  - 2) Educational Support Staff Retirement
    - a) Marilyn McBride, CRC Secretary, LHS (December 21, 2011)
  - 3) Educational Support Staff Resignations
    - a) Todd Buerstatte, Special Services Teacher Aide, LHS
    - b) Abigail McKelvy, LHS Secretary LHS
  - 4) Educational Support Staff Replacement Hire
    - a) Laura Makeever, Part-Time -Nurse, LHS
  - 5) Coaching/Extracurricular Activities Replacement Hires
    - a) Michael Cook, Boys' Track Assistant Coach, LHS
    - b) Margaret Faulkner, Boys' Water Polo Assistant Coach, LHS
    - c) Jeff Killinger, Boys' Assistant Soccer Coach, VHHS
    - d) Laura Nardini, Boys' Soccer Assistant Coach, VHHS
    - e) Josh Ugaste, Football Assistant Coach, VHHS
- c) Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings of January 26, 2010
- 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, Mauer, Ratzer, Arthur and Batson. NAY: None. Absent: None. The motion carried. Addendum #19.***

## **PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL**

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

- 1) LHS Varsity Baseball, Scottsdale, AZ – March 24-31, 2012

***On a roll call vote: AYE: Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer, Ratzer, Arthur, Batson and Delli Paoli. NAY: None. Absent: None. The motion carried. Addendum #20.***

### **It was moved by Member Lundstedt and seconded by Member Delli Paoli to approve the Employment of Employees as presented:**

- 1) Educational Support Personnel Replacement Hire
  - a) Brandy Capaccio, LST Secretary, LHS
  - b) Tiffany Sullivan, Special Services Aide, LHS

*On a roll call vote: AYE: Lundstedt, Mauer, Ratzer, Arthur, Batson, Delli Paoli and Groody.  
NAY: None. Absent: None. The motion carried. Addendum #21.*

### **FACILITIES AND FINANCE**

**It was moved by Member Lundstedt and seconded by Member Batson to approve the Resolution Approving SEDOL's Final Budget for 2011-2012.**

*On a roll call vote: AYE: Mauer, Ratzer, Arthur, Batson, Delli Paoli, Groody and Lundstedt.  
NAY: None. Absent: None. The motion carried. Addendum #22.*

**It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Batson to adopt the Aggregate Levy for Tax Year 2011.**

*On a roll call vote: AYE: Ratzer, Arthur, Batson, Delli Paoli, Groody, Lundstedt and Mauer.  
NAY: None. Absent: None. The motion carried. Addendum #23.*

**It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Delli Paoli to approve the extension of the Aramark contract for three years. The extension is tied into financial enticements as well as staffing re-evaluations.**

*On a roll call vote: AYE: Arthur, Batson, Delli Paoli, Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer and Ratzer.  
NAY: None. Absent: None. The motion carried. Addendum #24.*

**It was moved by Member Delli Paoli and seconded by Member Lundstedt to award the John Deere Commercial Front Mower to Buck Bros. in the amount of \$32,423.00.**

*On a roll call vote: AYE: Batson, Delli Paoli, Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer, Ratzer and Arthur.  
NAY: None. Absent: None. The motion carried. Addendum #25.*

**It was moved by Member Ratzer and seconded by Member Batson to award the LHS Gym Projection System to Audio Visual Systems in the amount of \$119,996.**

*On a roll call vote: AYE: Delli Paoli, Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer, Ratzer, Arthur and Batson.  
NAY: None. Absent: None. The motion carried. Addendum #26.*

**It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Lundstedt to reject all bids for the VHHS Softball and Baseball Field Drainage Improvement Project and re-bid the project.**

*On a roll call vote: AYE: Groody, Lundstedt, Mauer, Ratzer, Arthur, Batson and Delli Paoli.  
NAY: None. Absent: None. The motion carried. Addendum #27.*

**It was moved by Member Ratzer and seconded by Member Batson to award the VHHS Turf Project Civil Engineering & Surveying Services bid to Manhard Consulting of Vernon Hills for converting the existing natural grass football field to a synthetic surface in the amount of \$33,500.**

*On a roll call vote: AYE: Lundstedt, Mauer, Ratzer, Arthur, Batson, Delli Paoli and Groody.  
NAY: None. Absent: None. The motion carried. Addendum #28.*

It was the consensus of the Board to direct the administration to do further study on the LHS Kiln Project.

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

No Report.

**SEDOL**

Delegate Lundstedt reported that the SEDOL bargaining agreement was ratified for a period of one year and the SEDOL budget was approved.

**IASB**

No Report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Batson to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Mauer, Secretary

Patrick Groody, President