

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 128  
VERNON HILLS, ILLINOIS

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

12-12-11

*The Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:09p.m. by President Patrick Groody, followed by the pledge of allegiance.*

*The following members were noted present: Stephen Arthur, James 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; Jess Porres, business consultant; Ellen Cwick, VHHS principal; Marina Scott, LHS principal; Mary Todoric, communications director; Rick Mittelman, attorney; Denise Neal, recording secretary.*

**COMMUNICATION**

**EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION**

- Kevin Donnelon, Project Turf Chairman, provided an update on the Project Turf Program progress. It was noted that the program has raised \$680,000 with a target of \$800,000.
- VHHS Special Services Department Supervisor Robin Myerberg and teachers Kelly Garrison, Alyssa Madsen and Rebecca Garcia, along with program consultant Sheila Russell, presented information on the Tutorial – A Program for Independence. This program is geared towards students with Autism-Spectrum Disorders (*or characteristics of students with ASD*) utilizing strategies and social language to develop skills for success.
- The following Students, Educational Support Staff and Teachers were recognized and presented with Distinguished Service Awards for Academic, Service and Professional distinction: LHS Student Morgan Dixon, IHSA State Swim Finalist; VHHS Student Wayne Didier, IHSA 5 A All State Football Team; LHS Educational Support Staff Member Patty Scherrer, Illinois Deans Association Award; LHS Dance Teacher Eryn Brown, Dance Education of the Year Award; Teachers David Kahn, Lauren Rust, Andrea Lara, Maggie Casteleyn, Joyce Kleinheinz, Laura Guiard, Katie Hyla, Kristin Tarrant and Patricia Nora – National Board Certification.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- President Groody presented an amendment to the current Brainerd Lease Agreement that extends the Notice of Termination to February 1, 2012.

**It was moved by Member Mauer and seconded by Member Batson to approve the amendment to the current Brainerd Lease Agreement extending the Notice of Termination to February 1, 2012.**

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

- President Groody provided a review of the December 5, 2011 Committee of The Whole Meeting in which the discussion focused on budget surpluses.

**REPORTS FROM STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

- VHHS Representative Kate Lee reported on the following activities:
  - Fall Sports Awards
  - One Act Play Auditions
  - 17 students chosen for All State Musician recognition
  - Student-Staff Variety Show
  - Senior meeting – graduation planning
  - 4 Illinois State Scholars
  - Madrigal singers invited to perform on US 99.5 live
  - Adopt a Family Christmas party was held on December 15
- LHS Co-Representative Darinka Sutic reported on the following activities:
  - WISH (*Adopt a Family*) Christmas party was held on December 14
  - Choir Concert performances took place on December 13 & 14
  - Boys Basketball Team is undefeated
  - Jazz Combo Fundraiser underway
  - Holiday Band Concert was held on December 20
  - Americans Election Club is starting
  - November 15<sup>th</sup> Orchestra Festival

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Superintendent Lea reported on the following *Good News*:
  - The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) has released the names of the 2011-12 Illinois State Scholars. Congratulations to the 217 seniors at Libertyville High School and Vernon Hills High School who received this honor. Illinois State Scholars 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 high schools from across the state as 2011-12 Illinois State Scholars.
  - Student artists and teachers from Libertyville and Vernon Hills High Schools received the following honors at the Dec. 8, 5 x 7 Art Exhibit held at Waukegan High School:
    - **Vernon Hills High School**
    - Best of Show Trophy Winner: **Patrick Hamrick**
    - Best of Show Categories Medal:
      - Drawing: **Sierra Carroll**
      - Printmaking: **Elina Yufa**
      - Photo: **Rishi Ling**

- Honorable Mention Categories:
  - Drawing: **Ambrin Ling**
  - Painting: **Ann Ho, Tiffany Do**
  - Printmaking: **Olivia Weaver**
  - Photo: **Julie Gartsman, Brad Feinman, Brittany Maslov**
  - **Libertyville High School**
  - Honorable Mention Categories:
  - Photo: **Rachel Wood, Alexis Petrzilka**
  - Honorable Mention D128 Teachers:
  - **Allison Molloy, Stefanie Dahlstrom**
  - The following LHS students were named November Students of the Month: **Mariah Lee, Haley Agre, Carly Ostmeyer, Maddie Wagner, Cassidy Ostmeyer, Ashley Evans, Clare Ogilvie, Ingrid Reid, Jimmy Althoff, Tim Grote and Gordon Schlicht.**
  - Tune into US 99.5 this Wednesday morning for a special treat. Members of the VHHS Chamber Choir, under the direction of Jeremy Little, will make their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual visit to sing holiday carols live on the air at 7:00 a.m. The students will also be recorded and played later during that morning's broadcast.
  - Congratulations to LHS Special Olympian **John Cerve** who finished 6th in his division at the State Bowling Tournament last weekend.
  - Congratulations to VHHS Junior **Steven Tinetti** who won a Best Speaker award at the Junior State of America (JSA) Club fall state conference in Madison, WI. Eighteen VHHS students attended the conference on Nov. 19-20.
  - Congratulations to the **LHS WYSE Team** for its performance at the Milwaukee School of Engineering's OP Science competition. The two LHS teams finished 1st and 2nd in the 22-team field, in addition to taking home eight of the 15 individual medals. Individual medalists were **Osman Jamil, Sandeep Balasubramanian, Derick Carnazzola, Nathan Wolf, Alex Wang, Nishad Phadke, Richard Pan, and Tim Pawlicki.** The team is coached by **Pete Dawson and David Kreutz.**
  - LHS Dance Teacher **Eryn Brown** has been named Midwest Dance Teacher of the Year by the Midwest District of the American Alliance of Healthy, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD). As the winner from the Midwest District, representing Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio Michigan and West Virginia, Eryn will go on to compete for the national level of the award at the AAHPERD national conference in Boston in March 2012.
  - Community High School District 128 Special Olympics Coach Andy Compton was recently recognized as an outstanding supporter of Special Olympics Illinois when he was awarded a 2011 Maggiano's Hero Award. Coach Compton received the honor at a dinner and presentation held at Maggiano's Little Italy in Schaumburg on Nov. 30. For the fifth year in a row, Maggiano's Schaumburg has helped Special Olympics Illinois honor key volunteers and supporters in the Chicagoland area who have made major contributions to Special Olympics.
  - District 128 is pleased to announce that nine teachers from LHS and VHHS achieved National Board Certification. Those teachers are **David Kahn, Lauren Rust, Andrea Lara, Maggie Casteleyn, Joyce Kleinheinz, Laura Guiard, Katie Hyla, Kristin Tarrant and Patricia Nora.**
- The following donation was acknowledged: 2001 Volkswagon Golf automobile to CHSD 128 from Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Arthur of Libertyville.

- Superintendent Lea provided the following update:
  - CHSD 128 continues to work with our swimming pool engineers to comply with IDPH regulations.

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

- a) Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2011
- b) Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2011 (*remain in closed file*)
- c) Employment of Employees
  - 1) Certified Staff Retirements
    - a) James Seward, Social Studies Department Supervisor, VHHS, June 2016
    - b) Cheryl Steffens, International Languages Department Supervisor, VHHS, June 2016
  - 2) Educational Support Staff Resignations
    - a) Rachael Blanton, Special Services Aide, VHHS
    - b) Andrew Westerman, Special Services Aide, VHHS
  - 3) Educational Support Staff Replacement Hires
    - a) Marianne Footlik, Senior Bookkeeper, District Office
    - b) Lydia McDermott, Part-Time Library/Media Aide, VHHS
    - c) Hillary Miller, Data Processing Secretary, LHS
  - 4) Coaching/Extracurricular Activities Replacement Hire
    - a) Al Janulis, Boys' Head Track Coach, Vernon Hills High School
    - b) Josh Ugaste, Wrestling Assistant Coach, VHHS
- d) Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings
  - 1) April 26, 2010
  - 2) May 24, 2010
- e) Disposal of Obsolete Equipment
- f) Bills Payable & Supplemental Bill List
- g) Contracts over \$1000
- h) Treasurer's Report

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

#### **PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL**

Chairperson Mauer noted that all School Board Policies are now available online.

#### **It was moved by Member Batson and seconded by Member Arthur to approve the Educational Tour Requests as presented.**

- 1) LHS Orchestra Trip to University of Illinois and Illinois Wesleyan University for Clinics at IWU and Performance/Clinic at U of I - February 3&4, 2012
- 2) LHS Wind Ensemble Trip to Champaign, IL for a Concert, Clinic and Recording Session – March 4&5, 2012

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

### **FACILITIES AND FINANCE**

No Report

### **PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

No Report

### **SEDOL**

Delegate Lundstedt provided a brief report on the SEDOL Quarterly Meeting held on November 30, 2011 at which time the SEDOL Board adopted a line of credit with Libertyville Bank & Trust Company to bridge the gap in state funding payments.

### **IASB**

No Report.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**It was moved by Member Arthur and seconded by Member Batson to move into Closed Session at 8:17 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Collective Negotiating Matters – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2); Probable Litigation – 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11); and Employment of an Employee – 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1).**

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

### **OPEN SESSION**

**It was moved by Member Batson and seconded by Member Ratzer to return to Open Session at 9:19 p.m.**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Member Lundstedt and seconded by Member Batson to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 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