

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
LAKE PARK COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 108, HELD
December 17, 2007

1. President Barbara Layer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the East Campus building and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Call to
Order/Roll Call**

Secretary of the Board Judith Briggs called the roll with the following board members answering present: Judith Briggs, Joan DiPiero, Barbara Layer, Bob Marino, P. J. Olzen, Patricia Szerlong and Martin Tasch. Also present were: Dr. John Butts, superintendent; Dr. Jeffery O'Connell, assistant superintendent for business services; Dr. Margaret Eskey, assistant superintendent for human resources; Dr. Edward Wardzala, principal of the East Campus; Dr. Martin Quinn, principal of the West Campus; Jim Roberts, assistant principal at West Campus; Patrick Buchenot, director of activities; Jennifer Jones Wilk, manager of communications and development; Deborah Peltz, administrative assistant to the superintendent; Mike Chiodo, Lance Murphy and Carolyn Roys, staff members; four student representatives from the Marching Band; Roberta Borrino, Bob Brandl, Mary Beth Dunne, Karla Mercado, Linda Szramiak and Lew Von Almen, residents; and Shirley May Byrnes and Denise Zielinski from the DuPage Library System.

2. Member Patricia Szerlong asked that the agenda be amended to add a Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, dismissal of specific employees, after Item 16, Superintendent's Report.

**Approval of
Amended Agenda**

Patricia Szerlong made a motion, seconded by Bob Marino, to approve the agenda as amended. On a voice vote, all members voted aye.

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Martin Tasch made a motion, seconded by Bob Marino, to close the Regular Meeting and open a Public Hearing on the Levy.

**Close of Regular
Mtg/Opening of
Public Hearing**

On a voice vote, all members voted aye.

The motion carried.

4. President Barbara Layer declared the Public Hearing on the Levy for the 2007 Tax Year open.

**Public Hearing on
the Levy**

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President Layer asked for comments from visitors.

Bob Brandl, a resident of Medinah, commented on the amount of the levy and on number newspaper listings on property foreclosures and bankruptcies. Mr. Brandl hopes that government agencies will take this into consideration when making decisions that affect the people of our country.

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5. Hearing no other comments from the audience, President Layer announced that the Tax & Levy Resolution for the 2007 Tax Year will be presented for adoption later in the meeting.

**Close of Public
Hearing on
Levy/Opening of
Public Hearing on
IL School Code
27-24.3**

6. Patricia Szerlong made a motion, seconded by Martin Tasch, to close the Public Hearing on the Levy and open the Public Hearing on a Request for Modification of Illinois School Code 27-24.3 (Public Act 095-0310). On a voice vote, all members voted aye.

7. President Layer declared the Public Hearing on a Request for Modification of Illinois School Code 27-24.3 (Public Act 095-0310) open.

**Public Hearing on
a Request for
Modification of
IL School Code
27-24.3 (Public
Act 095-0310)**

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President Layer asked for comments from visitors.

8. Hearing no comments regarding this issue, President Layer declared the Public Hearing on a Request for Modification of Illinois School Code 27-24.3 (Public Act 095-0310) closed and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

**Close of Hearing/
Reconvene
Regular Meeting**

9. Patricia Szerlong made a motion, seconded by P.J. Olzen, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of November 26, 2007 and Special Meeting minutes of December 6, 2007.

**Approval of
Minutes**

On a voice vote, all members voted aye.

10. President Barbara Layer announced that the meeting had arrived at the agenda topic known as "Visitors' Comments".

**Visitors'
Comments**

Resident Lew Von Almen asked questions concerning the levy. Board Member Patricia Szerlong briefly explained the levy process and asked that he leave his phone number if he still had questions and Dr. Jeffery O'Connell would respond to him.

11. President Layer noted that the meeting had arrived at the agenda item known as "Presentations".

Presentations

Patrick Buchenot, director of activities, highlighted the Marching Band's competitive season and introduced Mike Chiodo, band director.

**Recognition of
Students**

Mr. Chiodo introduced four students representing the members of the Marching Band and commented on the band's wonderful season. Mr. Chiodo also thanked the Board and administration for supporting the students, parents and volunteers of the band program.

Principal Edward Wardzala reported that Denise Zielinski, Director of Informational Services of the DuPage Library System, had informed him that Carolyn Roys was going to be recognized for her years of service as an Executive Board Member of the DuPage Library

**Recognition of
Staff**

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System.

Ms. Zielinski introduced Shirley Mae Byrnes, Executive Director of the DuPage Library System who presented Ms. Roys with a plaque in appreciation for her three years of service on the library board. Ms. Roys expressed that it was an honor to serve on the board and that she hoped to be able to again in the future.

12. Martin Tasch made a motion, seconded by Bob Marino, that the Board approve, as per details set forth in each of the attached memoranda, Consent Agenda Items 12-a through 12-g.

Consent Agenda

Item 12-a. Approve, as per details set forth in the attached memoranda, the overnight trips for students as follows: 22 Members of Winterguard to Regional Contest, Ferndale, Michigan; 22 Members of Winterguard to Regional Contest, Avon, Indiana; 22 Members of Winterguard to Midwest Colorguard Circuit Champs, Frankfort, Illinois; and 22 Members of Winterguard to International Competition, Fairborn, Ohio.

Resignations of Classified

Item 12-b. Approve, as per details set forth in this memorandum, the appointments of Sean Lovelace (Special Education, 100%, 2nd semester only) and Jill McQuade (PE/Drivers Education, 60%, 2nd semester only).

Temp. Appts. for 2007-08

Item 12-c. Approve the appointment of Greg Anderson to the drivers education coordinator position for the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year.

Drivers Ed Coordinator

Item 12-d. Approve the appointments to 2007-08 Alternative School contracts for the second semester for M. Howard, R. Thompson and J. Wisniewski.

Alt. School Contracts

Item 12-e. Approve, as per details set forth in this memorandum, the appointments to cocurricular contracts for the persons identified.

Cocurricular Contracts 07-08

Item 12-f. Approve, as per details set forth in this memorandum, a maternity leave for Marti Shirley.

Request for Maternity Leave

Item 12-g. Approve December 2007 Bills for Payment in the amount of \$812,596.43; Out-of-Sequence Check List in the amount of \$1,090,844.62; and Imprest Check List in the amount of \$24,709.53, for total expenditures of \$1,928,150.58.

Bills for Payment

On roll call, the vote was:

AYE: Tasch, Marino, Olzen, Szerlong, Briggs, DiPiero, Layer

NAY: None

The motion carried. Copies of Consent Agenda memoranda are on file with the official minutes.

13. **Item 13-a.**

Action Items

Dr. Margaret Eskey, assistant superintendent for human resources, reported that 52 applications were received for the principal positions that will be available July 1, 2008. Dr. Eskey explained the interview process and announced that one candidate, Janet Constien, was unanimously recommended by the interview teams. Dr. Eskey provided personal and professional background information on Mrs. Constien and introduced her and her husband to the Board.

Recommendation of Principal

Joan DiPiero made a motion, seconded by Patricia Szerlong, to approve the administrative

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employment contract of Janet Constien as Principal beginning July 1, 2008 at a base salary rate of \$137,500 plus benefits.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYE: DiPiero, Szerlong, Tasch, Briggs, Layer, Marino
NAY: None

The motion carried.

Item 13-b.

Assistant Superintendent Jeffery O'Connell reported that the percentage increase of the estimated aggregate levy for 2007 exceeds taxes extended for the District in 2006 by 14.4 percent. Dr. O'Connell noted that the levy is full of uncertainties and the exact levy will be computed by the township assessor based on 2007 figures for the consumer price index, the percent increase in property value within the District, and how much new property is developed.

P. J. Olzen made a motion, seconded by Patricia Szerlong, to approve the attached Tax Levy Resolution for the Tax Year 2007.

On a roll call, the vote was:

AYE: Olzen, Szerlong, Tasch, Briggs, DiPiero, Layer, Marino
NAY: None

The motion carried.

14. President Layer announced that the meeting had again arrived at the agenda topic known as "Visitors' Comments" and invited those present to address the Board.

**Visitors'
Comments**

Mary Beth Dunne thanked board members and administrators for their support of this year's Marching Band program.

15. Judith Briggs commented on a recent East Campus School Improvement Team (SIT) meeting where discussion involved ways to help staff cope with changes in order to keep morale high.

**Board Member
Reports**

16. Superintendent Butts reported:

- The Legislature is still in session and accountability is back in a bill that is 459 pages long with 24 of those pages related to school accountability. He will keep the Board informed of developments.
- FOIA request was received from *The Daily Herald* requesting a listing of board meetings for the coming year. This request was fulfilled.

**Superintendent's
Report**

17. Martin Tasch made a motion, seconded by P.J. Olzen, to enter Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). On a roll call, the vote was:

Closed Session

AYE: Tasch, Olzen, Szerlong, Briggs, DiPiero, Layer, Marino
NAY: None

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The Board entered Closed Session at 7:40 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 8:06 p.m.

18. Martin Tasch made a motion, seconded by P. J. Olzen, to adjourn the meeting. On a voice vote, all members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Adjournment

Barbara Layer, President
Board of Education

Judith Briggs, Secretary
Board of Education