

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
LAKE PARK COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 108, HELD
September 24, 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. Lynne Panega, associate 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; Tim Noverini, assistant principal; Philip Wright, assistant principal; Deborah Peltz, administrative assistant to the superintendent; Serena Armas, staff member; Mary Beth Dunne, Lake Park Band Auxiliary; Jill King, Sodexho; Bob Brandl and John Bunnell, residents; and Gene Johannes, visitor.

2. President Layer asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

**Approval of
Agenda**

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

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Patricia Szerlong made a motion, seconded by P. J. Olzen, to close the Regular Meeting and open the Public Hearing on the tentative budget for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year. On a voice vote, all members voted aye.

**Close of Reg.
Mtg/Opening of
Public Hearing**

The motion carried.

4. President Barbara Layer opened the Public Hearing on the tentative budget for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year.

Public Hearing

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. Lynne Panega, associate 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; Tim Noverini, assistant principal; Philip Wright, assistant principal; Deborah Peltz, administrative assistant to the superintendent; Serena Armas, staff member; Mary Beth Dunne, Lake Park Band Auxiliary; Jill King, Sodexho; Bob Brandl and John Bunnell, residents; and Gene Johannes, visitor.

President Layer invited visitors to comment on the budget.

5. Hearing no comments from the audience, Bob Marino made a motion, seconded by Patricia Szerlong, to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Meeting. On a voice vote, all members voted aye.

**Close of Public
Hearing/
Reconvene
Regular Mtg.**

The motion carried. President Layer declared the Public Hearing closed and noted that approval of the budget would be voted on later in the evening.

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6. Bob Marino made a motion, seconded by Patricia Szerlong, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 27, 2007 and Closed Session of August 27, 2007. On a voice vote, all members voted aye.

**Approval of
Minutes**

The motion carried.

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

**Visitors'
Comments**

Mary Beth Dunne, a representative of the Lake Park Band Auxiliary, thanked those present for coming to the recent Joust and for their support of the Marching Band program. Ms. Dunne noted that the Marching Band has had a successful start in competition.

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

Presentations

Dr. Edward Wardzala, principal of the East Campus, presented an overview of Lake Park's summer bridge programs. Dr. Wardzala reported that students have made smooth and steady progress since the algebra summer bridge program began in 2005 and that reading was added to the program in 2006. He summarized data showing that 35 students enrolled in the summer bridge program in 2005. Enrollment increased to 63 students in 2006. In 2007, there were 100 students enrolled, with 32 students enrolled in both algebra and reading. Of the students who were enrolled in summer 2007, 53% were able to enroll in algebra for the 2007-08 school year and 45% tested out of reading.

**Summer Reading
and Math Bridge
Program—2007**

During discussion, Dr. Wardzala answered questions from board members and noted that 88% of the Class of 2011 were able to enroll in algebra or above while only 48% of the Class of 2002 were able to do so. He noted that a rise in 2008 PSAE scores should be evident as a result of this program.

Assistant Principals Phil Wright and Tim Noverini reported that they are co-chairs of a task force that has been created to proactively address minority achievement and the mandates of *No Child Left Behind* legislation. This task force will begin outreach activities targeting African American and Hispanic students and parents. Mr. Wright noted that minority student test scores are not acceptable and that the task force will be developing strategies to address the achievement gap between white and minority students as evidenced on the PSAE. Mr. Noverini reported that the task force has utilized the expertise of Dr. Lourdes Ferrer, Minority Achievement Consultant with the DuPage Regional Office of Education, to interview African American and Hispanic students to gain insights into their perspectives on minority achievement. Also, it is District 108's intent to join forces with College of DuPage and Keeneyville School District 20 in the *Dare to Dream* initiative which monitors the educational journey of the 2007-2008 class of 5th graders through college.

**Minority
Achievement**

Serena Armas, a member of the Minority Achievement Task Force, detailed "College UNIDOS 2007", a Hispanic outreach program for students and their families.

During discussion, Mr. Wright, Mr. Noverini and Mrs. Armas answered questions from the Board.

Discussion Items

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9. Superintendent John Butts noted that at last month's meeting the Board talked about using an internal process for policy review. Dr. Butts distributed a timeline and list of administrators responsible for reviewing and updating each section of the policy manual and asked for board member volunteers. Board members volunteered as follows: **Board Policy Review Process**

Sections 1, 2 and 3	Martin Tasch and Barbara Layer
Section 4	Bob Marino and P.J. Olzen
Section 5	Bob Marino and Martin Tasch
Section 6	Joan DiPiero and Judy Briggs
Section 7	P.J. Olzen and Patricia Szerlong
Section 8	Joan DiPiero and Bob Marino

Dr. Butts indicated that review will begin in January, with approval of any updates beginning in April. All policies should be reviewed and/or updated by July 2008.

10. Patricia Szerlong 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 10-a through 10-h. **Consent Agenda**

Item 10-a. Approve, as per details set forth in the attached memoranda, the overnight trips for students as follows: Boys Varsity Cross Country Team to Peoria-Notre Dame Invite in East Peoria, IL; 60 members of Thespian Society to Thespian Lock-In in Roselle, IL; and 44 members of Thespian Society to Illinois High School Theatre Festival in Bloomington, IL. **Overnight Trips for Students**

Item 10-b. Approve, as per details set forth in this memorandum, the employment of Brooke Kafka as Project Success Instructional Aide-EC; Pete Matsas as Evening Custodian-Temporary-EC; and Kristin Seamann as Special Ed Instructional Aide-EC. **Employment of Classified**

Item 10-c. Accept, per details set forth in this memorandum, the letter of notification of retirement from Alberta Apuzzo (effective April 25, 2008). **Retirement of Classified**

Item 10-d. Accept, per details set forth in this memorandum, the letter of notification of retirement from Mary Gibson (2011). **Notif. of Retire. of Certified**

Item 10-e. Approve, as per details set forth in this memorandum, a maternity leave for Erin Bessey (beginning January 7, 2008). **Maternity Leave**

Item 10-f. Approve, as per details set forth in this memorandum, the appointments (3) to cocurricular contracts for the persons identified. **Cocurricular Contracts**

Item 10-g. Approve, as presented, the "2007-08 Application for Recognition of Schools" and authorize and direct the Superintendent and the President of the Board to execute this document on behalf of the Board. **Application for Recognition of Schools**

Item 10-h. Approve September 2007 Bills for Payment in the amount of \$824,454.68, for total expenditures of \$824,454.68. **Bills for Payment**

On roll call, the vote was:

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

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

11. **Item 11-a.**

Action Items

Dr. Jeffery O'Connell, assistant superintendent for business services, reported that the 2007-2008 fiscal year budget has a surplus of \$139,000 across all funds.

**Budget for the
2007-2008 Fiscal
Year**

Board members congratulated administrators for their hard work in preparing the budget without affecting student programs.

P. J. Olzen made a motion, seconded by Patricia Szerlong, to adopt, as presented, the attached official Illinois State Board of Education School District Budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAY: None

The motion carried.

Superintendent Butts commented that this is the first time in 17 years that a balanced budget was presented for approval.

12. 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**

Bob Brandl, Medinah, commented on the importance of family involvement in education.

13. Martin Tasch reported that several board members had attended the IASB fall dinner meeting and that he will once again be the DuPage Division Representative.

**Board Member
Reports**

Barbara Layer reported on a recent school improvement meeting and reminded board members of the NDSEC annual dinner meeting on October 24.

14. Superintendent Butts reported no FOIA requests have been received since the last meeting and provided an update on NCLB and Accountability legislation.

**Superintendent's
Report**

15. Patricia Szerlong made a motion, seconded by Martin Tasch, to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, all members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Adjournment

Barbara Layer, President
Board of Education

Judith Briggs, Secretary
Board of Education

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