

# BOARD BRIEFS



Lake Park High School District 108, Roselle, IL

April 24, 2017

## Presentation

Principal John Gouriotis and Assistant Principal for Instructional Innovation and Activities Dominic Manola recognized individuals from the Rube Goldberg Team coached by science teacher James Kryger. The team of 10 students holds the distinction of earning back-to-back State Championship titles at the [Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory annual Rube Goldberg Machine Contest](#).

This accomplishment secured the team's second trip to the National High School Rube Goldberg Machine Contest Finals held in Columbus, OH where they finished in an impressive 8th place.



Their 75-step machine is a complicated contraption that accomplishes a simple task in the most complex way possible. The design theme showcased classic video games that were brought to life to aide in the process of the final required step: applying a band aid. [Watch the winning machine!](#)

### **Lake Park Educational Foundation**

Executive Director Becky Wyatt [presented information about the Lake Park Educational Foundation](#). She highlighted LPEF financials; discussed new outreach and communication initiatives; provided a recap of existing programs (Night of Fine Dining and Spirit of Excellence) and previewed the upcoming golf outing to be hosted on Monday, June 19 at Bloomingdale Golf Club.

## Discussion Items

### **Pepsi Beverages Company Contract**

Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Dr. Jeff O'Connell recommended renewing a five-year contract with Pepsi Beverages Company. Pepsi is the provider of all the products offered in both cafeterias and the various vending machines. Although the current contract was due to expire, the District did not meet the volume benchmark for cases sold. Under the current terms, the contract would expire once Lake Park met its contractual obligation.

Dr. O'Connell contacted Pepsi regarding the possibility of negotiating a new contract since the District would not receive any incentives on the cases sold until the contract terms were met. The financial package is approximately 36 percent less, but the volume thresholds have been decreased by approximately 42 percent. District legal counsel is currently reviewing the terms of the contract that will be brought forward for approval in May.

### **Building Automation System**

Upgrading of the Building Automation System has been identified as a need in the capital improvement plan. In order to keep the building functioning at an efficient level, it is important to keep the MEC/MBC panels current to avoid potential building automation issues. Since the current Siemens system has become obsolete, Dr. O'Connell proposed allocating \$100,000 or \$50,000 per campus per year to upgrade the panels over the next five years. This phase-in plan preserves fund balances for other needed projects and also establishes a replacement cycle so that the equipment need not be replaced at one time.

## Board Member Oath of Office and Reorganization

Following the Board's review of the Canvass of Results and Election Abstract of the April 4, 2017 School Board Election, newly re-elected board members were sworn in to serve 4-year terms until 2021.

Congratulations to the following Board members:

Claire Adachi  
Keri DeWaele  
Janice Gatbunton  
Tom Hollatz

Board members then conducted an annual reorganization. The following officers will continue to serve one-year terms:

Barb Layer, President  
P.J. Olzen, Vice President  
Claire Adachi, Secretary



## Board of Education

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Bob Marino, Member

# Action Items

## Board Policy Manual

### Section 1, Section 3 and Section 6 Revisions

Lake Park administrators and legal counsel are currently finalizing the process of reviewing and updating the Board Policy Manual. Section 1 (School District Organization), Section 3 (General School Administration) and Section 8 (School Community Relations) were approved.

## Superintendent's Report

Dr. Panega shared highlights about Lake Park's solar project as well as a major statewide campaign and previewed upcoming student activities.

- Lake Park is officially generating solar power through this year's completed installation of solar energy systems on the rooftops at both campuses! The project included the installation of 2500 solar panels at East Campus and 3100 at West Campus, all of which have a 25-year warranty.

Dr. Panega credited the Board of Education for their vision to support this green initiative and commitment to exploring ways to reduce costs to the District. The approved \$4.4 M solar energy project results in significant annual savings to the district in the amount of \$400,000. The solar systems will generate 39 percent of all energy consumption resulting in \$150,000 in annual utility savings along with \$250,000 in annual solar renewable energy credits (SRECS) for the next five years with the potential to renew for another five years.

Currently, Lake Park is the largest solar energy system among schools throughout the state. From a classroom perspective, this project has a strong connection to teaching and learning. Special thanks to Performance Services Inc. (PSI) for conducting an in-school field trip to educate students about this environmentally responsible project.

- Dr. Panega joined 400+ school superintendents across Illinois, representing more than 1.3 million students, calling for the Illinois General Assembly to immediately pass a state budget; fix the state education funding formula in order to adequately and equitably fund education; and pay school districts millions of dollars in unpaid bills this year. The state owes Lake Park \$1.13 million and has been operating without a full budget for 22 months. The #PassIllinoisBudget campaign was mobilized to garner attention and make sure school district voices are heard.
- Lake Park has a rich history of supporting veterans not only on Veteran's Day but throughout the year. This tradition continues the week of April 24-28 as students and staff participate in a needs drive sponsored by the Veterans Service Organization benefitting [Operation Support Our Troops](#). Participation in this event is yet another way Lake Park shows appreciation to the men and women who serve.
- Starry Night, the 2017 junior and senior prom, will be hosted on Saturday, May 20 at Venuti's in Addison, followed by a post-prom cruise from Navy Pier. Prom tickets can be purchased online from April 27 through May 8. Tickets can also be purchased in the West Campus Student Activities Office during school days.

## Board Meeting Dates

A resolution was passed that established upcoming meeting dates at 7:00 p.m. in the East Campus Community Room:

May 22, 2017  
June 26, 2017  
August 28, 2017  
September 25, 2017  
October 23, 2017  
November 27, 2017  
January 22, 2018  
February 26, 2018  
March 19, 2018  
April 23, 2018  
May 21, 2018  
June 25, 2018

*The next meeting of the Lake Park High School District 108 Board of Education will be held on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the East Campus Community Room, 600 S. Medinah Road.*

## Lake Park Quick Links

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