

**COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 117**  
**1625 DEEP LAKE ROAD**  
**COUNTY OF LAKE, LAKE VILLA, ILLINOIS 60046**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.**

Present

Absent

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**BOARD MEMBERS**

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Mr. Phillip A. Delany, President  
Mrs. Aileen B. Biel, Secretary  
Mrs. Sandy Jacobs  
Mrs. Tracy McGrath  
Mrs. Kathleen Van Dien

Mr. Wayne A. Sobczak, Vice President  
Mrs. Joyce Heneberry

**ADMINISTRATION**

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Dr. Jay Sabatino, Superintendent  
Dr. David Moyer, Assistant Superintendent  
Ms. Jennifer Nolde, Business Manager  
Mr. Michael Nekritz, Principal  
Mr. James McKay, Principal

**RECORDING SECRETARY**

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Mrs. Nancy Hendrickson

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of Community High School District 117 was held on Thursday, September 18, 2008 in the Library at Lakes Community High School. Mr. Phillip Delany, President, presided over the meeting, calling it to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The following consent agenda items (indicated by\*) were enacted by one motion.

\*Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of Thursday, August 21, 2008

Mrs. McGrath moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2008 be approved and placed on file. Second by Mrs. Biel.

On which motion a voice vote was held with the following results:

Ayes: 5          Nays: None          Absent: 2          Motion carried.

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\*Approval of Minutes – Closed Session of Thursday, August 21, 2008

Mrs. McGrath moved the minutes of the Closed Session of August 21, 2008 be approved and placed on file. Second by Mrs. Biel.

On which motion a voice vote was held with the following results:

Ayes: 5          Nays: None          Absent: 2          Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL**

\*Employment – Certified Position

Lakes Community High School

Mrs. McGrath moved Ron Howell be employed as an Art Teacher (.2) for the 2008-09 school year at BS, Step 10, salary TBD, as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. Biel.

Roll Call Vote.          Ayes: Jacobs, Biel, Van Dien, McGrath, Delany  
   Nays: None          Absent: Sobczak, Heneberry          Motion carried.

\*Employment – Increment Positions

Antioch Community High School

Mrs. McGrath moved the following be employed in increment positions for the 2008-09 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. Biel.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend Level</u>
Mark O'Brien	Asst. Football Coach	2B
Charlie Trout	Asst. Girls Soccer	3D
Amanda Klufetos	Asst. Girls Volleyball	3A

Roll Call Vote.          Ayes: Jacobs, Biel, Van Dien, McGrath, Delany  
   Nays: None          Absent: Sobczak, Heneberry          Motion carried.

Lakes Community High School

Mrs. McGrath moved the following be employed in increment positions for the 2008-09 school year at the stipend level indicated as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. Biel.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend Level</u>
Bill Rosencrans	Asst. Boys Golf	4D
Drew Simonis	Asst. Wrestling	2A
Ben Kalb	Asst. Girls Basketball	2A
Cristo Garza	Asst. Girls Softball	3A
Heather Marzullo	Asst. Girls Track	3A

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Roll Call Vote.           Ayes:   Jacobs, Biel, Van Dien, McGrath, Delany  
                              Nays:   None                   Absent: Sobczak, Heneberry                   Motion carried.

**\*Employment – Volunteer Coach**

**Antioch Community High School**

Mrs. McGrath moved Jadonn Harris, Football Coach; Debbie Bessette, Swim Coach; Karl DeVore, Band driver/helper be employed as \$1.00/year volunteer coaches for the 2008-09 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. Biel.

Roll Call Vote.           Ayes:   Jacobs, Biel, Van Dien, McGrath, Delany  
                              Nays:   None                   Absent: Sobczak, Heneberry                   Motion carried.

**Lakes Community High School**

Mrs. McGrath moved the following be employed as a \$1.00/year volunteer coaches for the 2008-09 school year: Kyle Lusk, Football Coach; Nicole Mede, Field Hockey Coach; and Matt Rife, Cross Country Coach as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. Biel.

Roll Call Vote.           Ayes:   Jacobs, Biel, Van Dien, McGrath, Delany  
                              Nays:   None                   Absent: Sobczak, Heneberry                   Motion carried.

**\*Resignation – Non-Certified Staff**

**Antioch Community High School**

Mrs. McGrath moved the Board to accept the resignation of Deanna Lazar, with regret as of January 1, 2009 as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. Biel.

Roll Call Vote.           Ayes:   Jacobs, Biel, Van Dien, McGrath, Delany  
                              Nays:   None                   Absent: Sobczak, Heneberry                   Motion carried.

**\*Resignation – Increment Position**

**Lakes Community High School**

Mrs. McGrath moved the Board to accept the resignations, with regret, of Emily Sobczak as Freshman Boys Volleyball Coach, and Dave Raczynski as Assistant Girl's Gymnastics Coach for the 2008-09 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. Biel.

Roll Call Vote.           Ayes:   Jacobs, Biel, Van Dien, McGrath, Delany  
                              Nays:   None                   Absent: Sobczak, Heneberry                   Motion carried.

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\*Family Medical Leave and Unpaid Leave of Absence Request

Lakes Community High School

Mrs. McGrath moved the Board to accept the request from Collette Todd, Fine Arts Teacher, for an Family Medical Leave be granted from December 12, 2008 and after release by her doctor, an unpaid leave of absence for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. Biel.

Roll Call Vote.           Ayes:   Jacobs, Biel, Van Dien, McGrath, Delany  
                              Nays:   None                   Absent: Sobczak, Heneberry                   Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS**

LCHS School Improvement Plan

Mr. McKay presented the Lakes School Improvement Plan which included Lakes Goals, PSAE Testing growth, AP Enrollment/Exams, Average GPA, Daily Attendance Analysis, Graduation Rate, and Athletic Participation. A slide show highlighted Lakes' achievements over the past year.

Mr. Delaney shared a letter that was received about Jim McKay and commended him for a job well done.

SMART Goals

Department Chairs Deb Rummel and Mark Ring from PE/Health/Drivers Education; Chris Roberts and Jori Bowen from Math, and Janet Frichtl, Don Barlow, and Brie Cederna from Special Education presented their SMART goals from last year. Each department reported what they did throughout the year to fulfill their goals.

Report from the Business Office

Gateway Daily Rate

Mrs. Nolde informed the Board that the current daily rate charged to sending districts is \$119.14 per day. Suggested is a 2.5% increase to \$122.12.

Mrs. Biel moved the Board to increase the daily rate charged to sending districts be increased from \$119.14 to \$122.12 per day as recommended. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Roll Call Vote.           Ayes:   Van Dien, McGrath, Jacobs, Biel, Delany  
                              Nays:   None                   Absent: Sobczak, Heneberry                   Motion carried.

Time Clock

Ms. Nolde reported that she has been investigating time clock options that will allow employees to use a swipe card to punch in and out. Another option being researched is a program in which employees would sign in and out on their computer, but may cause a problem since Gateway and Allendale are not on the same computer platform. Further research will be done.

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Approval of FY 2009 Budget

Mrs. McGrath inquired about stadium bleachers that are needed at Lakes High School. Mrs. Nolde suggested that a facilities usage committee be put into place to prioritize projects. All were in favor. Mr. Delany said that within the next five weeks a committee would be formed and would meet as needed.

Mrs. McGrath moved the FY'09 Budget be approved as presented. Second by Mrs. Van Dien.

Roll Call Vote.           Ayes: Jacobs, Biel, Van Dien, McGrath, Delany  
                              Nays: None                   Absent: Sobczak, Heneberry                   Motion carried.

**GOVERNANCE**

F.O.I.A. Request

Dr. Sabatino presented two requests made under the Freedom of Information Act from Illinois Policy Institute (private organizations contracted by CHSD 117) and Laborers' District Council (Seal Coating Contracts).

Tech Campus Update

Dr. Sabatino presented the End of the Year Report for 2007-08 school from the Technology Campus. One note of interest is the World Class Student Award was presented to Ashley Page, Lakes High School student.

6<sup>th</sup> Day Enrollment

Dr. Sabatino reported the 6<sup>th</sup> day enrollment at Antioch Community High School was 1407; at Lakes Community High School it was 1400, for a total enrollment of 2807. Last school year the 6<sup>th</sup> day enrollment was 1375 at ACHS and 1345 at LCHS, for a total enrollment of 2720.

2008-09 Application for Recognition of Schools

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board approve the 2008-09 Application for Recognition of Schools for: (a) Antioch Community High School; (b) Lakes Community High School; (c) Allendale School; and (d) Gateway School, as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote.           Ayes: 5           Nays: None           Absent: 2           Motion carried.

School District Report Card

Dr. Sabatino presented the School/District report cards. They will be made public in October and will be available on the District Web-site.

Fireworks Contract

Mrs. Van Dien moved the Board approve the contract for fireworks with Spectrum Pyrotechnics Inc. for the ACHS Homecoming. Second by Mrs. McGrath

Voice Vote.           Ayes: 5           Nays: None           Absent: 2           Motion carried.

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Booster Club Tax Exempt Application

Mrs. Biel moved the Board approve the tax exempt applications for ACHS Booster Club. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote.                   Ayes: 5                   Nays: None                   Absent: 2                   Motion carried.

Illinois Department of Transportation Project

Mrs. Biel moved the Board accept the offer by the Illinois Department of Transportation of \$12,100.00 to purchase the right-of-way, dedication, and temporary construction easement by Antioch Community High School for a period of five years as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. Jacobs.

Voice Vote.                   Ayes: 5                   Nays: None                   Absent: 2                   Motion carried.

Field Trip Requests

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Field Trip request made by Ryan Hlinak for D117 Illinois Career Association officers to travel to Frankfort, IL to attend a leadership development conference on October 14-15, 2008 be approved as recommended. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote.                   Ayes: 5                   Nays: None                   Absent: 2                   Motion carried.

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Field Trip request made by Bridget Sundin and Wanda Teddy for District 117 Fine Arts students to attend the Illinois Theatre Festival at the University of Illinois on January 8-10, 2009 be approved as recommended. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote.                   Ayes: 5                   Nays: None                   Absent: 2                   Motion carried.

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Field Trip request made by Carla Thompson for the Volleyball team to travel to Itasca, IL to participate in the Lake Part Invite on October 24-25, 2008 be approved as recommended. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote.                   Ayes: 5                   Nays: None                   Absent: 2                   Motion carried.

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Field Trip request made by Kellie Doyle for students working on the school newspaper to attend a Journalism Conference in St. Louis, MO from November 13-15, 2008 be approved as recommended. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote.                   Ayes: 5                   Nays: None                   Absent: 2                   Motion carried.

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Request for Use of Facilities

Antioch Community High School

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board approve the request from American Youth Soccer Organization for use of facilities on September 6 – November 11, 2008 and April – June, 2009 be approved. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote.                      Ayes: 5                      Nays: None                      Absent: 2                      Motion carried.

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board approve the request from the Wisconsin Junior Volleyball (Junior Sequoits) for use of facilities from November 2008 – March 2009 be approved. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote.                      Ayes: 5                      Nays: None                      Absent: 2                      Motion carried.

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board approve the request from Antioch District 34 for use of facilities for softball from August 27 – September 12, 2008 be approved. Second by Mrs. McGrath

Voice Vote.                      Ayes: 5                      Nays: None                      Absent: 2                      Motion carried.

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board approve the request from William McGee of Lakes Area Community Band for use of facilities on October 6 from 5:30 – 9:30 for a concert with rehearsal on October 4, 2008 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. be approved. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote.                      Ayes: 5                      Nays: None                      Absent: 2                      Motion carried.

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board approve the request from Lindenhurst Area Soccer Club for use of facilities from September 6 – November 22, 2008 be approved. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote.                      Ayes: 5                      Nays: None                      Absent: 2                      Motion carried.

ACHS Update – Mr. Nekritz

Mr. Nekritz thanked everyone for attending the presentation by Scott Turow. Mr. Nekritz said that there were approximately 275 people attending the presentation. Mr. Nekritz noted that attendance rate is at 96%, with unexcused absences at a downward trend of .3%. This year there was one National Commended Scholar Josh Schwenk and two semi finalists, Blythe Robertson and Mignon Rademan. The new ethics course has 32 students who have signed up for the elective class. This week ACHS hosted a College Essay writing night, which assisted several students in their college applications. The Illinois Art Festival has a couple of ACHS students designing the set and one student acting. The Tribune is highlighting an ACHS Football player as “Athlete of the Week,” Cameron White.

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS – BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Delany commended the Principals on their efforts as it shows in the accomplishments of the staff and students.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion to Enter Closed Session

At 8:30 p.m. Mrs. McGrath moved the Board enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the following exceptions to the Open Meetings Act: (a) Employment – Section 2(c)(1): The hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance of specific employees; (b) School Issues – Section 2(c)(10): Other matters relating to individual students; and (c) Collective Bargaining – Section 2(c)(2): Contract negotiations, bargaining issues and salary schedules. Second by Mrs. Van Dien.

Roll Call Vote.           Ayes:   Jacobs, Biel, Van Dien, McGrath, Delany  
                              Nays:   None                   Absent: Sobczak, Heneberry                   Motion carried.

Motion to Come Out of Closed Session

At 9:51 p.m. Mrs. McGrath moved the Board come out of Closed Session. Second by Mrs. Jacobs

Roll Call Vote.           Ayes:   Jacobs, Biel, Van Dien, McGrath, Delany  
                              Nays:   None                   Absent: Sobczak, Heneberry                   Motion carried.

Approval of Bills and Payroll

Mrs. McGrath moved that the following bills be approved for payment, with the exception of Western Transportation which will be paid subject to Mrs. Nolde’s making sure the charges were correct and be so certified to the school treasurer. Second by Mrs. Jacobs.

Education Fund	-	\$ 2,970,916.39
Building Fund	-	\$ 386,499.54
Bond & Interest	-	\$ 535.00
Transportation Fund	-	\$ 109,667.44
I.M.R. Fund	-	\$ 81,659.05

On which a motion a roll call vote was held with the following results:

Roll Call Vote.           Ayes:   Jacobs, Biel, Van Dien, McGrath, Delany  
                              Nays:   None                   Absent: Sobczak, Heneberry                   Motion carried.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:55 p.m. Mrs. McGrath moved the September 18, 2008 meeting of the Community High School District 117 Board of Education be adjourned. Second by Mrs. Van Dien.

Voice Vote.                      Ayes: 5                      Nays: None                      Absent 2                      Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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President

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Secretary