

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
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.

Present

Absent

BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Wayne A. Sobczak, President
Mrs. Tracy McGrath, Secretary
Mrs. Kathleen Van Dien, Treasurer
Mrs. Sandy Jacobs

Mrs. Joyce Heneberry, Vice President
Mr. Ronald Vickers
Mr. Randy Mathias

ADMINISTRATION

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

RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. Nancy Hendrickson

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of Community High School District 117 was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 in the Library at Antioch Community High School. Mr. Wayne Sobczak, President, presided over the meeting, calling it to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. **PUBLIC HEARING – TAX LEVY**

Mr. Sobczak opened the Public Hearing on the proposed tax levy at 7:02 p.m.

Mr. Cziczko addressed the Board about his concerns about the economic situation, with senior citizens being on a fixed income with no increase in the future. He felt that there should be additional cuts made to balance the budget without increasing taxes.

Mr. Sobczak closed the hearing at 7:05 p.m.

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B. Other Public Comments

Mr. Ed Styx from the Lakes Talon Club Boosters spoke to the Board about the conditions of the football field. Mr. Styx noted that several other organizations would be interested in using the field: Soccer, Field Hockey, and Marching Band. He also felt that the field could be used by both high schools if fixed properly.

Mr. Styx had four questions he would like the Board of Education to respond to:

1. Have we exhausted all reasonable possibilities regarding accountability of design and/or construction for the existing football field at Lakes Community High School?
2. How long does District 117 feel it will need to complete the comprehensive repair of the field and how much money does the board anticipate committing to the field?
3. Were the field drain tiles at Polley field installed 50 feet apart? If so, was that by design and if so, why was this done if the standard for football field drain tile is 15 to 20 feet apart?
4. If LCHS parent groups were interested in exploring the opportunities to improve the stadium field beyond what District 117 is willing to commit, would the board object to those efforts?

PRESENTATIONS

- Elizabeth Hennessy/William Blair – Long Term Financial Planning

Ms. Hennessy made a presentation on the Market Update and Financing Options for District 117.

- District's Advanced Placement Program – Dr. David Moyer

Dr. Moyer, Assistant Superintendent, reported on the District's Advanced Placement Program. This is year two of a three year plan. The District's focus has been on increasing the number of students enrolling in AP courses, increase the number of exams taken, and increasing the number of students taking three or more AP tests.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

***Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of Thursday, October 15, 2009**

Mrs. Van Dien moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2009 be approved and placed on file. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

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*Approval of Minutes – Closed Session of Thursday, October 15, 2009

Mrs. Van Dien moved the minutes of the Closed Session of October 15, 2009 be approved and placed on file. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

*Employment – Certified Personnel

Lakes Community High School

Mrs. Van Dien moved Brandon Watters be employed as a Science Teacher, subject to completion of necessary certifications, at a Level of BA, Step 1 for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

*Employment – Increment Positions

Antioch Community High School

Mrs. Van Dien moved Aaron Moyer be employed as Assistant Wrestling Coach at a Level of IID for the 2009-10 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

Lakes Community High School

Mrs. Van Dien moved Lisa Hurley be employed as Show Choir Assistant at a salary of \$24.34/hour for the 2009-10 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

Mrs. Van Dien moved Christina Schneider be employed as Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach (.5 stipend to full stipend) at a level of IIA for the 2009-10 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

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***Employment – Dollar Coaches**
Antioch Community High School

Mrs. Van Dien moved the following coaches be employed as Dollar Coaches for the 2009- 2010 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

- Phillip Lindberg – Girls’ Bowling
- Lucas Dyer – Wrestling
- Dan Schwabe – Girls’ Basketball (freshman level)
- Todd Soukup – Wrestling

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

Lakes Community High School

Mrs. Van Dien moved Eric Born be employed as a Dollar Coach for Boys’ Basketball for the 2009- 2010 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

***Resignation – Certified Positions**

Mrs. Van Dien moved the Board accept the resignation of Tiana Song, English Teacher, effective the end of the first semester of the 2009-10 school year, with regret, as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

Mrs. Van Dien moved the Board accept the resignation of Dan Mikal, Science Teacher, effective November 6, 2009, with regret, as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

***Resignation – Increment Positions**

Lakes Community High School

Mrs. Van Dien moved the Board accept the resignation of Tiana Song, Assistant Track Coach, effective immediately, with regret, as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

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Mrs. Van Dien moved the Board accept the resignation of Teri Klobnak, Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach, effective immediately, with regret, as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

***Request for Extended Sick Leave**

Antioch Community High School

Mrs. Van Dien moved the Board to approve the request from Patti Fluger, Dean's Secretary, for an Extended Sick Leave, from October 13, 2009 to approximately December 31, 2009 as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

Mrs. Van Dien moved the Board to approve the request from Teri Klobnak, PE Teacher, for an Extended Sick Leave, from approximately February 23, 2010 (unless otherwise advised by her doctor), to approximately May 10, 2009 (upon release from her doctor) as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

***Resignation for Retirement – Certified Position**

Antioch Community High School

Mrs. Van Dien moved the Board to accept with regret, the resignation from Keith Cox, for the purpose of retiring at the end of the 2009-10 school year. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

Mrs. Van Dien moved the Board to accept with regret, the resignation of Michael Shehorn, for the purpose of retiring at the end of the first semester of the 2009-10 school year. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

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FINANCE/BUSINESS

***Approval of Bills and Payroll**

Mrs. Van Dien moved that the following bills be approved for payment, and be so certified to the school treasurer. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Education Fund	\$3,957,596.69
Building Fund	\$ 304,303.27
Bonds & Interest	\$ 15,880.66
Transportation Fund	\$ 318,896.83
I.M.R. Fund	\$ 60,309.73

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

Report from the Business Office

Mrs. Nolde noted the following upcoming events:

- The Audit Committee will meet on December 4, 2009.
- A presentation by PMA will be made at the December Board Meeting to discuss the current financial position of the District with projections for the future
- Transportation pre-bid meeting occurred and the Bid opening will be in February 2010. Mrs. Nolde said that the District should consider purchasing the software Versatrans to track routes which would be approximately \$18,000 if the District purchased it and \$30,000 if the transportation company buys it. 75% of the cost would be reimbursed on the transportation claim. The purchase would need to be made by December 31, 2009. Mrs. Nolde will bring a recommendation to the board in December.
- Dinner with Ruck Pate at the Tri-Conference for the purpose of forming a relationship with an architectural firm
- New greenhouse gas emissions testing will require a meter at the cost of approximately \$25,000. Mrs. Nolde is working with Waste Management to see if they would take the readings for the District.

Tax Levy

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board adopt the 2009 Tax Levy as recommended. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

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Facility Committee

Mrs. Nolde reported on the Facility Committee Meeting. A schedule for work that was done, in the process of completion and also upcoming projects was presented with the costs involved.

RMT Contract

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board renew RMT contract for 2010 and 2011, estimated at \$168,000. Second by Mrs. Van Dien.

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

Hazardous Transportation Route Recertification

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board certify District 117 hazardous transportation routes remain unchanged. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

Collateralization Agreement

Mrs. McGrath moved the Board accept the Collateralization Agreement with State Bank of the Lakes. Second by Mrs. Van Dien.

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

GOVERNANCE

F.O.I.A. Request

Several requests were made pertaining to the Transportation Bid and Mrs. Nolde responded to each.

Tech Campus Update - None

School Choice Letter

Dr. Sabatino noted a letter from the Illinois State Board of Education accepting the District's School Choice letter.

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Early Graduation List

Mrs. McGrath moved the Board approve the early graduation lists for students from Antioch Community High School and Lakes Community High School as presented. Second by Mrs. Van Dien.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

New Course Proposals

Two new courses, Algebra II and Fit for Life II, were presented for review with recommendation at the December 17, 2009 Board Meeting.

Discussion Regarding Resolutions at the Delegate Assembly Meeting

Dr. Sabatino referenced the ISBE Report to Membership which highlighted possible changes in the law specifically in the election process. Mr. Sobczak reported that Mr. Vickers sent an e-mail that he was in favor of the changes that were being presented. All Board members were in agreement.

Appoint Representative for Delegate Assembly Meeting.

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board appoint Ron Vickers as representative at the Delegate Assembly Meeting at the Tri-Conference on November 21, 1009. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

First Reading – Policy Revisions

Revisions to the following policies have been presented for first reading, with recommendation for adoption at the December 17, 2009 Board Meeting.

1. 203 - Uniform Grievance Procedure
2. 205.01 – Board Member Qualifications
3. 205.02 – Board Member Terms of Office
4. 315 – General School Administration – Superintendent
5. 347 – Freedom of Information Act
6. 410.01 – Investments
7. 420.041 – Incurring Debt
8. 435 - Transportation
9. 500.07 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
10. 500.08 – Ethics
11. 520.01 – Hiring Process and Criteria
12. 520.05 – Staff Development Program
13. 521.01 – Sick Leave
14. 620.03 – Curriculum Content
15. 705.04 – Waiver of Student Fees

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Field Trip Requests – Overnight

Mrs. Van Dien moved the Board approve the following field trip requests as recommended by the Superintendent:

Antioch Community High School

- Stephen Rose, Environmental Club Sponsor, for the Environmental Club to take a camping trip from January 29 – January 31, 2010 to Chain O'Lakes State Park.
- Stephen Rose, Environmental Club Sponsor, for the Environmental Club to take a camping trip from May 7 – May 9, 2010 to Devil's Lake State Park.

Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

The following Field Trips were tabled for further discussion at the December 17, 2009 Board Meeting:

Antioch Community High School

- Shari Demeritt, Foreign Language Department Chair, has submitted a request for students presently enrolled in Spanish levels 2, 3, 4, and 5 to participate in an educational program to Europe; specifically Spain, France, and Italy in mid-June 2010 – end-June 2010 (12-14 days). Approval is recommended.

Lakes Community High School

- Tom Vendafreddo, Director of Choirs, for Chamber Choir students to attend the Spring Performance Tour traveling to Cleveland, OH, Rochester, NY, Niagara Falls, and Toronto, Canada from March 28 – April 2, 2010 as recommended.
- Bill Hamill, Head Softball Coach, for the softball team to attend spring training in Florida at the Walt Disney World Sports Complex from March 27, 2010 to April 2, 2010.

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Rental of Facilities Requests

Antioch Community High School

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board to approve the request of the use of facilities for the following groups as recommended by the Superintendent:

- Antioch Junior Volleyball Club for dates as arranged with Mr. Schoenfelder for volleyball games
- Antioch Kings AYLL Baseball Team on Sundays (January – March 2010) for baseball practice
- Antioch Junior Sequoits for dates as arranged with Mr. Schoenfelder for basketball tryouts
- Antioch Youth Little League on January 13 (6:00 pm – 9:00 pm), January 16 (12:00 – 3:00 pm) February 14 and February 21 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm for youth baseball and softball.
- Antioch Junior Sequoits for dates as arranged with Mr. Schoenfelder for basketball tryouts.

Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

LCHS Update

An alumnus from Lakes nominated Eric Vichnick for a Teacher Tribute at Stanford University for being their inspiration. 40 teachers were recently trained in My Access. PLAN testing was successful with 99 students taking the test and one student absent. 50 students participated in Career Shadowing. 273 units of blood were drawn at the Blood Drive. David Bain, Science Department Chair was recently in Washington DC speaking to the National Institute of Health and Science on Physics First curriculum. Several area schools are also looking at implementing Physics First in their curriculum. Eric Vichnick is holding a video conference with the Czech Republic on Deliberating in Democracy. Kelly Dolye returned from Washington DC from the journalism conference. 40 students have completed the relay challenge for reading the book *The Hunger Games*. Paul Twarowski wrote *Buddah*, the musical. Bridget Sundin took several students for an in-school field trip to see *Hamlet*. Nicole Repa took seven Latino students to CLC for a Dress for Success Conference. LCHS will participate in the Math Facts competition. Boys Golf, Boys Cross Country and Girls Cross Country were regional champions. The Football team made it to playoffs. Ryan Prais broke the record in cross country. Three athletes signed on to Division I schools. Katie Mulloy was named all-state and goalie of the year.

ACHS Update

The Village of Antioch is recognizing NHS for “Extreme Makeover Antioch”. The Band and Wind Ensemble performed at several schools for Veteran’s Day. PLAN testing went well. 50 students participated in Career Shadowing at AT & T. 339 units of blood were drawn at the Blood Drive. Erin Poss was state qualifier and also placed 6th at State in Cross Country. Dominique Bessette, swimmer, is a state qualifier for several events. The Police Department hosted the first session on Understanding Drugs. 960 students participated in EKG testing with 10 students needing follow-up by their doctor. Tom Tom and Yearbook has won “All American” awards. The Soccer team was regional champs. The Volleyball team was Division champs. Five softball players have signed on to Division I schools. The Tech Campus has five ACHS students who are leaders at the Tech Campus. Club involvement has increased; the new Diversity Club has over 30 members. Jay Asher, Author of *Thirteen Reasons Why* (the fall play) attended Friday night’s performance and was available for autographs. Milky Way Night will take place Thursday night showing images of the Milky Way taken by NASA’s Hubble telescope.

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QUESTIONS/COMMENTS – BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. McGrath commented on all the good things happening at both high schools.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to Enter Closed Session

At 8:55 p.m. Mrs. Van Dien 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) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal. Second by Mrs. Jacobs.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

Motion to Come Out of Closed Session

At 9:11 p.m. Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board come out of Closed Session. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

STUDENT ISSUES

Lakes Community High School

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board impose the expulsion of Student 2009-10-2L as recommended by the Principal and the such expulsion be held in abeyance subject to the execution of the conditions set forth in the Agreement with the student and parents. Second by Mrs. Van Dien.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board imposed the expulsion of Student 2009-10-3L as recommended by the Principal and the such expulsion be held in abeyance subject to the execution of the conditions set forth in the Agreement with the student and parents. Second by Mrs. Van Dien.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 9:12 p.m. Mrs. McGrath moved the November 18, 2009 meeting of the Community High School District 117 Board of Education be adjourned. Second by Mrs. Van Dien.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: None Absent: 3 Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

President

Secretary