

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, MARCH 24, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.

Present

Absent

BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Wayne A. Sobczak, President
Mrs. Joyce Heneberry, Vice President
Mrs. Tracy McGrath, Secretary
Mrs. Sandy Jacobs
Mr. Randy Mathias
Mr. Ronald Vickers

Mrs. Kathleen Van Dien, Treasurer

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. James McKay, Superintendent
Mr. Michael Nekritz, Superintendent
Ms. Jennifer Nolde, Business Manager
Mr. Eric Ernd, Principal
Mr. Stephen Plank, Principal

STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Iris Schweier
Danielle Stancill

RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. Nancy Hendrickson

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of Community High School District 117 was held on Thursday, March 24, 2011 in the Library at Antioch Community High School. Mr. Wayne Sobczak, President, presided over the meeting, calling it to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

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PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Plank introduced the Dance Team and Winter Guard who won First Place in State competition. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Sobczak thanked the teams, Coaches Jaclyn Shapiro and Brie Cederna, and the parents for their hard work and support.

ACHS Update

Danielle Stancill reported:

- Staff vs. Student Basketball game tonight – a fundraiser to help contribute to the senior gift of digital clocks throughout the hallways.
- Variety Show last weekend.
- NHS Induction next month.
- “Dressing on a Dime” provides a collection of gently used dresses and formal wear at a lower cost for prom.
- “You Make a Difference” breakfast awarded 64 students.
- Reach out and Read has collected about 1300 children’s books.
- Spring Musical will be performed April 28, 29, 30, and May 1st. 90 students will be performing.
- Specialist Andrew Wade was honored by ACHS students and staff by lining up outside ACHS on Main Street in silence as his body was transported through Antioch.

Mr. Ernd reported:

- District 117 is one of 388 school districts in the nation being honored by the College Board on its AP Achievement List. This year ACHS has students signed up for 344 tests.
- 40 students in German II and III took the National German Exam, with 19 of these students scoring among the top 1/3 in the nation. Peter Beckman, German II, scored in the 99th percentile.
- ACHS staff has been reviewing the SIP looking at action steps and measurements. One action step is to conduct peer observations between teachers to collect data on how much Differentiated Instruction is taking place in the classroom.
- PSAE exams will be given on April 27 & 28. Plans for students activities are as follows:
 - On Wednesday Sophomore students will be hearing a presentation on PBIS system for next year and take a practice ACT exam. Freshman students will hear a presentation on PBIS system for next year and watching “Schlinder’s List.” Junior students will be taking the ACT.
 - On Thursday Sophomore students will be watching a live performance “Julius Caesar.” Freshman students will be taking a practice PLAN test and Juniors will be taking the Work Keys.
- Twenty-six students and members of the PE Department spent part of the day on March 1st at Emmons School conducting work-out sessions before ISAT testing week.
- P2D2 Environmental Club members took a trip to Springfield with JoAnn Osmond to present an amendment to a bill before the House.
- Lauren Tiffany was named to IHSA All-Academic Team.
- The International Fair was a huge success. Mr. Ernd thanked Mr. Nekritz for his assistance.

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LCHS Update

Iris Schweier reported:

- March 11th – Open Mic Night raised \$1800 towards the 2011 edition “Strings Attached.”
- March 12th – International Fair – Lakes and Antioch High Schools presented the First International Night which featured a variety of performances, and ethnic foods.
- March 15th – Math Fair which entertained over 300 students in grades 4-6.
- March 17th – Blood Drive which had 391 students donate blood – the second highest total for LCHS.
- March 18th – Battle of the Sexes/Mr. LCHS Prom Fashion Show.
- March 19th – Turnabout Dance.
- March 21st - “Calculus the Musical”
- Page-a-Palooza – Collectively readers submitted over 549,000 pages read.

Mr. Plank reported:

- March 16th Search Dogs visited both ACHS and LCHS, with no findings.
- New English Department Chair, Kate Kiefer.
- Special Ed Transition Night was a huge success. Over 40 families attended.
- University of Sioux Falls Choir shared their talent on March 23rd.
- PSAE dates the end of April.
- 43 junior and senior students had perfect attendance.
- Athletic News
 - Track and Baseball teams held a Community Service Project working at Caboose Park and nearby fields to make their facilities look great.
 - LCHS had 11 students qualify for the Boy’s and Girl’s Indoor Track and Field State Meet.
 - Mike Beckman was named All-Academic All-State Honorable Mention by the IHSA. He plans to attend the University of Pittsburg on a full academic scholarship.
 - John Pfeiffer was awarded close to \$50,000 to attend Brown University in the fall playing football.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

*Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mrs. McGrath moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2011 be approved and placed on file. Second by Mr. Vickers.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: None Absent: 1 Motion carried.

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*Approval of Minutes – Closed Session of Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mrs. McGrath moved the minutes of the Closed Session of March 10, 2011 be approved and placed on file. Second by Mr. Vickers.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: None Absent: 1 Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

*Employment – Certified Staff

Mrs. McGrath moved the Board employ Elizabeth Potter-Nelson be employed as Science Department Chair at a salary of \$5,000 (\$6,000-pending type 75 certification) for 2011-12; and Dee Andershock be employed as English Department Chair for \$6,000 for the 2011-12 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Vickers.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: None Absent: 1 Motion carried.

Lakes Community High School

Mrs. McGrath moved the Board employ Kate Kiefer as English Department chair for the 2011-12 school year at a salary of \$5,000 (\$6,000 pending type 75 certification) as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Vickers.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: None Absent: 1 Motion carried.

*Employment – Dollar Coaches

Lakes Community High School

Mrs. McGrath moved the Board employ Robert Santelli, Boys Volleyball; Steve Sokol, Softball; and Shane Petrelli, Boys Track as Dollar Coaches for the 2011-12 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Vickers.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: None Absent: 1 Motion carried.

*Resignation – Certified Staff

Antioch Community High School

Mrs. McGrath moved the Board accept the resignations, with regret, from Eric Ernd, Principal; and Erica Faden, Social Studies Teacher, effective the end of the 2010-11 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Vickers.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: None Absent: 1 Motion carried.

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Lakes Community High School

Mrs. McGrath moved the Board accept the resignations, with regret, from Scott Hammerl, English Teacher; Christine Tsohas, School Psychologist; and Kristen Mason, Family and Consumer Science Teacher, effective the end of the 2010-11 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Vickers.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: None Absent: 1 Motion carried.

*Resignation – Non-Certified Position

Lakes Community High School

Mrs. McGrath moved the Board accept the resignation, with regret, from Todd Graham, Network and Desktop Specialist effective March 25, 2011, as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Vickers.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: None Absent: 1 Motion carried.

*Resignation - Increment Positions

Antioch Community High School

Mrs. McGrath moved the Board accept, with regret, the resignation of Grant Murray, Girls Assistant Basketball Coach; Kelly Taylor, Head Dance Coach; Nicole Sutherland, Assistant Dance Coach; and Jeff Childress, Head Bowling Coach, effective the end of the 2010-11 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Vickers.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: None Absent: 1 Motion carried.

Lakes Community High School

Mrs. McGrath moved the Board accept, with regret, the resignation of Jaclyn Shapiro, Dance Head Coach, effective the end of the 2010-11 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Vickers.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: None Absent: 1 Motion carried.

*Resignation for Retirement – Certified Staff

Antioch Community High School

Mrs. McGrath moved the Board accept, with regret, the resignation of Carlene Lois for the purpose of retirement under Section 11.21 of the negotiated agreement effective the end of the 2010-11 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Vickers.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: None Absent: 1 Motion carried.

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Employment – Certified Staff

Antioch Community High School

Mr. Mathias moved the Board employ John Whitehurst as Principal for the 2011-12 school year at a salary of \$121,362 as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. Heneberry.

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

FINANCE/BUSINESS

***Rental of Facilities**

Lakes Community High School

Mrs. McGrath moved the Board approve the request from Antioch Upper Grade School for use of the facilities on April 21, 2011 to listen to a Holocaust speaker from 9:00 – 11:00 am; and the Lindenhurst Park District for use of facilities on June 3 (6:00 – 9:00 pm), and June 4 (12:00 noon – 3:00 pm) for a dance rehearsal and recital as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Vickers.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: None Absent: 1 Motion carried.

***Approval of Bills and Payroll**

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

Education Fund	\$3,102,581.11
Building Fund	\$ 496,201.35
Bonds & Interest	\$ 93,068.16
Transportation Fund	\$ 500,215.74
I.M.R.F. Fund	\$ 54,134.79

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: None Absent: 1 Motion carried.

Report from the Business Office

Mrs. Nolde updated the Board that a meeting was held with RMT on the methane plant. More information will be available at a future meeting with a cost analysis.

Maintenance/Custodial/Grounds Contract Renewal

Mr. Vickers moved the Board approve the extension of the WFF contract through the 2011-12 fiscal year, at the 2010-11 level, as recommended. Second by Mr. Mathias.

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

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Gym Floor Resurfacing

Mrs. McGrath moved the Board approve Baseman Brothers proposal to resurface ACHS (\$8,376) and LCHS (\$7,203) gym floors as recommended. Second by Mr. Mathias.

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

Food Service Contract

Ms. Nolde will present a food service proposal for the 2011-12 school year at the April Board Meeting. In a discussion with Arbor Foods, some prices may need to be raised to cover the price increase for fuel, etc. The plan is to raise the price on unhealthy food.

Budget Update

Mr. Vickers reported that the Finance Committee met last week and felt that all the proposed budget cuts were considered individually on how each would affect students. He was happy to see that the Administration contacted the staff to get involvement from everyone, with a focused effort on student and staff morale. He felt that there was a balance in both buildings and the District was moving in the right direction.

Ms. Nolde gave the history of budget reductions over the last few years. In 2009-10, \$750,000 was cut (retirees); 2010-11, 1.5 million was cut (retirees, cut WFF staff, eliminate towel service, reduce athletic training, reduce SRO, reduce printing, reduce postage, reduce newsletters); and in 2011-12 1.5 million is planned for cuts.

Ms. Nolde gave an overview of the proposed budget reductions. Most have been finalized.

Mr. McKay reported on class sizes. AP class sizes will show an increase, some classes over 30 students; however classes where students need assistance will remain the same. AP classes that extended for 1.5 periods long, will now be reduced to one period. In addition, no teachers will have overloads.

Mr. Nekritz reported on the potential budget reductions. Currently the proposed cuts are approximately 1.7 million. Mr. Nekritz noted that several things will be taken in consideration before making the final cuts. All Board members were in favor of allowing the Administration to finalize the budget reductions at 1.6 million.

Mr. Nekritz reported that at Gateway the intake procedures have changed. Enrollment has now dropped from 90 – 58 students. Possibly next year, there may only be 40 students. With that in mind, staff needs may also change for the 2010-11 school year.

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GOVERNANCE

F.O.I.A. Requests - None

Tech Campus Update – None

Allendale Update

Mr. Nekritz reported that non-District 117 employees at Allendale voted to form a union, but final results are no known.

Academic Update

Mr. McKay reported on the Academic Achievement of District 117 students. District 117 was one of twenty-seven school districts recognized by the College Board for increased participation on AP exams.

Technology Contract

Mr. Vickers moved the Board approve the technology contract for \$29,544 from edot for a technician until the end of the school year and a comprehensive audit of the District's technology infrastructure and technology department as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

Second Reading Policy Recommendations

Policy 424 – Identity Protection was presented at the March 10th Board Meeting is recommended for adoption.

Mr. Vickers moved the Board adopt Policy 424 – Identity Protection as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: None Absent: 1 Motion carried.

IHSA Membership

Mr. Mathias moved the Board authorize the renewal of membership of Antioch Community High School and Lakes Community High School in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Vickers.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: None Absent: 1 Motion carried.

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Legislative Update

IASA/IASB Joint Resolution on Consolidation

Mr. Vickers moved the Board adopt the IASA/IASB Joint Resolution on Consolidation as presented.
Second by Mr. Mathias.

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

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS – BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Mathias commented that he was at ACHS when Specialist Andrew Wade was honored as his body was transported through Antioch and felt students were very respectful and should be commended for their conduct.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to Enter Closed Session

At 8:46 p.m. Mr. Mathias 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) Collective Bargaining – Section 2(c)(2): Contract negotiation, bargaining issues and salary schedules; and (c) School Issues – Section 2(c)(10): Other matters relating to individual students. Second by Mrs. Jacobs.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: None Absent: 1 Motion carried.

Motion to Come Out of Closed Session

At 9:22 p.m. Mr. Mathias moved the Board come out of Closed Session. Second by Mr. Vickers.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: None Absent: 1 Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Resolution for Dismissal of First, Second and Third Year Probations Teachers

Mr. Vickers moved the Board adopt the Resolution for Dismissal of First, Second and Third Year Probationary Teachers as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: None Absent: 1 Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 9:25 p.m. Mr. Vickers moved the March 24, 2011 meeting of the Community High School District 117 Board of Education be adjourned. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: None Absent: 1 Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

President

Secretary