

**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, OCTOBER 21, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.**

Present

Absent

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**BOARD MEMBERS**

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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**

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

**STUDENT AMBASSADORS**

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Iris Schweier  
Danielle Stancill

**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, October 21, 2010 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**

Daniel Duncan, Junior at LCHS, spoke on behalf of German students wishing to have the field trip to Christkindlmarket reinstated. Daniel noted that the benefit to students would be speaking with German shop keepers on a one-on-one basis. A petition was signed by 74 students to have the field trip reinstated. Mr. Sobczak replied that Mr. Ernd and Mr. Plank will review the criteria and report back to the Board.

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**PRESENTATION**

Science/Math Smart Goals

Mr. Collins and Mr. Prorise, Science; and Ms. Farrell and Ms. Bowen, Math, presented department Smart Goals. Both departments explained how they were aligning their goals with the common assessments and District Goals.

ACHS SIP

Mr. Ernd presented the School Improvement Plan for Antioch Community High School. Wanda Teddy, Jamie D'Andrea, John Whitehurst, Phyllis Fay, Olivia Duehr, Deb Rummel, Barb Mason, Terry Dewing and Pat McGuigan presented goals and how they will be aligned with curriculum and instruction.

Mr. Vickers thanked everyone for their hard work on the presentations. He noted the tremendous collaboration in the schools and departments, and commended everyone for their great enthusiasm.

LCHS Update

Iris Schweier, Student Ambassador reported:

- The Marching Band placed 8<sup>th</sup> in AA competition on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Rita High School's Mustang Stampede. The Sounds of the Stadium band concert was on October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The first Choir concert was held October 7<sup>th</sup> and was very successful.
- Julija Vinckeviciute, Class of 2010 is the first LCHS student named a National Scholar.
- Homecoming week was successful. The Booster Club hosted a food drive to help the Lake Villa food pantry. Over 900 students attended the dance.
- The National Honor Society donated \$2,300 to Give Kids Hope.

Mr. Plank reported:

- Administrators contacted 85 parents of students identified by teachers to set up a parent conference.
- The class of 2011 posted the highest percentage of students that are considered college ready in English and Science. The class of 2010 showed a composite ACT score of 22.3.
- Attendance is at 95.51%; Tech Campus 95.82%
- Teachers continue to video tape teachers to improve their instructional methods.
- Liz Potter and Dave Austin were recognized for their summer curriculum work at Northwestern University. Mark Prorise was recognized for a summer research fellowship at Northwestern University.
- Lunch-N-Learns continue with staff.
- LCHS student body filmed a Lip Dub music video as part of a contest sponsored by WGN. <http://www.youtube.com/user/AaronSauerlandFilms#p/a/u/0/T2Scnus2exE> This was a collaborative learning experience for all students and faculty members involved. Mr. Plank mentioned the note from a former teacher congratulating them on their efforts.

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- In Athletics:
  - LCHS won the NSC Prairie Division in Boys Soccer, Boys Cross Country and Girls Cross Country.
  - The Boys Golf Team won the IHSA Regional with a new school record of 314.
  - Boys Soccer will play in the Regional Championship game on Saturday.
  - The Football program has a combined 22-2 overall record (all levels). Varsity is 6-2 and qualified for IHSA Playoffs.
  - Volley for the cure game hosted at ACHS had a packed house. The event raised over \$9000 this year, which will be donated to the Susan G. Koman Foundation to help fight breast cancer.
  - Girls Field Hockey will be playing Oak Park River Forest in the first round of the state tournament.
  - Boys and Girls Cross Country are favorites to defend their Regional titles from last year.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**\*Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of Thursday, September 16, 2010**

Mr. Mathias moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 16, 2010 be approved and placed on file. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

**\*Approval of Minutes – Closed Session of Thursday, September 16, 2010**

Mr. Mathias moved the minutes of the Closed Session of September 16, 2010 be approved and placed on file. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

**\*Approval of Minutes – Special Board Meeting, Thursday, September 22, 2010**

Mr. Mathias moved the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 22, 2010 be approved and placed on file. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

**\*Approval of Minutes – Closed Session of Thursday, September 22, 2010**

Mr. Mathias moved the minutes of the Closed Session of September 22, 2010 be approved and placed on file. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

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**PERSONNEL**

**\*Employment – Increment Positions**

**Antioch Community High School**

Mr. Mathias moved the Board employ the following in the increment positions shown for the 2010-11 school year at the stipend level indicated as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Wanda Teddy	Winter Play Sponsor (.5)	2D
Ellen Biss	Choral Accompanist	3B

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

**Lakes Community High School**

Mr. Mathias moved the Board to employ the following in the increment positions shown for the 2010-11 school year at the stipend level indicated as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

Ray Gialo	Head Baseball Coach	2D
Julie Shepard	Assistant Bowling	4A
Keith West	Assistant Girls Basketball (50%)	2A

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

**\*Employment – Dollar Coaches**

**Antioch Community High School**

Mr. Mathias moved Tiffany Chilcote be employed as Dollar Coach for Dance for the 2010-11 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

**\*Resignation – Certified Staff**

**Allendale**

Mr. Mathias moved the Board accept, with regret, the resignation of M. Elizabeth Strain, Psychologist, effective on October 8, 2010 as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

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\*Resignation – Non-Certified Staff  
District

Mr. Mathias moved the Board accept, with regret, the resignation of Joan Perez, Bookkeeper, effective on October 15, 2010 as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

\*Resignation – Increment Position

Mr. Mathias moved the Board accept the request of Tori Bloom, Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach to reduce her coaching stipend to 50% due to schedule conflicts, effective immediately as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

\*Request for Leave of Absence

Antioch

Mr. Mathias moved the Board approve the request from Sofia Farooq, Social Studies Teacher, for an unpaid leave of absence from January 5 – January 24, 2011 to go to Bangladesh for her cultural wedding as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

Mr. Mathias moved the Board approve the extended sick leave request from Mary Tithof, English Teacher, from December 29, 2010 (unless otherwise advised by her doctor) until March 24, 2011 (after release by her doctor) as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

Mr. Mathias moved the Board not approve the request from Cristo Garza for an unpaid leave of absence from January 3 – March 18, 2010 to do student teaching as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

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Lakes Community High School

Mr. Mathias moved the Board approve the request from Victoria Ecker, Math Teacher, for an extended sick leave from February 26, 2011 (unless otherwise advised by her doctor), and after release by her doctor, an unpaid leave through May 9, 2011 as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

Mr. Mathias moved the Board approve the request from Jenna Ludden, Secretary, for an unpaid leave of absence from December 15, 2010- June 15, 2011 to do student teaching as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

Employment – Non-Certified Staff  
District

Mr. Vickers moved the Board employ Sharon Goheen as Bookkeeper at a rate of \$22/hour for the 2010-11 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

**FINANCE/BUSINESS**

\*Approval of Bills and Payroll

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

Education Fund	\$3,716,935.38
Building Fund	\$ 451,090.76
Bonds & Interest	\$ 45,233.96
Transportation Fund	\$ 260,964.57
IMRF	\$ 58,279.64

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

\*Rental of Facilities

Mr. Mathias moved the Board approve the request from Lakes Junior Eagles Girls Basketball for use of facilities on 10/3, 12/27, from 3:00-6:00 pm, and 12/28, 12/29, and 12/30 from 4:00-10:00 pm as recommended. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

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**Report from the Business Office**

Mrs. Nolde reported that the Levy hearing will be at the November meeting. The PMA and Audit presentation will be at the November or December meeting.

**Tax Levy – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Mrs. Nolde presented the preliminary tax levy. The final levy approval and hearing will occur at the November Board Meeting.

**Northwest Service Cooperative Proposal**

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board to accept the proposal of Northwest Service Cooperative to purchase 12 simulators for \$30,000 as recommended. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

**ACHS Athletic Field Repairs**

Mr. Mathias moved the Board accept the GeWalt Hamilton proposal for Engineering Services related to ACHS baseball field, ACHS tennis courts and ACHS hockey field at a fee of \$9,500 as recommended. Second by Mr. Vickers.

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

**ACHS Masonry Wall Survey**

Mrs. Heneberry moved the Board accept the STR Partners proposal for the ACHS masonry wall survey at a cost of \$8,900 as recommended. Second by Mr. Vickers.

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

**Security Upgrade at LCHS**

Mr. Vickers moved the Board approve partnering with Lake Villa Police Department to upgrade LCHS camera security system as recommended. Second by

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

Mrs. Nolde reported that the Booster Club would like to donate trees around the Girls' Softball field. There were no objections from the Board for the donation and the planting of the trees.

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**GOVERNANCE**

F.O.I.A. Request

A Freedom of Information Request was request was received from Scott O’Connell regarding Legal Opinions of the ISBE. Ms. Nolde responded to this request.

Tech Campus Update - None

First Reading Policy Recommendations

Revisions to the following policies are being presented for first reading, and will be recommended for adoption at the November 16, 2010 Board Meeting:

620.03	Curriculum Content
715	Prohibited Student Conduct
725.09	Anti-Hazing/Anti-Bullying
725.095	Harassment of Student Prohibited
730.13	Food Allergy Management Program

Appoint Office Representatives for the School Board Election

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board appoint Nancy Hendrickson, Sharon Goheen, and Jennifer Nolde to act as representatives of the Board Secretary to receive nominating papers during office hours when candidates come in to file their papers for the School Board Election. Second by Mr. Vickers.

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

NCLB – Required Action

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board approve the District Indicator Report, District Improvement Plan Objectives Report, and Corrective Action Schools Report as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Mathias.

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

Goals Updates

Mr. Nekritz and Mr. McKay presented process and procedure updates for Fees, Curriculum Proposals and Handbook Adoptions.

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Mr. McKay reported that a Text Message Alert System has been put into place. Students and parents will be able to receive text message in the event of school closings. There will be no cost to the district. Subscriptions expire at the end of each year.

**Team Building Workshop – Processes and Procedures**

Mr. Mathias moved the Board adopt the Processes and Procedures developed at the Team Building Workshop on September 22, 2010 as presented. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

**Tri-Conference Update**

Mr. Nekritz recommended a few conference workshops to attend. Mr. Vickers suggested time be set aside at the December Board Meeting to review the information.

**Field Trip Requests (Overnight)**

Mrs. McGrath moved the Board to approve the request from Matt Kastor, Director of Bands, to take the LCHS Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band on a performance tour to Denver/Colorado Springs, CO from June 1 – 7, 2011, and the request from Eric Vichnick, Social Studies Teacher, to take 10-20 students from the International Relations, AP Government, AP U.S. History classes as well as the CRFC Youth Summit Group to New York City for the Concern Worldwide Global Concern Workshop and Summit from February 17, 2011 – February 18, 2011 as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Mathias.

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

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS – BOARD MEMBERS**

Mrs. Jacobs attended the October 8<sup>th</sup> Institute Day hosted by District 117 and said there were several positive comments.

Mrs. Heneberry commented that all the presentations tonight were very good and very informative.

Mr. Sobczak reported that the ACHS/LCHS football game was well attended and had great student participation.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion to Enter Closed Session

At 9:17 p.m. Mrs. Jacobs 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; and (b) School Issues – Section 2(c)(10): Other matters relating to individual students. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

Motion to Come Out of Closed Session

At 9:35 p.m. Mrs. Heneberry moved the Board come out of Closed Session. Second by Mr. Mathias

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

Student Expulsion Abeyance Agreement

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board approve the expulsion of Student 2010-11-1A as recommended by the Principal and that such expulsion be held in abeyance subject to the execution of the conditions set forth in the Agreement with the student and parents, as recommended by the Principal. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:38 p.m. Mr. Mathias moved the October 21, 2010 meeting of the Community High School District 117 Board of Education be adjourned. Second by Mr. Vickers.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

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President

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Secretary