

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 16, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.

Present

Absent

BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Wayne A. Sobczak, President
Mrs. Joyce Heneberry, Vice President
Mrs. Tracy McGrath, Secretary
Mrs. Kathleen Van Dien, Treasurer (*arrived 7:05, left 9:20*)
Mrs. Sandy Jacobs
Mr. Randy Mathias
Mr. Ronald Vickers (*via phone conference, left 9:40*)

ADMINISTRATION

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

RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. Nancy Hendrickson

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of Community High School District 117 was held on Thursday, September 16, 2010 in the Library at Lakes 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

Mr. Ken Fligelman from the American Legion, Fox Lake, announced an Open House on November 6 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. He personally invited students to attend to view the artifacts and uniforms on display. A Holocaust survivor, Pearl Harbor survivor and German soldier will make presentations.

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PRESENTATION

P2/D2 Drug Disposal Plan

The ACHS Environmental Club made a presentation on the P2D2 (Prescription Pill & Drug Disposal) program which is set to launch this year. The goal is to provide drop boxes to discard old pills to be incinerated by a service provider. Antioch, Lindenhurst and Lake Villa police departments will provide drop boxes.

Summer Curriculum Update

Mr. McKay reported five departments updated their curriculum over the summer: Math, Science, Foreign Language, Fine Arts and Social Studies. Staff members worked 200 hours; at a cost of approximately \$10,000.

English/Social Studies Smart Goals

Mr. Whitehurst, English, Mr. Walker and Mrs. Holst, Social Studies presented the department Smart Goals. Both departments explained how they were aligning their goals with the common assessments and District Goals.

LCHS SIP

Mr. Plank presented the School Improvement Plan for Lakes Community High School. David Newberry, Cheryl Cox, Sophia Vatisas, Emily Goldkind, Morgan Allen, and Vikki Ecker presented goals and how they will be aligned with curriculum and instruction.

Mr. Plank reported that LCHS just received notification that Hilde Nelson is a National Merit Semi-Finalist.

ACHS Update

- Mr. Ernd welcomed the ACHS Student Ambassador, Danielle Stancill.
- Boys' Soccer Team is undefeated.
- Girls' Cross Country won the Main East Invite last weekend.
- Attendance for the first month is 95.8%. August was 96.2% and September 95.4%.
- Disciplinary referrals have been down.
- Homecoming route will be altered because of construction. Updates will be given on the ACHS website.
- Seniors took post-secondary surveys.

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CONSENT AGENDA

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

***Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of Thursday, August 19, 2010**

Mr. Mathias moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 19, 2010 be approved and placed on file. Second by Mrs. Van Dien.

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

***Approval of Minutes – Closed Session of Thursday, August 19, 2010**

Mr. Mathias moved the minutes of the Closed Session of August 19, 2010 be approved and placed on file. Second by Mrs. Van Dien.

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

PERSONNEL

***Employment – Certified Staff**
Lakes Community High School

Mr. Mathias moved the Board employ Christine Tsohas as School Psychologist at a Level of MA30, Step 1, (pro-rated) for the 2010-11 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. Van Dien.

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

***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. Van Dien.

Erica Faden	Assistant Boys Soccer	3A
Taryn Martinez	International Club Sponsor (.5)	6A
Mary Kelly	Student Assistance Team	5B
Don Barlow	Winter Athletic Supervisor	6C
James White	Spring Athletic Supervisor	6C

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

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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. Van Dien.

Jason Ellerman	Assistant Boys Track Coach	3C
Kirsten Gabrielsen	International Club (50%)	6A
Christie Sommers	Peer Mediation (50%)	6B
LeAnn Malecha	Vocal Clinician	3A

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

*Employment – Dollar Coaches

Antioch Community High School

Mr. Mathias moved Courtney Ksioszk be employed as Dollar Coach for Field Hockey for the 2010-11 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. Van Dien.

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

Mr. Mathias moved Tara Heitman be employed as Dollar Coach for Volleyball for the 2010-11 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. Van Dien.

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

Mr. Mathias moved Donald Peters be employed as Dollar Coach for Marching Band for the 2010-11 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. Van Dien.

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

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*Request for Extended Sick Leave

Lakes Community High School

Mr. Mathias moved the Board approve the request from Elizabeth Potter-Nelson, Science Teacher, for an extended sick leave from December 13, 2010 (unless otherwise advised by her doctor), and after release by her doctor, an unpaid leave through March 22, 2011 as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. Van Dien.

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

FINANCE/BUSINESS

*Approval of Bills and Payroll

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

Education Fund	\$1,909,313.23
Building Fund	\$ 166,889.86
Bonds & Interest	\$ 262,906.64
Transportation Fund	\$ 361,920.93
I.M.R. Fund	\$ 33,057.26

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

Report from the Business Office

Mrs. Nolde reported that the Levy presentation will be at the October meeting and the Audit presentation in the next few months.

Mrs. Nolde said that due to economic times, the Administration would like to explore oversight options at the methane plant.

Life Safety Inspection

The ROE conducted the annual Life Safety Inspection. Corrections were done the day of inspection.

Facility Committee

The Facility Committee met on September 9th to discuss long range facility goals. A schedule is included in the 2011 budget.

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2010-2011 District Final Budget

Mrs. McGrath moved the Board approve the FY'11 Budget as presented. Second by Mrs. Heneberry.

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

Transfer Resolutions

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board approve the resolution for transfer of accumulated Debt Service to the Ed Fund. Second by Mrs. Heneberry.

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

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board approve the resolution for transfer of Life Safety funds to the Debt Service Fund to pay Life Safety Fund long term debt. Second by Mrs. Van Dien.

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

Mr. Mathis moved the Board approve the resolution for transfer of Operations and Maintenance funds to the Debt Service Fund to pay Operations and Maintenance Fund long term debt. Second by Mrs. Van Dien.

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

Mrs. Van Dien moved the Board approve the resolution for transfer of Education funds to the Debt Service Fund to pay Education Fund long term debt. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

GOVERNANCE

F.O.I.A. Request - None

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Tech Campus Update

Mr. McKay reported that District 117 enrollment at the Tech Campus was at 120. There has been a tuition increase of 2 ½% from last year. Student tuition is \$2400, with the exception of Cosmetology at \$3200.

Student Ambassadors

Mr. Sobczak welcomed the two Student Ambassadors to the meeting – Iris Schweier from LCHS, and Danielle Stancill from ACHS.

6th Day Enrollment

6th Day Enrollment at Antioch Community High School was 1360; at Lakes Community High School it was 1359, for a total enrollment of 2719. Last school year the 6th day enrollment was 1399 at ACHS and 1417 at LCHS, for a total enrollment of 2816.

November Board Meeting Date

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board approve the date change for the November Board meeting from Wednesday, November 17, 2010 to Tuesday, November 16, 2010. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

Second Reading – Policy Recommendations

Revisions to Policy 705.04 – Waiver of Student Fees was presented for first reading at the August 19, 2010 Board Meeting.

Mrs. Heneberry moved the Board adopt Policy 705.04 – Waiver of Student Fees as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Mathias.

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

Five Year Strategic Plan

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board adopt the Five Year Strategic Plan as presented. Second by Mrs. Heneberry.

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

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Approval of Administrators' Salary Compensation Report

Mr. Mathias moved the Board approve the Administrators' Salary Compensation Report as presented. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

Correction Action NCLB

Mr. Nekritz reported that District 117 schools did not make AYP. A letter was received from the ISBE which identifies the corrective action, an outline of the requirements under NCLB, and the technical assistance the district will receive this year.

Fireworks Contract

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

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

Field Trip Requests (Overnight)

Mrs. McGrath moved the Board to approve the request from Bridget Sundin for Fine Arts students to attend the Illinois Theatre Festival at the University of Illinois on January 6 – 8, 2011; and approve the request from Bill Hamill, Softball Coach, to take the softball team to spring training in Myrtle Beach, SC, from March 25 – April 2, 2011 as recommended. Second by Mr. Mathias.

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

2010-11 Application for Recognition of Schools

Mrs. McGrath moved the Board approve the 2010-11 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. Van Dien.

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

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QUESTIONS/COMMENTS – BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Jacobs welcomed the student ambassadors.

Mrs. Heneberry said the presentations were very inspiring.

Mr. Vickers appreciated the presentations that were made. He thought the presentations showed excitement in the district. He noted that this was a good starting point and hopes for continued improvement. Mr. Vickers applauded the Administration.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to Enter Closed Session

At 8:50 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) School Issues – Section 2(c)(10): Other matters relating to individual students; (c) Purchase or Lease of Real Estate – Section 2(c)(6): Includes only the setting of the actual sale or lease price for a piece of property; and (d) Litigation – Section 2(c)(11): Only to consider pending, probable or imminent litigation. Second by Mrs. McGrath.

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

Motion to Come Out of Closed Session

At 9:39 p.m. Mr. Mathias moved the Board come out of Closed Session. Second by Mrs. Jacobs.

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

Student Expulsion Abeyance Agreement

Mrs. McGrath moved the Board approve the revised abeyance agreement of Student 2009-10 5L, as recommended by the Principal. Second by Mr. Mathias.

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

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ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45 p.m. Mrs. McGrath moved the September 16, 2010 meeting of the Community High School District 117 Board of Education be adjourned. Second by Mrs. Jacobs.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

President

Secretary