

**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, AUGUST 18, 2011 – 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. Sandy Jacobs, Secretary  
Mr. Kenneth Dewitt  
Dr. Kari King Duffy  
Mr. Randy Mathias  
Mr. Ronald Vickers

**ADMINISTRATION**

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Mr. James McKay, Superintendent  
Mr. Michael Nekritz, Superintendent  
Ms. Jennifer Nolde, Business Manager  
Mr. John Whitehurst, Principal  
Mr. Stephen Plank, 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, August 18, 2011 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. Henry Potrykus, D117 taxpayer, said he e-mailed board members with four items of interest: have the school budget set by the Board rather than the Administration; mail the school report card to all households in District 117; put checks on-line; and add policies on controversial subjects. He said he had no response from board members. He also stated that he wants District 117 to stop pay increases in educational degrees. In addition, Mr. Potrykus sent the Board articles on reducing class size.

Mr. Sobczak thanked Mr. Potrykus for his comments.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Sobczak opened the Public Hearing for the FY '12 Tentative Budget at 7:07 pm.

Mrs. Nolde presented the details about the 2011 budget during the hearing.

Mr. Sobczak closed the hearing at 7:12 pm.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Athletic Department 2010-11 Accomplishments

Mr. Schoenfelder and Mr. Parola recognized athletes and accomplishments from the 2010-11 school year.

Mr. Parola informed the board that Mr. Schoenfelder and Mr. Parola will hold meetings for parents on two separate nights to discuss the new law on concussions.

ACHS/LCHS Update

Reports from Mr. Whitehurst and Mr. Plank are attached.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

\*Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting, July 21, 2011

Mr. Vickers moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 21, 2011 be approved and placed on file.  
Second by Mr. Mathias.

Voice Vote:                    Ayes: 6                    Nays: None                    Abstain: 1                    Absent: 0                    Motion carried.

\*Approval of Minutes – Closed Session of, July 21, 2011

Mr. Vickers moved the minutes of the Closed Session of July 21, 2011 be approved and placed on file.  
Second by Mr. Mathias.

Voice Vote:                    Ayes: 6                    Nays: None                    Abstain: 1                    Absent: 0                    Motion carried.

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\*Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting, August 1, 2011

Mr. Vickers moved the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 1, 2011 be approved and placed on file. Second by Mr. Mathias.

Voice Vote:           Ayes: 6           Nays: None       Abstain: 1       Absent: 0       Motion carried.

\*Approval of Minutes – Closed Session of, August 1, 2011

Mr. Vickers moved the minutes of the Closed Session of August 1, 2011 be approved and placed on file. Second by Mr. Mathias.

Voice Vote:           Ayes: 6           Nays: None       Abstain: 1       Absent: 0       Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL**

\*Employment – Increment Positions

Mr. Vickers moved the Board approve the following as Mentors for the 2011-12 school year as recommended by the Superintendent: First Year Teacher Mentors: Tony Losinger, Amber Cornelius, Sara Glashagel (Light), Kristina Wilson, Christina Gialo, Jaclyn Shapiro, Jamie Collins, Melissa Cross (Light) Tina Kupsco, Sophia Vatisis (Light), Carolyn Barry, Scott Leverentz (Light). Second Year Teacher Mentors: Jeff Newton, Sophia Vatisas, Jamie Collins.

Teacher leaders that mentor one beginning teacher or who are mentoring second year teachers will be paid \$650; teacher leaders mentoring two beginning teachers will be paid \$1,100; and teacher leaders that serve as a “Mentor Light” will be compensated \$300.00. Second by Mr. Mathias.

Voice Vote:           Ayes: 6           Nays: None       Abstain: 1       Absent: 0       Motion carried.

Antioch Community High School

Mr. Vickers moved the Board employ Alex McKenzie as Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, at a level of 3A; Ed Nobling as Assistant Wrestling Coach at a level of 2D; Ellen Biss as Clinician-Pianist (50%), at a level of 3B (transferring from LCHS to ACHS); Dave Nikkila as Auditorium Service Technical Director at a rate of \$15,000; and Emily Sobczak as SAP at a level of 1B for the 2011-12 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Mathias.

Voice Vote:           Ayes: 6           Nays: None       Abstain: 1       Absent: 0       Motion carried.

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Lakes Community High School

Mr. Vickers moved the Board the Board employ Nick Schock as Auditorium Service Technical Director at a rate of \$15,000 for the 2011-12 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Mathias.

Voice Vote:                   Ayes: 6                   Nays: None                   Abstain: 1                   Absent: 0                   Motion carried.

\*Employment – Dollar Coach

Mr. Vickers moved the Board employ Jeff Dresser as Dollar Coach for golf; Blayne Prassel be employed as Dollar Coach for Football; and Stacey Studer as Dollar Coach for Girls Basketball for the 2011-12 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Mathias.

Voice Vote:                   Ayes: 6                   Nays: None                   Abstain: 1                   Absent: 0                   Motion carried.

\*Approval of Student Teacher

Lakes Community High School

Mr. Vickers moved the Board approve Melissa Zeman to student teach in English in the fall as recommended. Second by Mr. Mathias.

Voice Vote:                   Ayes: 6                   Nays: None                   Abstain: 1                   Absent: 0                   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	\$1,361,201.78
Building Fund	\$ 366,597.73
Bonds & Interest	\$ 11,169.66
Transportation Fund	\$ 31,772.67
I.M.R.F. Fund	\$ 72,839.96
Tort Immunity Fund	\$ 108,290.00

Voice Vote:                   Ayes: 6                   Nays: None                   Abstain: 1                   Absent: 0                   Motion carried.

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Report from the Business Office

Ms. Nolde reported that the versa-trans software appears to be working well with the bus company.

Ms. Nolde reported that Dave Auston is planning on doing reforestation near the tennis courts.

Ms. Nolde requested approval to dispose of items either broken or not in use (typewriters, lathe, etc). Mr. Vickers asked Ms. Nolde to put a list on the website of items to be disposed of.

Methane Contract Change Order

Mr. Vickers moved the Board approve the TRC change order in the amount of \$56,000. Second by Mr. Dewitt.

Roll Call Vote:           Ayes: Heneberry, Dewitt, Mathias, Jacobs, King-Duffy, Vickers, Sobczak  
                              Nays: None           Absent: None                           Motion Carried.

Mr. Nekritz gave a methane update. Chevron's feedback was that there is nothing else they can do. Due to weather, the methane site has not been operational. Mr. Nekritz was researching the net metering financial aspects and it appears that net metering is still a better option. One suggestion was to train a staff member by TRC; and another is to have a new group take over. In addition, several teachers want to incorporate it into their curriculum.

ACHS Baseball Field Bids

Mr. Vickers moved the Board accept the proposal of Mark Meade Excavators for the repair of the ACHS Baseball Field at a cost of \$112,493, subject to Administrative discretion to issue change orders to lower the cost. Second by Mrs. Heneberry.

Voice Vote:           Ayes: 7           Nays: None           Absent: 0           Motion carried.

**GOVERNANCE**

F.O.I.A. Request

One FOIA request was received and Ms. Nolde responded.

Student Ambassadors

Linsey Stiglic (ACHS) and Bethany Breum (LCHS) are the student ambassadors for the 2011-12 school year. They will be invited to the dinner before the September Board Meeting.

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First Reading – Policy Recommendation

Policy 500.36 was presented for the first reading and will be recommended for adoption at the September Board Meeting.

PSAE Results

PSAE preliminary results were discussed. D117 does not make AYP, but has moved up substantially.

Parent University

Information was given on adult classes offered through Lindenhurst Park District.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS – BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Jacobs thought the Parent University was a great idea.

Mr. Vickers had several topics of interest:

- Mr. Vickers said that he appreciates the Annual Agenda Calendar. He asked the board to take a look at the agenda and if there were any additions/deletions to bring them to the next board meeting for discussion.
- Mr. Vickers asked if board members were interested in a board building session similar to the one that was done in the spring. Several board members felt that it was a valuable experience.
- Mr. Vickers asked if the board was interested in updating the Board Policy Manual. Mr. Nekritz and Mr. McKay said they would work with two board members on the update. Mr. Vickers and Dr. King Duffy volunteered.
- Mr. Vickers asked on the progress of the Business Office website. Ms. Nolde said that she had several items uploaded and the target date for public viewing was the end of September.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion to Enter Closed Session

At 8:05 p.m. Mr. Vickers 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 appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; and (b) School Issues – Section 2(c)(9): Student disciplinary cases. Second by Mr. Mathias.

Voice Vote:                      Ayes: 7                      Nays: None                      Absent: 0                      Motion carried.

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Motion to Come Out of Closed Session

At 8:36 p.m. Mr. Mathias moved the Board come out of Closed Session. Second by Dr. King Duffy.

Voice Vote:           Ayes: 7           Nays: None           Absent: 0           Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:40 p.m. Dr. King Duffy moved the August 18, 2011 meeting of the Community High School District 117 Board of Education be adjourned. Second by Mrs. Jacobs.

Voice Vote:           Ayes: 7           Nays: None           Absent: 0           Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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President

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Secretary