

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, JULY 21, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.

Present

Absent

BOARD MEMBERS

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

Mr. James McKay, Superintendent
Mr. Michael Nekritz, Superintendent
Ms. Jennifer Nolde, Business Manager
Mr. John Whitehurst, 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, July 21, 2011 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

Mr. Henry Potrykus, D117 taxpayer, commented on the school budget and felt it should be developed by the Board of Education. He made several suggestions to the school board: send out school report card to each taxpayer; put all checks on-line; make additions to board policy on controversial issues; cut administration in half; reduce the teaching staff; make adjustments to the salary structure; cap on teacher salaries; cancel drivers education; and combine the schools to have Freshmen/Sophomores on one campus and Juniors/Seniors on the other campus - which will reduce coaching staff by half.

Mr. Sobczak thanked Mr. Potrykus for his comments.

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PRESENTATIONS

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, June 16, 2011

Mr. Vickers moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2011 be approved and placed on file.
Second by Mr. Mathias.

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

*Approval of Minutes – Closed Session of, June 16, 2011

Mr. Vickers moved the minutes of the Closed Session of June 16, 2011 be approved and placed on file.
Second by Mr. Mathias.

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

PERSONNEL

*Employment – Certified Staff

Mr. Vickers moved the Board employ Carolyn Grieco as Spanish Teacher for the leave of absence of Sarah Menoni for the 2011-12 school year at a level of BA, Step 1; and Jennifer Halverson be employed as Special Education Teacher, for the leave of absence of Christie Sommers from approximately September 19 – December 12, 2011 at a level of BA, Step 1 (pro-rated), as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Mathias.

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

*Employment – Summer School Staff

Mr. Vickers moved the Board employ Keith West as a Summer School Teacher for Freshman Academy at a rate of \$42.91 for 85.5 hours; Julia Shepard be employed as a Substitute Teacher at a rate of \$42.91 per hour; and Emily Sobczak be employed as a Substitute Teacher/Aide for summer school at an hourly rate of \$42.91 (substitute), and \$17.95 (aide) as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Mathias.

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

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*Request for Leave of Absence

Mr. Vickers moved the Board approve the leave of absence from Rhonda Bradley, Library/Support Clerk, from approximately August 5-26, 2011; and Matt Rife, Social Studies Teacher, from approximately August 11-29, 2011 as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Mathias.

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

*Employment – Dollar Coach

Mr. Vickers moved the Board employ Chris Noble as Dollar Coach for Football for the 2011-12 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Mathias.

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

*Approval of Student Teachers

Antioch Community High School

Mr. Vickers moved the Board approve Carolyn Cooley (PE), and Christine Falkstrom (Math) to student teacher in the fall as recommended. Second by Mr. Mathias.

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

Lakes Community High School

Mr. Vickers moved the Board approve Katie MacMillan to student teach in Science in the fall as recommended. Second by Mr. Mathias.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: None 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	\$4,756,291.47
Building Fund	\$ 316,122.44
Bonds & Interest	\$ 101,563.15
Transportation Fund	\$ 50,957.37
I.M.R.F. Fund	\$ 74,590.10

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

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Report from the Business Office

Ms. Nolde reported that 11-15 passenger vans can no longer be used due to changes from ISBE. Bid packets will be going out to replace three vans.

Impact Fee Ordinance

Mr. Vickers moved the Board execute the “Indemnification of Developer Subdivision Contributions in the Event of a Private Agreement” agreement. Second by Mr. Dewitt.

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

HMO Health Insurance Rates

Mr. Dewitt moved the Board approve HMO premiums as presented. Second by Mr. Mathias.

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

Budget Hearing

Ms. Nolde reported that the tentative budget is on display and the budget hearing will occur at the August 18th Board Meeting.

Ms. Nolde commended everyone for all their efforts and understanding during the budget process.

GOVERNANCE

F.O.I.A. Request - None

Appointment of Homeless Liasons

Mr. Mathias moved the Board Phyllis Fay and Merry Quinn-Krajniak be appointed Homeless Liasons for the 2011-12 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Dr. King Duffy.

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

Appointment of Hearing Officers for Suspension Appeals

Mrs. Jacobs moved the Board Jim McKay, Mike Nekritz, John Whitehurst, Stephen Plank, Janet Frichtl, and Aryan Dohman be appointed Hearing Officers for the 2011-12 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mrs. Heneberry.

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

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Appointment of Hearing Officers for Sexual Harassment/Civil Rights/Discrimination Violations

Mr. Dewitt moved the Board Jim McKay, Mike Nekritz, John Whitehurst, Stephen Plank, Janet Frichtl, Pat McGuigan, and Brie Cederna be appointed Hearing Officers for any Sexual Harassment/Civil Rights/Discrimination violations for the 2011-12 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Dr. King Duffy.

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

College Success Report/AP Report

Mr. McKay reported on D117 College Success information from ACT. Mr. McKay said that data will be shared with students showing them that working harder at the high school level typically demonstrates that students will also do better at the collegiate level.

Mr. McKay reported on AP testing scores. Mr. McKay noted the number of tests with scores of 4's and 5's. Both schools expect to show more growth next year.

Mandarin/Chinese Optional World Language

Mr. McKay discussed the possibility of adding Mandarin/Chinese as an optional world language. District 34 will be offering mandarin to all students next year and District 34 inquired if Mandarin/Chinese may be an optional world language in the future at the high school level.

Athletic Update

Due to changes in laws, concussion information must be included in the Extra-Curricular handbook.

Mr. Mathis moved the Board approve the changes to the Extra-Curricular Handbook as presented. Second by Mr. Dewitt

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

Methane Update

Mr. Nekritz reported that due to storms, the methane site was not operational. Mr. Nekritz asked for tentative approval for net metering. Change orders will be presented at the August Board meeting.

ROE Update

Mr. Nekritz reported that the Regional Office of Education has been defunded by the state. Some programs are in question (mentoring program, certification procedures, principal mentoring, SAFE schools funding). Little information is available from the Lake County Regional Office.

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Field Trip Request

Mr. Mathias moved the Board approve the field trip request from the Trey Hickey, Choral Director, for an overnight lock-in at ACHS during choir camp on Wednesday, August 10, 2011; and Luke Mertens, Football Coach to take 42 football players to Cincinnati, Ohio to compete in the University of Cincinnati's Passing Tournament from July 26-27, 2011 as recommended. Second by Dr. King Duffy.

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

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS – BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. King Duffy said she attended the Administrators Academy and said how exciting it was to participate with administrators.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to Enter Closed Session

At 8:05 p.m. Mr. Dewitt 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; (b) School Issues – Section 2(c)(9): Student disciplinary cases; and (c) Review of Closed Session Minutes – Section 2(c)(21): Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. Second by Mrs. Jacobs.

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

Motion to Come Out of Closed Session

At 8:42 p.m. Dr. King Duffy moved the Board come out of Closed Session. Second by Mrs. Jacobs

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

PERSONNEL

Employment – Increment Positions

Mr. Vickers moved the Board approve the persons as presented be approved for increment positions for the 2011-12 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Dewitt.

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

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Mr. Vickers moved the Board approve the persons listed below be approved for increment positions for the 2011-12 school year. Second by Mr. Dewitt.

Phil Lindburg	Head Bowling Coach	3B
Charlie Trout	Asst. Boys Soccer Coach	3D
Nick Balaban	Asst. Girls Basketball Coach	2D
Jim Valsa	Asst. Football Coach (50%)	2A
Courteney Lewis	Fall Assistant Cheerleading (50%)	4A
Courteney Lewis	Winter Assistant Cheerleading (50%)	4A
Amy Shouse	Fall Assistant Cheerleading (50%)	4A
Amy Shouse	Winter Assistant Cheerleading (50%)	4A

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

Review of Previously Closed Session Minutes to be Released

Mr. Vickers moved the Closed Session minutes from December 16, 2010 through May 26, 2011 remain closed as recommended by the Superintendent because the need for confidentiality still exists as listed below. Second by Dr. King Duffy.

December 16, 2010	Personnel A, B, C, D, E, F, G
January 20, 2011	Student Issues A; Personnel A, B, C, D, E; Litigation A, B, C; Personnel A
February 17, 2011	Student Issues A; Personnel A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L
March 10, 2011	Personnel A, B, C, D, E, F
March 24, 2011	Collective Bargaining A, B; Personnel A, B
April 28, 2011	Student Issues A; Personnel B; Student Issues C; Personnel D
May 18, 2011	Personnel A, B, C, D, E, F
May 26, 2011	Student Issues C

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 p.m. Mr. Mathias moved the July 21, 2011 meeting of the Community High School District 117 Board of Education be adjourned. Second by Dr. King Duffy.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

President

Secretary

ACHS BOARD REPORT

July, 2011

- We have received our AP scores from last year. 331 tests were taken. 62% of the exams received “passing” scores, a score of 3 or above. In particular, students in US Government, Psychology, and Calculus BC did well.

<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
30	80	95	77	49

- We have updated our emergency procedures. Each classroom will now have a collection of emergency items, which we hope will never be used. Also, locked boxes containing information for emergency response teams have been mounted at our three main entrances: front door, athletic entrance, and auditorium entrance.
- Aryan Dohman, our new Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction, has been working with Lesia Semitka from Lakes to collect, organize, and format all of the school data we collect: high-stakes test information, grades, and attendance and discipline information. Our goals are to format the data so it is organized the same at both schools, to have it readily available for key users, and to discuss during the year how to use it effectively.
- One of the interdepartmental groups last year re-created our PBIS program, which seeks to encourage positive behavior. The group introduced the program to students and will present it again at class meetings near the beginning of the school year. The program itself focuses on the values of respect, responsibility, and pride. Banners will be hung around the school to emphasize the program.
- The literary magazine *Finesse* has received its critique from Columbia Scholastic Press and been awarded with its highest evaluation ever: a First Class rating and marks of distinction in all possible categories--concept, content, writing and editing, photography and art, and layout and design. The judge’s final comment best expresses her praise of the magazine: “The more I studied the magazine, the more I appreciated just how much quality, time, and effort went into planning. It is like returning to a good book; it improves with each reading.”
- In addition to the freshman orientation day for students on August 9, we will host an evening meeting for the parents of our incoming freshmen on Tuesday, August 16. We will introduce parents to the many exciting things happening at Antioch High School and give them a chance to ask any questions they have.
- Last Wednesday about 10 students from Student Council and National Honor Society worked in the afternoon helping us place new furniture in teachers’ classrooms and distribute emergency buckets around the school. The office and maintenance staffs greatly appreciated the assistance.
- On July 21 we had our Antioch High School’s leadership team meeting. Since we have several new members this year, we discussed the purpose and expectations for the group. We also reviewed the School Improvement Goals, the data from last year, and a number of other issues related to the upcoming school year.
- Dr. Fay prepared a bulletin that will be sent August 1 to all incoming students and their parents. The bulletin will include much important information; such as, how students can access their schedules, ID pictures, attendance policy, textbook pickup, and important events during semester one.

- Last year, Student Council contracted with an artist to paint a mural of Antioch, which is being installed this week on either side of the downstairs elevator. Thanks to this group for making our building more attractive.
- Around 65 students attended Band Camp, culminating in the marching band's performance during Antioch's Fourth of July parade. The parade's organizers praised the band's performance.
- The band is already planning its trip to Disney World during spring break. Fine Arts Department Chair Wanda Teddy just returned from a trip to Disney to scout out what the band will do during its stay, and Mr. Riggs is organizing fund raising events.
- This year's Choir Camp will start soon. The choir participated in Antioch's Freedom Run earlier this summer.
- Many athletic camps were held during the summer: girls' and boys' basketball and soccer, cheerleading, dance, and football. All of the camps were well attended by students of all ages; in fact, several set new records for the number of students who attended. We thank all of the coaches, sponsors, and other adults who directed these successful camps.
- The football fundraiser is a round of golf followed by a dinner on August 8 at Antioch Golf Club.
- Sara Glashagel is preparing the Student Council overnight lock-in for August 11, and tonight the Board will review a proposal for a similar event designed for choir students. We appreciate the extra time staff members will devote to these events, and believe that they will build a positive team spirit among the students in the groups
- Wanda Teddy is directing a unique performance for August 6 and 7: a production of *Grease* with cast of alumni, current students, and even a few incoming students. We invite everyone to attend.
- We will have two student teachers in the fall next year: one in PE and one in math.
- The entire school appreciates all of the work Jim Dennis and his staff have done to get the building prepared for next year. Floor tiles have been replaced in a number of rooms, new desks have been added to many rooms, the main office has been repainted, and the building overall has been cleaned.
- We thank all of the teachers who have worked on curriculum revisions during the summer.

Board of Education Report Lakes Community High School – July Meeting

New Teacher Orientation:

The Board is cordially invited to the New Teacher Orientation at Lakes High School on Tuesday, August 9th at 8:30. At this time they will be introduced to all new faculty.

Later that evening, we will be hosting our parents for an orientation where we will introduce them to many of the people and exciting things happening here at Lakes.

AP Scores:

We have received our AP scores from this past year. 443 exams were taken. 51% of the exams earned a “passing” score of a 3 or above.

5	4	3	2	1
37	75	112	122	22

Administrator Academy and Lakes BLT:

Just yesterday, July 20th, the Lakes building leadership team met for the entire day – having lost three people and welcoming the same number of new folks, the dynamic and personality of the group has changed quite a bit. We spent time reviewing our norms and taking a learning style inventory prior to discussing our goals for the year as well as how we intend to approach our professional growth.

iCan Conference:

Conference schedule: 90-minute sessions, 15 minute break

- 8:00-8:30 – Continental Breakfast (LCHS Café)
- 8:15-8:30 – Introduction (LCHS Auditorium)
- 8:35-10:05 – Session I
- 10:05-10:20 – Break
- 10:20-11:50 – Session II (*CPDUs & Evaluations)

Creativity	Collaboration	Presentation	Useful Tools
<i>iMovie</i> MovieMaker Audacity Garage Band Photo Shop	VoiceThread Google Docs / Google Sites SMART Board Twitter / Tumblr / social media Social bookmarking (Delicious / Diigo) for research & collaboration	GoAnimate! Xtranormal Prezi Qwiki	iPod Touches/iPad Edmodo Cell phonesSkype Live Binder
<i>Kellie Doyle</i> <i>Brandon Watters</i>	<i>Jaclyn Shapiro</i> <i>Kelly Taylor</i>	<i>Sofia Farooq</i> <i>Ben Kalb</i>	<i>Morgan Allen</i> <i>Aryan Dohman (?)</i>

	<i>Brittany Wiegel</i>	<i>Donna Corcoran</i>	<i>Katie Plese</i>
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9/11 Recognition Program:

Rebecca Holst and John Walker, on behalf of the social studies departments at both Lakes and Antioch have organized a recognition of all first responders in our community. Letter went out just today inviting them to the recognition of the 10th anniversary of 9/11, on Friday September 9, 2011. The recognition will take place during the Lakes vs Grant varsity football game at Polley Field.

2012 Choral Festival:

It is with great excitement that I share with you that the Choral Festival on April 10, 2012 will celebrate with guest conductor Mr. Martin (Marty) Sirvatka, Department Chair of Music and Art at Glenbrook South High School. The choir is looking forward to performing a few of the pieces that he has published!

Theatre – All State:

I'd like to ask the Board to please join me in congratulating two of our Eagles, Eileen Grace and Kyle Hill, who were chosen to work as technicians on the 2012 All-State production of *Almost Maine*. Hundreds of actors and technicians from across the state auditioned and only 42 students were chosen. The production will run at the Illinois High School Theatre Festival, which will be held at Illinois State University in January 2012.

Congrats to Eileen and Kyle!!!! We know you will represent Lakes well!!!!

Student Teachers:

Lakes will be hosting two student teachers in the fall: One in English and the other in Science.

Soccer – Europe Trip:

A number of Lakes boys' soccer players who are in Europe as we speak. We wish them the best on their trip. They left on July 17th and will on the 27th.

Athletic Camps:

Lakes had a large number of athletic camps this summer. A new twist for us is working with The Lindenhurst Park District in running camps at their location. Examples of this include cheerleading and softball.

John Pfeiffer Recognized as a Member of the 2010-2011 Tribune Scholar-Athlete Team

The Tribune caps each school year by recognizing a group of Chicago-area seniors who rise above the rest in the classroom and on the fields of play. Among the 20 members of the 2010-2011 Scholar-Athlete Team, there are state champions and valedictorians, students headed to Ivy League schools and athletes bound for Division I programs. □ Each Scholar-Athlete must be either in the top 10 percent of his or her class or score a 30 on the ACT, be named all-conference in at least one sport and be nominated by his or her

school. If students meet both academic criteria, class rank is listed. Some schools do not rank their students; in those cases, ACT scores are listed.

- John had a 30 on the ACT and is headed to Brown University.

All fall sports practices will begin on August 10th.

Thanks:

...to all of the teachers that have so diligently worked on curriculum revisions over the summer.

....to all of the work that Jim Dennis and his folks have done to get the building ready for another school year. The building is really starting to look great again.

...to Mark Roe and Dave Nikkila and their team for all of the effort that has gone into the installation of our security camera system.

Respectfully Submitted –

Steve Plank