

**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**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.**

Present

Absent

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**BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Wayne A. Sobczak, President  
Mrs. Joyce Heneberry, Vice President  
Mr. Kenneth Dewitt  
Dr. Kari King Duffy  
Mr. Randy Mathias  
Mr. Ronald Vickers

Mrs. Sandy Jacobs, Secretary

**ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. James McKay, Superintendent  
Mr. Michael Nekritz, Superintendent  
Ms. Jennifer Nolde, Business Manager  
Mr. Stephen Plank, Principal  
Dr. Phyllis Fay, Assistant Principal

Mr. John Whitehurst, Principal

**STUDENT AMBASSADORS**

Bethany Breum  
Linsey Stiglic

**RECORDING SECRETARY**

Mrs. Nancy Hendrickson

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of Community High School District 117 was held on Wednesday, October 19, 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, referred to the website redfin.com reporting that 500 homes are available for sale or in foreclosure in the 60002 and 60046 zip codes. He noted homes are at a 25% loss. Mr. Potrykus stated that there are too many administrators per pupil, and feels that there should be an increase in pupils per class.

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Mrs. Carol Potrykus, D117 taxpayer, educator, and parent asked what programs are being presented in classrooms for Anti-Bullying month. She requested a copy of the curriculum and would like to attend the presentations. In addition, Mrs. Potrykus asked for information on the Day of Silence in April, and the policy on controversial subjects.

Mr. Sobczak thanked Mr. and Mrs. Potrykus for their comments and informed them to contact the principals for questions they would like answered.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Math and Science SMART Goals

Jori Bowen and Jill Farrell (Math); and Mark Prosis and Elizabeth Potter-Nelson (Science) presented the SMART goals for their departments.

Mrs. Heneberry commented on the positive trends and collaboration with curriculum that both schools display. She is pleased to see positive test results and the increase use of technology.

LCHS SIP

Mr. Plank, Principal, and Mr. Dave Newberry, Assistant Principal presented the Lakes Community High School School Improvement Plan for 2011-12.

Mr. Vickers congratulated the LCHS staff on an excellent presentation.

ACHS Update

ACHS report is attached.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

\*Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting, September 15, 2011

Mr. Vickers moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 15, 2011 be approved and placed on file. Second by Mr. Dewitt.

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

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\*Approval of Minutes – Closed Session of, September 15, 2011

Mr. Vickers moved the minutes of the Closed Session of September 15, 2011 be approved and placed on file. Second by Mr. Dewitt.

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

**PERSONNEL**

\*Employment – Substitute Teacher

Antioch Community High School

Mr. Vickers moved the board approve Erin Golden as Long Term Substitute for the leave of absence of Ryan Hlinak at a level of BA, Step 1 (pro-rated) from approximately October 28 – November 14, 2011. Second by Mr. Dewitt.

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

\*Employment – Increment Positions

Antioch Community High School

Mr. Vickers moved the Board approve Katie Whitehurst be employed as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach (.5) at a level of 2A; and Dan Schwabe be employed as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach (.5) at a level of 2A for the 2011-12 school year. Second by Mr. Dewitt.

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

Lakes Community High School

Mr. Vickers moved the Board approve Eric White be employed as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach at a level of 2A for the 2011-12 school year. Second by Mr. Dewitt.

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

\*Employment – Parent Volunteer

Mr. Vickers moved the Board approve Wendy Bering be approved as a Parent Volunteer for the Library for the 2011-12 school year. Second by Mr. Dewitt.

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

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\*Request for Leave of Absence

Mr. Vickers moved the Board approve the leave of absence from Michele Todd, English Teacher, from approximately March 11, 2012 (unless otherwise advised by her doctor) and after release by her doctor, an unpaid leave of absence until August, 2013 as recommended. Second by Mr. Dewitt.

Voice Vote:                   Ayes: 6                   Nays: None                   Absent: 1                   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. Dewitt.

Education Fund	\$3,641,110.51
Building Fund	\$ 388,045.06
Bonds & Interest	\$ 24,359.96
Transportation Fund	\$ 292,796.27
I.M.R.F. Fund	\$ 132,021.17

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

Preliminary Tax Levy

Mr. Vickers moved the Board approve the estimated levy as presented. Second by Mr. Mathias.

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

Debt Service

Mr. Vickers moved the Board approve the *Parameters Refunding Bond Resolution* as presented. Second by Mrs. Heneberry.

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

Mr. Mathias moved the Board approve the *Resolution of Intent to issue Limited Tax Working Cash Fund Bonds* as presented. Second by Mr. Dewitt.

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

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Preliminary Financial Profile Score

Ms. Nolde reported that the D117's Financial Profile Score has risen to the "Recognition" category, which is the highest category available.

Ms. Nolde presented the "Finance" portion which was added to the district website exhibiting information available to the public referencing Business Office items.

**GOVERNANCE**

F.O.I.A. Request

One FOIA request was received and Ms. Nolde responded.

Tech Campus Update

Mr. McKay presented the 2012-13 proposed calendar from Lake County ROE. D117 Discussion Committee members have been reviewing the dates.

Master School Board Member

Mr. Vickers was recognized by the IASB as "Master School Board Member" at their Lake Division Fall Dinner Meeting on October 12, 2011.

Approval of Activities

Mrs. Heneberry moved the Board approve Student Athlete Leadership Team and Iron Eagles Robotics activities as recommended. Second by Mr. Dewitt.

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

Destruction of Verbatim Records

Mr. Dewitt moved the Board approve destruction of the verbatim records prior to March 2010 as recommended. Second by Mr. Vickers.

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

Illinois Education Reform/PERA

Mr. McKay reported on Illinois Education Reform/PERA.

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Field Trip Requests

Mr. Vickers moved the Board approve the field trip requests from Matt Kastor, Director of Bands, for the LCHS Marching Band to perform in the State of Illinois Marching Band Championships at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois from Friday October 28 - Saturday, October 29, 2011; and for the LCHS Marching Band to participate in a performance tour to Disney and the Outback Bowl in Orlando and Tampa, Florida from December 26, 2012 – January 2, 2013; and the request from Eric Vichnick, Social Studies Teacher, to bring 15-25 students from the International Relations, AP Government and AP U.S. History classes as well as the CRFC Youth Summit Group from LCHS and ACHS to the Czech Republic over spring break from March 21- 28, 2013 as recommended. Second by Mr. Dewitt.

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

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS – BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Mathias said he attended the early morning pep rally at LCHS and noted how outstanding the students behaved. Mr. Mathias said he was part of LCHS Golf Sectionals and commented how impressed he was of the students he was with.

Mrs. Heneberry asked if there was an update on adding Chinese as a foreign language option. Mr. McKay said students that were surveyed did not show interest in taking Chinese as a foreign language. Mr. McKay said he would report the results at the next board meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion to Enter Closed Session

At 8:50 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: 6                   Nays: None                   Absent: 1                   Motion carried.

Motion to Come Out of Closed Session

At 9:08 p.m. Mr. Dewitt moved the Board come out of Closed Session. Second by Mr. Vickers.

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

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Student Expulsion

Mr. Mathias moved the Board approve the expulsion of Student 2011-12 1L 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. Second by Mr. Dewitt.

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

Motion to Enter Closed Session

At 9:10 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. Dewitt.

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

Motion to Come Out of Closed Session

At 10:06 p.m. Mr. Mathias moved the Board come out of Closed Session. Second by Mr. Dewitt.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:07 p.m. Mr. Mathias moved the October 19, 2011 meeting of the Community High School District 117 Board of Education be adjourned. Second by Mr. Dewitt.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

# ACHS BOARD REPORT

October, 2011

## Student Accomplishments

- Steve Farrell and Trevor Olson have made the year's IMEA District 7 All-District Honor's Choir, a notable and difficult accomplishment. Maddie Tallian, Alex Otter, Miranda Newby, Trevor Olson, and Steve Farrell also participated in the Millikin University Choral Festival as part of its Honor's Choir. Alex was selected as a finalist for her solo.
- The Marching Sequoits won third place at the St. Rita Stampede and the caption award for Best Drum Majors. The band also placed first in its class, for the second year in a row, at Marengo Contest, winning awards for Best Drum Majors, Best Color Guard, Best Brass, and Best Marching. The band is attending U of I State competition this weekend.
- Angela Barone, Brian Chivers and Alexandria Hoffman were selected for the District 7 Band; Angela Barone was selected for the District Jazz Band; Heather Beckman was selected for the District 7 Orchestra.
- Each year Honors English II students write "This I Believe" essays modeled after a program run by National Public Radio and then submit them to the station. Two students, Sally Kitterman and Gillian Etherington, have had their essays selected by NPR and published on its website.
- Newspaper and yearbook students attended an all-day journalism conference at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Both publications received critiques for their 2010-11 publications, and both came home with the top rating given to schools throughout Illinois and Wisconsin by the Kettle Moraine Press Association.
- Emily Andre has been selected as the ACHS Comcast leadership scholarship winner. Emily will receive \$1000 and attend a luncheon later this spring.
- Jennifer Collings has been selected as the ACHS DAR Good Citizen Representative. Jennifer will be competing on the local level by completing her required essay.
- Two ACHS seniors, Will Thornton and Kyler Ward, have been named Commended Students in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program.



## School Events and News

- The Guidance Department is expanding its use of Naviance, conducting both the junior and senior surveys through Naviance. College visits are announced through Naviance, and students are able to sign up to meet with a representative. Also, the scholarship listing is posted to Naviance so that students can review what scholarships are available at any time. The parental portal was released this week and demonstrated at College Planning Night on Tuesday.
- EXPLORE was administered to the Class of 2016 on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011. At this time, we had an 88% attendance rate. This will only increase with those students who will attend the make-up.
- ACT will be administered at ACHS on Saturday. We will be hosting approximately 120 students from ACHS and area high schools.

- We are finalizing the details to offer the free EKG testing again this year through the Max Schewitz Foundation. We are in the process of gathering volunteer names and student permission forms. The Foundation has added the service of providing echo cardiograms as well. If the cardiologist finds something on the EKG test, students will be recalled for an echo test. This will save the parents approximately \$2,000 in medical expenses.
- The music department submitted a grant proposal to the Illinois State Board of Education that will help pay for the proposed new strings class.
- ACT issues a linkage report that indicates how students who took both the PLAN and ACT at ACHS grew. This is helpful measure of the school's effectiveness because the report focuses on the students who benefited from our programs from November of their sophomore year to April of their junior year. The 2011 graduating class had 252 matched students who progressed from a mean score of 19.2 on the PLAN to 22.4 on the ACT, a growth of 3.2 points. The compares with 18.9 and 21.3 for students nationally who also took both tests, a growth of 2.4 points.
- English department chairs at both schools, Kate Kiefer and Dee Andershock, are continuing a relationship the departments began last year with CLC professor, MaryAnn Bretzlauf. The three of them met on Oct. 5th to discuss vertical alignment in writing between high school and college.
- The English department has been using the ELMO technology, our new document cameras, daily in multiple classrooms. Teachers and students have been able to present information and ideas in a way unavailable until now.
- The Library Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is comprised of 32 student members compared to 13 members last year. To date, TAB has run two successful student book talks during the lunch periods averaging 35 students, developed a bi-monthly game night averaging 16 students, and is continuing with the *Together We Read* blog with 30+ members so far.
- First-year science teacher Collen Buzby will be making a presentation to Illinois Science Teachers at this year's state convention.
- Our average daily attendance is 94.8%, just slightly under our goal of 95%.
- Physics teacher Sarah Fay has organized a Rube Goldberg club, which will build an original "machine." The competition is sponsored by Argonne National Laboratory. Our team at ACHS has about 8-12 students, four of which are in AP Physics. This year's challenge is to inflate a balloon and pop it.
- Business Concepts and Consumer Education students participated in a videotaping session yesterday when Izzit Corporation videographers visited the classrooms to tape students viewing and discussing business topics from current DVDs; these same professionals shared their computer and career experiences and recommendations with Computer Apps students.
- World Languages is in the process of transforming Room 271 from a computer lab to a language lab, with the goal of having students visit the lab at least four times a semester.