MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CITY OF LAKE FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT 67
LFHS WEST CAMPUS, 300 S. WAUKEGAN RD, LAKE FOREST, IL 60045
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Lake Forest School District 67, County of Lake, State of Illinois was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at Lake Forest High School West Campus, and called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Ms. Helms.

Board members present at roll call were:

Monica Yaun, Member
Carl Kirar, Member
Megan Engelberg, Member
Emily Bernahl, Secretary
Mark Remus, Member
Alice LeVert, Vice President
Anne Helms, President

Absent: None

Administration Present:

Matthew Montgomery, Superintendent
Jeff McHugh, Deputy Superintendent
Jennifer Hermes, Chief Operating Officer/CSBO
Melissa Oakley, Chief Communications Officer
Phil Georgia, Director of Human Resources

Staff Present: Tiana Adams, Board Clerk

Guests: Jennifer Smith, Franczek LLC

Adjourn to Executive Session:
Motion: Ms. Engelberg moved, seconded by Mrs. LeVert that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, adjourn to Executive Session at 5:16 p.m. to discuss matters related to the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony or a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Engelberg, Helms, Bernahl, Remus, Kirar, Yaun, LeVert
Nays:
Absent:

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn from Executive Session:
Motion: Ms. Helms moved, seconded by Mrs. Bernahl that the Board of Education of City of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest Illinois, adjourn Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.

On voice vote, motion carried.

Re-Open Meeting:
Ms. Helms called back to order the regular meeting of the Lake Forest School District 67 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois at 7:37 p.m.

Board members present at roll call were:

Emily Bernahl, Secretary
Carl Kirar, Member
Megan Engelberg, Member
Alice LeVert, Vice President
Monica Yaun, Member
Anne Helms, President
Mark Remus, Member

Absent: None

Administration Present:
Dr. Matthew Montgomery, Superintendent
Dr. Jeff McHugh, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Jennifer Hermes, Chief Operating Officer/CSBO
Melissa Oakley, Chief Communications Officer

Staff Present: Tiana Adams, Board Clerk
Renee Fitzsimmons, Everett Principal
Suzanne Thomas, Teacher
Dr. Michelle Shinn, Director of School Improvement

Guests: Shelly Marks, Parent
Katherine Hensley, Parent

Pledge of Allegiance
The Board and members of the community stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

School Spotlight
Everett Principal Renee Fitzsimmons introduced Everett Parents, Shelly Marks and Katherine Hensley discussed the creation of the Everett Garden Club that was established this year. It now has 40 members, the focus is on nutrition, harvest management, curriculum, social and emotional learning. Suzanne Thomas, 3rd Grade Teacher along with some of her students spoke on the learning opportunities of the Garden Club.

President's Report
President Helms reported on the strategy session held earlier with District 115 to determine how the Board can be more focused on student learning. She expressed gratitude for all educators that have been working non-stop since the beginning of the school year. The Board is making more effort to be present in the

schools and community; thanks to Melissa Oakley for putting these events together. She discussed the new reading curriculum and rise in rest scores.

Superintendent's Report
Dr. Montgomery's report consisted of the following topics: 2023 Illinois State Report Card, Strategic Plan Metrics, Classroom Snack List, D115 Referendum Bond Sale, and Illinois School Board Members Day.

Three schools, Cherokee, Sheridan, and Deer Path East have advanced from the "commendable" to the "exemplary" designation. Everett and Deer Path West have received commendable designations. Overall the District's data has improved, Dr. Shinn will provide more detail during her report.

Dr. Montgomery turned it over to Dr. McHugh to present on the Strategic Plan Metrics. The metrics that will align to the goals of the Strategic Plan will be State Assessment Metrics, Student Portfolio Metrics, School Climate Metrics, Staff Climate Metrics, and Community Metrics.

The Pre K-4 Classroom Snack List Pilot ended on October 6, followed by a survey for families and staff. Based on the results effective January 16, 2024, classroom snacks must be peanut-free and tree-nut-free. Classroom parties will no longer include food.

On October 11, District 115 completed the successful sale of its AAA-rated General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2023. The tax impact on a home with a fair market value of $1,000,000 will now be $870 per year, $104 less than the $974 originally estimated.

Dr. Montgomery thanked the members of the Board for Illinois School Board Member's Day which is November 15, 2023.

Presentation can be found online.

Public Participation
None

Reports
State Report Card Presentation
Dr. Michelle Shinn reported on proficiency and growth comparisons from the Illinois State Report Card. Full report and presentation can be found on the District website.

A member of the Board had a question on peer groups; discussion ensued.

Action Items:
Approval of Resolution Regarding the Suspension and Dismissal of a Tenured Teacher
Motion: Mr. Kirar moved, seconded by Mr. Remus that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the Resolution Regarding the Suspension and Dismissal of a Tenured Teacher.

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Ayes: Kirar, Remus, LeVert, Yaun, Helms, Bernahl, Engelberg

Nays:
Absent:

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Jolanta Tolzyck Contract for Long Term Psychologist Substitute

Motion: Mrs. LeVert moved, seconded by Mrs. Bernahl that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the Jolanta Tolzyck Contract for Long Term Psychologist Substitute.

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Ayes: LeVert, Helms, Bernahl, Kirar, Engelberg, Yaun, Remus
Nays:
Absent:

The motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of 2023 Tentative Tax Levy and Hearing

Motion: Ms. Yaun moved, seconded by Mr. Remus that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, adopt the 2023 Tentative Tax Levy and Hearing.

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Ayes: Helms, Remus, Engelberg, Yaun, LeVert, Kirar, Bernahl
Nays:
Absent:

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Strategic Plan Metrics

Motion: Mr. Kirar moved, seconded by Mrs. Bernahl, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the Strategic Plan Metrics

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Ayes: Yaun, Kirar, Helms, Bernahl, Remus, LeVert, Engelberg
Nays:
Absent:

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Modern Media Tech LLC Cherokee Security Camera Contract in an amount not to exceed $115,000

Motion: Ms. Yaun moved, seconded by Mrs. Bernahl, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the Modern Media Tech LLC Cherokee Security Camera Contract in an amount not to exceed $115,000.

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Ayes: Engelberg, Helms, Bernahl, Remus, Kirar, Yaun, LeVert
Nays:
Absent:

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of ISBE School Maintenance Grant FY24

Motion: Mr. Remus moved, seconded by Ms. Engelberg, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the ISBE School Maintenance Grant FY24.

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Ayes: Remus, Engelberg, LeVert, Yaun, Helms, Kirar, Bernahl
Nays:
Absent:

The motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Commencement of Social Media Litigation

Motion: Mr. Remus moved, seconded by Ms. Engelberg, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, adopt the Resolution Authorizing Commencement of Social Media Litigation.

Members of the Board asked questions about the potential litigation; discussion ensued.

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Ayes: LeVert, Bernahl, Yaun, Kirar, Engelberg, Remus
Nays: Helms
Absent:

The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Any item may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of a Board Member.

1. Approval of IASB Recommendation to Reject Resolution on Industrial Construction at IASB Delegate Assembly
2. Approval of IASB Recommendation to Adopt Resolution on School Resource Officer Funding at IASB Delegate Assembly
3. Approval of IASB Recommendation to Adopt Resolution on Bus Driver Regulations at IASB Delegate Assembly
4. Approval of IASB Recommendation to Reject Resolution on Employment History Review at IASB Delegate Assembly
5. Approval of IASB Recommendation to Reject Resolution on Alternative Safe School Funding at IASB Delegate Assembly
6. Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls, and Financial Statements, August
7. Approval of Human Resources Report
    - Hires
    - Resignations
    - Changes of Assignments
8. Minutes of an Executive Session, October 24, 2023
9. Minutes of a Regular Meeting and Workshop, October 24, 2023

Motion: Ms. Yaun moved, seconded by Mrs. Bernahl, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, approve the Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Ayes: Helms, Remus, LeVert, Engelberg, Kirar, Bermahl, Yaun
Nays:
Absent:

The motion carried unanimously.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA):
Michael Rost-Allium Rost | 1 of 1 | In Progress
Civic FOIA | 1 of 1 | Completed

Public Participation:
None

Announcements:

Wednesday, November 22 - Friday, November 24, 2023	Thanksgiving Break **-** No School for Students or Staff
Thursday, November 30, 2023	Finance and Operations Committee Meeting - 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday, December 12 , 2023	**Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m. LFHS West Campus Board Room**

Adjournment:
Motion: Mrs. LeVert moved, seconded by Mrs. Bernahl, that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, adjourn the regular meeting.

On voice vote, motion carried.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Alice LeVert, Vice-President Date Emily Bernahl, Secretary Date