

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LAKE FOREST COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 115
FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

Call to Order and Roll Call

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Lake Forest Community High School District 115, County of Lake, State of Illinois, was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, and called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Ms. Zinser.

Present: Marcus Schabacker, Member John Venson, Member
John Noble, Member Sally Davis, Vice President
Jenny Zinser, Board President

Late Arrival: Dewey Winebrenner, Secretary (7:35 p.m.)

Absent: David Burns, Member

Administration Present:

Matthew Montgomery, Superintendent
Jennifer Hermes, Chief Operating Officer/CSBO
Melissa Oakley, Chief Communications Officer
Erin Lenart, LFHS Principal

Staff Present:

Tiana Adams, Board Clerk
John Maher, Director of Student Services
Ryan Abrams, Science Teacher/ Instructional Director
Jeff Summy, Math Teacher/Instructional Director
Paul Goldstein, Math Teacher
Steven Aronson, Math Teacher

Guests Present: Pride Haggerty, Student Council President
Lainey O’Neal, Student Council Vice-President

Pledge of Allegiance

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

President’s Report

President Zinser welcomed everyone in attendance to the first Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education meeting for 2023. There is a lot of important work underway in the district already. Tonight, Dr. Montgomery, Dr. Lenart, our Student Council leaders, and others will provide updates on strategic planning, academics, and extracurricular.

On behalf of the Board, Ms. Zinser acknowledged the tireless work and dedicated collaboration of so many in our community as we work together to maintain our tradition of excellence while at the same

time adapting and evolving what we offer our students at Lake Forest High School. One important way this is being accomplished is through the intentional approach to financial management and facilities master planning. Ms. Zinser served on the Facilities Master Plan Oversight Committee for several years and is proud of the proposed package presented to the Board in December. The package started at nearly \$200 million dollars and teetered down to the final proposal of \$105.7 million dollars. This proposal was whittled down to the basics; addressing classrooms that are too hot or too cold, leaking windows, faulty roofing, bathrooms, enhanced ADA accessibility, and electrical.

There have been questions from the community in regards to how did the District get here and not keep up with repairs or why does the district not have the money saved to take care of the needed improvements. The District has been fortunate to maintain the systems and mechanicals thus far but unfortunately are now at end of life; delaying could result in costly emergency repairs, disrupted learning for students and significantly inflated pricing. It is not the District's practice to sit on large sums of money but instead to reach out every 15-20 years for community support when capital expenditure needs exceed the annual maintenance and repair budget. To learn more about the proposed referendum, participation is welcomed at this week's Let's Talk Community Forum in the Little Theater at the High School on Wednesday night at 7:00pm; building tours will begin at 6:00pm.

This is a blue ribbon award-winning school with an exemplary ranking that is always striving to achieve more. The historic 88 year old building is in need of significant care, the proposed referendum will allow the protection of the district's investment. None of the referendum funding will go to operating expenses; the referendum will be an investment in the next generation of LFHS students.

For more information please visit the District's website.

LFHS Updates

Principal's Report

Dr. Lenart discussed the happenings around the high school. Recent activities have been National School Counselor Week, Course Registration, Post Secondary Report results, a focus on attendance, the ELS basketball game, and updates to the assessment report. John Maher, will be providing more information on the post-secondary report later in the evening.

Student Council Report

Pride Haggerty, Student Council President and Lainey O'Neil, Student Council Vice President reported on the student celebrations. Recent celebrations were the Winter formal, a new semester, competitions and sports. Last week was athletic signing day and the Winter play. Next week is the Senior Breakfast and cereal drive. The talent show will be at the end of the month as well as the cheer and dance state championships.

School Spotlight

Jeff Summy, Ryan Abrams, Paul Goldstein, and Steven Aronson and students presented on the Science and Math Departments. Students spoke about after school club offerings such as Robotics and competitions.

Public Participation

None

Reports/Discussions

Post-Secondary Report

Dr. John Maher presented the College Admissions and Lake Forest High Post-Secondary Programming. Components of the presentation were the national landscape of college admissions, LFHS college and career programming overview, LFHS student perception data of LFHS post-secondary programming, where the Class of 2022 went, and next steps in the cycle of continuous improvement. For full details, the presentation link can be found on the agenda.

Members of the Board expressed their thanks to Dr. Maher.

Board Committees

Education Committee

Mr. Winebrenner, Committee Chair, reported the next meeting will be on February 14 to cover the Portrait of a Learner and the Referendum.

Finance and Operations Committee

Mr. Noble, Committee Chair, reported there is a meeting tomorrow to discuss the financial audit.

Policy Committee

Ms. Davis, Committee Chair, reported the committee met jointly with District 67 on December 12 to cover PRESS Issue 110 and the recommended policies are on the agenda for approval. It is recommended that the first reading of the policies be waived and the Board approve the second reading. Discussion held on an upgrade to PRESS Plus services which will be a more interactive platform that makes it easier to manage the policies.

ED-RED

Mr. Noble provided an update on legislation and the current initiatives happening at Ed-Red.

TrueNorth Educational Cooperative 804

Dr. Venson provided an update from Dr. Kurt Schneider, Superintendent of True North's report. The cooperative met last on December 14. The cooperative is working on many of the same initiatives as the district which are the audit, budgeting and strategic planning.

Parent-Support Organizations

Mr. Burns was not in attendance to provide an update this evening.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Montgomery presented his report later in the meeting due to his attendance at another meeting earlier in the evening. His report consisted of the following topics: Strategic Planning Update, April 4 Referendum, and STEM Consortium Participation.

The recommended strategic plan will be shared with the Board for approval at the regular March meeting.

An update was provided on the upcoming referendum that will be voted on in the April 4 election. A breakdown of the funding was provided and where it would be allocated was provided. The improvements fall into five categories: maintenance and infrastructure; safety and security; ADA accessibility; student support spaces; and labs, classrooms, and technology. There will be different learning opportunities upcoming to help answer any questions the community may have.

On February 15th, Dr. Montgomery will be presenting on behalf of both Districts 67 and 115 at the AASA Jason Learning Conference. He will be presenting on his experiences working with two districts at once.

Action Items:

Approval of Contract for Jolanta Tolczyk, Consultant to Conduct Special Education and 504 Evaluations for the 22-23 School Year

Motion: Ms. Davis moved, seconded by Dr. Venson, that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Contract for Jolanta Tolczyk, Consultant to Conduct Special Education and 504 Evaluations for the 22-23 School Year.

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

Aye: Zinser, Davis, Winebrenner, Venson, Schabacker, Noble

Nay:

Absent: Burns

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of eLearning Plan for Pandemic/Emergency Preparedness

Motion: Dr. Venson moved, seconded by Mr. Noble, that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the eLearning Plan for Pandemic/Emergency Preparedness.

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

Aye: Winebrenner, Noble, Davis, Schabacker, Venson, Zinser

Nay:

Absent: Burns

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Settlement Agreement with Chicagoland Paving

Motion: Mr. Winebrenner moved, seconded by Ms. Davis, that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Settlement Agreement with Chicagoland Paving subject to attorney review.

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

Aye: Venson, Winebrenner, Schabacker, Noble, Zinser, Davis
Nay:
Absent: Burns

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Activity Bus Lease Extension

Motion: Mr. Winebrenner moved, seconded by Dr. Venson, that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Activity Bus Lease Extension.

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

Aye: Davis, Schabacker, Zinser, Venson, Winebrenner, Noble
Nay:
Absent: Burns

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls and Financial Statements, August, September, October 2022

Approval of Human Resources Report

Approval to Waive First Reading of PRESS Issue 110

Approval of PRESS Issue 110 - Second Reading

2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest
2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban
2:150 Committees
2:250 Access to District Public Records
2:265 Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure
4:10 Fiscal and Business Management
4:55 Use of Credit and Procurement Cards
4:140 Waiver of Student Fees
4:165 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors
5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
5:120 Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest
5:170 Copyright
5:190 Teacher Qualifications
5:220 Substitute Teachers
5:250 Leaves of Absence
5:260 Student Teachers
5:280 Duties and Qualifications
5:320 Evaluation
5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
6:15 School Accountability
6:20 School Year Calendar and Day
6:60 Curriculum Content
6:65 Student Social and Emotional Development
6:250 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers

6:255 Assemblies and Ceremonies
6:270 Guidance and Counseling Program
6:310 High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students
7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
7:70 Attendance and Truancy
7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
7:250 Student Support Services
7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
7:340 Student Records

Minutes of a Regular Meeting and Workshop, November 1, 2022

Minutes of an Executive Session, November 1, 2022

Minutes of a Special Meeting, November 17, 2022

Minutes of a Regular Meeting and Workshop, December 6, 2022

Minutes of an Executive Session, December 6, 2022

Minutes of a Tax Levy Hearing, December 6, 2022

Minutes of a Joint Special Closed Meeting, January 31, 2023

Motion: Dr. Venson moved, seconded by Ms. Davis that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Consent Agenda Items, as presented.

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

Aye: Schabacker, Noble, Davis, Winebrenner, Venson, Zinser

Nay:

Absent: Burns

The motion carried unanimously.

FOIA Requests

Dan O'Neil | Completed
Sydney Ryan, Lake County Federation of Teachers | Completed
Sheri Reid, Smart Procure | Completed
Robert Dodson | In Progress
Stephanie Victor | In Progress
Jeff Brincat 1 of 2 | Completed
Jeff Brincat 2 of 2 | In Progress
Parents Care FOIA Department 1 of 4 | Completed
Parents Care FOIA Department 2 of 4 | In Progress
Parents Care FOIA Department 3 of 4 | In Progress
Parents Care FOIA Department 4 of 4 | In Progress

Public Participation:

Don and Laura Adams discussed counseling/social work services at Lake Forest High School.

Announcements

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Finance and Ops Meeting - 7:30 a.m.
Lake Forest High School West Campus

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Education Committee Meeting - 7:30 a.m.
Lake Forest High School East Campus

Monday, February 20, 2023

President's Day - No School for
Students or Staff

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Community Safety Series Critical First Aid -
Save a Life - 7:00 p.m.
Deer Path Middle School

Friday, March 3, 2023

Foundation Grant Day

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

**Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
LFHS West Campus Board Room**

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Noble, seconded by Mr. Winebrenner to adjourn the meeting.

On Voice Vote, motion carried.

Ms. Zinser declared the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Jenny Zinser, President

Date

Dewey Winebrenner, Secretary

Date