



Absent: Zinser

The motion carried unanimously.

**Return to Open Session:**

**Motion:** Mr. Burns moved, seconded by Dr. Venson, that the Board of Education, Lake Forest Community High School District 115 return to Open Session at 6:43 p.m.

Votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Noble, Davis, Winebrenner, Venson, Schabacker, Burns

Nays:

Absent: Zinser

The motion carried unanimously.

**Reopen Regular Meeting:**

Ms. Davis called back to order the Regular Meeting of the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois, at 6:43 p.m.

**Board members present at roll call were:**

David Burns, Member

John Noble, Member

John Venson, Member

Sally Davis, Vice President

Marcus Schabacker, Member

Dewey Winebrenner, Secretary

**Absent:** Jenny Zinser, Board President

**Administration Present:**

Matthew Montgomery, Superintendent

Jenn Hermes, Chief Operating Officer/CSBO

Melissa Oakley, Chief Communications Officer

Erin Lenart, Lake Forest High School Principal

**Staff Present:**

Tiana Adams, Board Clerk

Matthew Begale, Music Department

Janene Kessler, Music Department

Natasha Mah, Music Department

Ashleigh Malec, Director of Student Services

**Guests Present:**

Students of the Madrigals

Pride Haggerty, Student Council President

Louisa Back, Senior Class President

**Board Workshop:**

New Business/Open Topics

Dr. Montgomery discussed that District 67 is considering the creation of a Safety Director position. The scope and description is still in the works but it could become a shared services position.

A board member requested a scope of work that would accompany that contract for the position.

Metrics and Goals

Not prepared to discuss at this time because some of the items need further discussion; the topic will be moved to next month's meeting.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

School Spotlight

The agenda was rearranged to allow the students of the Madrigals to perform prior to the Tax Levy Hearing. After the performance, students of the Madrigals discussed some of their experiences and opportunities in the music program including scholarship opportunities.

Mr. Noble commended the students and wished them well.

**Adjourn to Tax Levy Hearing**

**Motion:** Mr. Burns moved, seconded by Mr. Winebrenner that the Board of Education of Lake Forest Community High School District 115, Lake Forest, Illinois, adjourn to the hearing of the 2022-2023 Final Tax Levy Hearing at 7:27 p.m.

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

Ayes: Davis, Schabacker, Burns, Venson, Winebrenner, Noble

Nays:

Absent: Zinser

The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn Tax Levy Hearing**

**Motion:** Mr. Noble moved, seconded by Mr. Burns that the Board of Education of Lake Forest Community High School District 115, Lake Forest, Illinois, adjourn the hearing of the 2022-2023 Final Tax Levy Hearing at 7:33 p.m.

On Voice Vote, motion carried.

**Re-Open Regular Meeting:**

Ms. Davis called back to order the regular meeting of the Lake Forest Community High School District 115, Lake Forest, Illinois at 7:33 p.m.

Board members present at roll call:

John Noble, Member

John Venson, Member

Sally Davis, Vice President

Dewey Winebrenner, Secretary

David Burns, Member

Marcus Schabacker, Member

Absent: Jenny Zinser, Board President

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  
Dan Mortensen, Director of Facilities  
Randy Braverman, Facility Engineering Associates PC

Guests: Pride Haggerty, Student Council President  
Louisa Back, Senior Class President

**President's Report**

Sally Davis, Vice President is running the meeting on behalf of Jenny Zinser, President while she is away for a family emergency.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Montgomery's report consisted of the following topics: Strategic Planning Update, Safety and Security, Assessment Report and LFHS Plan for Academic Excellence, Facilities Capital Plan and Proposed Referendum, and Winter Break.

The strategic planning process has moved into the writing phase. Design Team Meeting one was held on October 6 to cover perceptual data collection and Design Team Meeting two was held on November 3 as a review and rating of perceptual data; consensus on planning priorities and key strategies. On January 10 at 8:30am there will be a Writing Team Retreat. On January 24, the Design Team will have their 3rd meeting to review and share feedback on the strategic plan draft. February - March, the writing team will finalize the recommended plan, Cabinet will review the plan and present it to the Board on March 7.

Tonight an update will be provided to the community on the safety and security audit as well as the next steps. As mentioned in prior meetings, the Board has engaged a team of independent third-party experts to assess the safety and security of our district buildings and grounds. These experts are Paul Timm, author of the book School Security and named the "Most Influential in Security" in a 2020 industry ranking and Randy Braverman, a member of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force, a former School Resource Officer, and Security Director. Tonight Mr. Braverman will be presenting and will share topline feedback from the two audits conducted; one in the summer and one at the beginning of the school year. Given the sensitive nature of this information, he met with the Board earlier this evening to share his report in greater detail.

Last month, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) released its annual 2022 Illinois School Report Card, a compilation of education data from schools and districts that provides a detailed look at each school's progress on academics, student success, school culture and climate, and financial investments. Though we received the highest-possible summative designation of "Exemplary," the underlying data shows us that we still have work to do. Tonight, Dr. Alan Wahlert will present the Lake Forest High School 2022

Assessment Report followed by insights and next steps on our plan for academic excellence from Dr. Erin Lenart.

Dr. Montgomery discussed facilities planning and a potential referendum. The Board of Education has the desire to address the high school's absolute highest-priority facility needs. These are not wants - but, rather, needs. The improvements we are interested in tackling fall into two main buckets - infrastructure and instructional space upgrades. When it comes to the science labs and classroom improvements we are going to discuss tonight, please note these are instructional spaces that were not part of the 2006 referendum. By protecting and improving our high school, we will extend its useful life, reduce costly emergency repairs, improve ADA accessibility, and much more. Most importantly, we will ensure that our school is healthy, safe and secure, and positioned to give our students the best chance of success moving forward.

Winter break will begin December 19 through January 3 with classes resuming on January 4. Dr. Montgomery hopes all students and staff have a happy holiday season.

## **LFHS Updates**

### Student Council Report

Louisa Back, Senior Class President and Pride Haggerty, Student Council President provided the student council report highlighting recent and upcoming student activities as well as celebrations. Upcoming activities are Spirit Week which is during finals, holiday concert with spaghetti dinner, and the winter formal details are being finalized. Seniors are excited about college decisions.

### Assessment Report

Dr. Alan Wahlert, Assistant Principal provided highlights of the Annual Assessment Report for the 2021-2022 School Year. The goal of our annual assessment report is to provide all stakeholders with an overview of how LFHS students perform on a series of assessments and rigorous coursework throughout the year. The 2022-2023 school year was impacted in many ways as we exited the pandemic. There are areas to celebrate related to our students and their accomplishments. The major areas of focus were SAT, ACT, and Advanced Placement, Students with Accommodations in AP Courses, and Participation in College Level Courses.

Dr. Erin Lenart, Principal further discussed the SAT, report card scores, and next steps. She discussed the short-term goals, long-term goals, and opportunities. Short-term goals include better use of data tools available, collaborative teams meeting and revising curriculum and practice opportunities, grammar and mechanics instruction increasing and more intentional, SAT boot camp will be virtual and in person, Academic Center Tutoring to support students with morning sessions prior to the SAT, and intentional use of schoolwide communications. Long-term goals include data-analysis planning, reimagining summer school, disciplinary literacy in curriculum revisions this summer; standard of coherence (focus on 11th grade), and the skills of learning assessment.

A board member requested that the Education Committee dig deeper. A board member questioned becoming a test optional school since some colleges are not making it a requirement and how would the district align to this.

## **Public Participation**

Parents and community members addressed the Board in regards to the referendum, mental health care, safety resolution/weapons ban, and ADA compliance.

## **Reports/Discussions**

### Safety and Security Assessment Update

Randy Braverman of Facility Engineering Associates PC provided a high level overview of the assessment that was conducted at the District campuses, the bases of the assessment and what his team looks for. He covered areas of concern, recommendations, and next steps. There are always areas for improvement but the District is doing a good job overall and will be working alongside our team to address any areas of concern.

A board member questioned the visitor policy that was identified as an area of concern. Discussion held on the decision to have a closed campus.

## **Board Committees**

### Education Committee

Mr. Winebrenner, Committee Chair, reported the committee has not met since the last meeting. He is pleased with the report that Dr. Lenart and Dr. Wahlert provided today and some of these topics will be discussed in the upcoming meeting.

### Finance and Operations Committee

Mr. Noble, Committee Chair, reported the next meeting is Friday.

### Policy Committee

Ms. Davis, Committee Chair, reported the committee will meet jointly on December 12 to cover PRESS Issue 110. There was some language changed in two other policies which are on the agenda for approval today.

## **Liaison Reports**

### ED-RED

Mr. Noble provided an update on the Illinois Association of School Board presentation that took place in November during the Triple I Conference where he served as a delegate. Ed-Red will be meeting this week.

### TrueNorth Educational Cooperative 804

Dr. Venson provided an update from Dr. Kurt Schneider, Superintendent of True North's report. The cooperative met in November and the bulk of the meeting was spent passing the finances for phase one of the facilities project.

Congratulations to the leadership team that presented alongside TrueNorth at the TASH Conference in Phoenix last week. Dr. Jenny Sterpin alongside principals and staff members from our district, and District 67 talked about innovative ways and inclusive practices across both districts.

Parent-Support Organizations

Mr. Burns reported there has been no foundation meeting since the last meeting. Booster stickers have been ordered and they will be placed on items that they have purchased to show their impact. The Booster Madness Fundraiser is being planned and they are still looking for corporate sponsors. The APT has a few events in the works, one is a talent show with a theme of back to the 80s. There will be a fundraiser to help fund this event. There will be special events on December 12 and December 14 in the Commons. Paws for Patrick will be available during the week of finals to help students manage the stress during this time.

**Action Items**

Adoption of 2022 Final Tax Levy

Motion: Mr. Noble moved, seconded by Mr. Burns that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois adopt the 2022 Final Tax Levy.

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

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Pepper Construction Master Agreement

Motion: Mr. Noble moved, seconded by Mr. Burns, that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Pepper Construction Master Agreement.

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

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval to Award Roofing Bid to Combined Roofing Services, LLC in the amount of \$2,954,800 for West Campus

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 awarding of the Roofing Bid to Combined Roofing Services, LLC in the amount of \$2,954,800 for West Campus.

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

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval to Award Bids for the Summer 2023 Project Work for East and West Campus

Motion: Mr. Noble moved, seconded by Dr. Venson, that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the awarding of the Bids for the Summer 2023 Project Work for East and West Campus to the recommended companies.

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

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Revised Allerton Hill Contract Renewal

Motion: Dr. Venson moved, seconded by Mr. Burns, that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Revised Allerton Hill Contract Renewal.

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

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Policy 7:132 - Student Political Activities - Second Reading

Motion: Mr. Burns moved, seconded by Dr. Venson, that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Policy 7:132 - Student Political Activities - Second Reading.

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

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of consideration and action on a resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing School Building Bonds to the voters of the District at the consolidated election to be held on the 4th day of April, 2023

Motion: Mr. Noble moved, seconded by Dr. Venson, that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the consideration and action on a resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing School Building Bonds to the voters of the District at the consolidated election to be held on the 4th day of April, 2023

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

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval to schedule a joint closed meeting with the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67 for Tuesday, January 31, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Administration Offices, 300 S. Waukegan Rd., Lake Forest, Illinois, for the purpose of discussing in closed session: (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

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 scheduling of a joint closed meeting with the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67 for Tuesday, January 31, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Administration Offices, 300 S. Waukegan Rd., Lake Forest, Illinois, for the purpose of discussing in closed session: (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

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

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

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

1. Approval of Human Resources Report
  - Activities/Athletics/Test Prep Assignments
  - Changes of Assignment
  - Hires
  - Leaves of Absence
  - Resignations
2. Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls and Financial Statements, July, 2022
3. Approval to Waive the First Reading of Policy 7:270 - Administering Medicine to Students
4. Approval of Policy 7:270 - Administering Medicine to Students - Second Reading
5. Minutes of Regular Meeting and Workshop, October 11, 2022
6. Minutes of an Executive Session, October 11, 2022
7. Minutes of a Special Meeting, October 24, 2022

**Motion:** Mr. Noble moved, seconded by Mr. Winebrenner 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: Noble, Davis, Venson, Burns, Schabacker, Winebrenner  
Nay:  
Absent: Zinser

The motion carried unanimously.

**FOIA Requests**

Jonah Meadows, The Patch | Complete  
Walter Brzeski | Complete  
Jeff Brincat 1 of 2 | Complete  
Jeff Brincat 2 of 2 | Complete  
Dan O'Neil 1 of 4 | Complete  
Dan O'Neil 2 of 4 | Complete  
Dan O'Neil 3 of 4 | Complete  
Dan O'Neil 4 of 4 | In Progress

**Public Participation:**

None

**Announcements**

Monday, December 19, 2022 -  
Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Winter Break - No School for Students or Staff

Monday, January 16, 2023

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School for  
Students or Staff

**Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

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

**Adjournment:**

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

On Voice Vote, motion carried.

Ms. Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

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Jenny Zinser, President                      Date

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Dewey Winebrenner, Secretary                      Date