MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING AND WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION LAKE FOREST COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 115 SEPTEMBER 12, 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, September 12, 2023, and called to order at 4:35 p.m. by President Noble.

PRESENT: David Burns, Member
Dewey Winebrenner, Secretary
Marcus Schabacker, Member
John Noble, Board President

LATE ARRIVAL: Sally Davis, Member (4:38 p.m.)
John Venson, Secretary (4:45 p.m.)

ABSENT: Jenny Zinser, Vice President

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:
Matthew Montgomery, Superintendent
Jeff McHugh, Deputy Superintendent
Jennifer Hermes, Chief Operating Officer/CSBO
Melissa Oakley, Chief Communications Officer
Erin Lenart, LFHS Principal
Patrick Sassen, Associate Principal
Phil Georgia, Director of Human Resources

STAFF PRESENT: Tiana Adams, Board Clerk
Julia Polszakiewicz, Communications Manager

Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Schabacker seconded by Mr. Winebrenner that the Board adjourn to Executive Session at 4:37 p.m. to discuss matters related to discussion on 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);

Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of school personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property, Section 2(c)(8);

The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students, Section 2(c)(10);

Probable or imminent litigation, Section 2(c)(11);

Meeting with internal auditor regarding internal control weaknesses, Section 2(c)(29); and

Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

Votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Schabacker, Noble, Burns, Winebrenner
Nays:
Absent: Zinser
Late Arrival: Venson, Davis

The motion carried unanimously.

Return to Open Session
Motion: Dr. Venson moved, seconded by Mr. Burns, that the Board of Education, Lake Forest Community High School District 115 return to Open Session at 5:55 p.m.

On Voice Vote, motion carried.

Reopen Regular Meeting:
Mr. Noble called back to order the Regular Meeting of the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois, at 6:04 p.m.

Board members present at roll call were:

John Venson, Secretary
Dewey Winebrenner, Member
John Noble, President
Marcus Schabacker, Member
Sally Davis, Member
David Burns, Member

Absent: Jenny Zinser, Vice - President

Administration Present:

Matthew Montgomery, Superintendent
Jeff McHugh, Deputy Superintendent
Jennifer Hermes, Chief Operating Officer/CSBO
Melissa Oakley, Chief Communications Officer
Erin Lenart, LFHS Principal
Patrick Sassen, Associate Principal

Staff Present: Whitney Draegert, Director of Business Services/CSBO
Tiana Adams, Board Clerk
Julia Polszakiewicz, Communications Manager
Samantha Galati, Communications Assistant
Stephen Dunn, Instructional Director

John Maher, Director of Student Services
Kristen Carlson, Instructional Director

Guests: Mike Nicholson, Learn Inspired (Virtual)
Elizabeth Hennessy, Raymond James

BOARD WORKSHOP

Metrics/Action Plans

Mike Nicholson provided an update on metrics for the Strategic Plan. Members of the Board asked questions and a discussion ensued.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

BUDGET HEARING

Adjourn to Budget Hearing

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Burns seconded by Mr. Winebrenner that the Board adjourn to the Final 2023-2024 Budget Hearing;

Votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Venson, Burns, Davis, Schabacker, Noble, Winebrenner
Nays:
Absent: Zinser

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn from Budget Hearing

Motion: Dr. Schabacker moved, seconded by Mr. Burns, that the Board of Education, Lake Forest Community High School District 115 return to Open Session at 7:39 p.m.

On Voice Vote, motion carried.

Reopen Regular Meeting:

Mr. Noble called back to order the Regular Meeting of the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois, at 7:40 p.m.

Board members present at roll call were:

Dewey Winebrenner, Member
John Venson, Secretary
John Noble, President
Marcus Schabacker, Member
David Burns, Member
Sally Davis, Member

Absent: Jenny Zinser, Vice - President

Administration Present:

Matthew Montgomery, Superintendent

Jeff McHugh, Deputy Superintendent
Jennifer Hermes, Chief Operating Officer/CSBO
Melissa Oakley, Chief Communications Officer
Erin Lenart, LFHS Principal

Staff Present: Whitney Dragert, Director of Business Services/CSBO
Tiana Adams, Board Clerk

Guests: Todd Nahigian, CROYA Manager
Elizabeth Hennessy, Raymond James

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
President Noble took a moment to reflect on September 11th and the ability to attend the Lovell Memorial Service this weekend. He provided updates on recent events in the District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Dr. Montgomery's report consisted of the following topics: Summer Projects, Capital Projects Advisory Committee, Superintendent Summer Learning, All-Admin Retreat, Lake Forest Days Engagement, and LFHS Reads. Full report can be found on the website.

LFHS UPDATES
Impact Spotlight - Committee Representing Our Young Adults (CROYA)
Todd Nahigian, CROYA Manager gave an overview of the program and how it works within the community and the District.

Principal's Report
Dr. Lenart began by reporting on her summer activities. She then reported on Summer School and Workshop, Transition's Renovation, and First Day LFHS.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None

REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS
Student Services Executive Summary
Dr. Montgomery and Dr. Lenart presented the Students Services Executive Summary report. This report is in response to the audit conducted by Dr. Dan Cates. This audit was requested by administration and supported by the Board of Education to enhance student services at LFHS. The full report can be found on the District's website.

LIAISON REPORTS
Ed-Red and Legislative
Mr. Noble reported on recent and upcoming legislation regarding changes to the law.

TrueNorth Educational Cooperative 804
Dr. Venson's report can be found linked in the agenda, it is complete as presented.

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of 2023-2024 Final Budget

Motion: Mr. Burns moved, seconded by Mr. Winebrenner that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois adopt the 2023-2024 Final Budget.

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

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Aggregate Fund Balance Report

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 Aggregate Fund Balance Report.

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

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval For Consideration And Action On A Resolution Expressing Official Intent Regarding Certain Capital Expenditures To Be Reimbursed From Proceeds Of An Obligation To Be Issued By The District

Mrs. Hennessy gave an update on referendum options.

Motion: Dr. Schabacker moved, seconded by Mr. Burns, that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Consideration And Action On A Resolution Expressing Official Intent Regarding Certain Capital Expenditures To Be Reimbursed From Proceeds Of An Obligation To Be Issued By The District.

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

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval For Consideration And Action On A Resolution Providing For The Issue Of Not To Exceed $105,700,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2023, For The Purpose Of Altering, Repairing, Renovating And Equipping The Lake Forest High School Facilities, Providing For The Levy Of Taxes To Pay Said Bonds, And Authorizing The Sale Of Said Bonds To The Purchaser Thereof

Motion: Dr. Schabacker 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

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

Aye: Venson, Winebrenner, Noble, Schabacker, Burns, Davis
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 SY23 Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report
2. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Library Services in the amount of $500.00
3. Approval of School Treasurer Renewal for Four Year Term
4. *Approval of Finance and Operations Committee Charter*
5. Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls and Financial Statements, June 2023
6. Approval of Human Resources Report
    - Hires
    - Resignations
    - Activities/Athletics/Test Prep
    - Change of Assignments
    - Terminations
7. Minutes of an Executive Session, August 8, 2023
8. Minutes of a Regular Meeting and Workshop, August 8, 2023
9. Minutes of a Special Meeting, August 15, 2023

Consent agenda line item four is being pulled for approval at an upcoming meeting.

Motion: Dr. Schabacker 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 except line item four, as presented.

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

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

The motion carried unanimously.

FOIA REQUESTS

Pete Jansons |7 of 14 | Completed
Frank McCormick |3 of 3 |Completed
Jeff Brincat |1 of 2 | Completed

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Laura Adams, parent, thanked the Board for bringing in an independent auditor to review the social services at the District and for the steps it will take in the future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, September 19, 2023	D115 Education Committee - 7:30 a.m. LFHS East Campus Room 109
Thursday, September 28, 2023	D115 Finance & Ops Committee - 7:30 a.m. LFHS West Campus Board Room
Monday, October 9, 2023	Columbus Day - No School for Students or Staff
Tuesday, October 10, 2023	**Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.** **LFHS West Campus Board Room**

ADJOURNMENT

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

On Voice Vote, motion carried.

Mr. Noble declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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John Noble, President Date John Venson, Secretary Date