

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING AND WORKSHOP
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LAKE FOREST COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 115
300 SOUTH WAUKEGAN ROAD, LAKE FOREST, IL 60045
MAY 7, 2024**

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, May 7, 2024, and called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Noble.

PRESENT:	Jenny Zinser, Vice - President John Venson, Secretary David Burns, Member (Virtual)	John Noble, President Dewey Winebrenner, Member
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LATE ARRIVAL: Sally Davis, Member

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Matthew Montgomery, Superintendent
Jeff McHugh, Deputy Superintendent
Jordan Salus, Chief Technology Officer
Melissa Oakley, Chief Communications Officer
Erin Lenart, LFHS Principal

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa Carswell, Interim Board Clerk

Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Zinser and seconded by Mr. Winebrenner that the Board adjourn to Executive Session at 5:02 p.m. to discuss matters related to the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in the Open Meetings Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3), Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of 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 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8), Student disciplinary case 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), and the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).

Votes were cast as follows:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Return to Open Session

Motion: Mr. Winebrenner moved, seconded by Dr. Venson, that the Board of Education, Lake Forest Community High School District 115 return to Open Session at 5:58 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 5:59 p.m.

Board members present at roll call were:

John Noble, President

Sally Davis, Member

Dewey Winebrenner, Member

Jenny Zinser, Vice-President

John Venson, Secretary

Absent: David Burns, Member

Administration Present:

Matthew Montgomery, Superintendent

Jeff McHugh, Deputy Superintendent

Melissa Oakley, Chief Communications Officer

Jordan Salus, Chief Technology Officer

Erin Lenart, LFHS Principal

Staff Present: Lisa Carswell, Interim Board Clerk
Patrick Sassen, Associate Principal

Guests: Lesley Fisher, LFHS Alumni
Fritz Bielski, Senior Class President
Kelsey Bumbaco, Senior Student Council President

BOARD WORKSHOP

Board Goals

Drs. Montgomery and Lenart provided an update on the Board Goals that have been drafted. The Board will vote on the final goals at the next meeting. Members of the Board and Administration discussed the board goals.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

LFHS UPDATES

Impact Spotlight

Lesley Fisher, President of Lake Forest High School Alumni provided an overview of the organization and activities from the past school year.

Student Council Report

Fritz Bielski and Kelsey Bumbaco provided the recent and upcoming student activities such as prom, decision day, and graduation. An update was provided on the Principal's Advisory Council; the accomplishments and learnings for the year.

To thank Fritz and Kelsey for their hard work this year; President Noble read a resolution to be placed permanently in the minutes for the District.

Friedrich "Fritz" Bielski and Kelsey Bumbaco

WHEREAS, Friedrich "Fritz" Bielski and Kelsey Bumbaco have faithfully represented all students of Lake Forest Community High School District 115 as Student Body President and Class President, respectively, during the 2023-2024 school year;

WHEREAS, Fritz Bielski and Kelsey Bumbaco have thoughtfully and thoroughly updated the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education about student activities and priorities each month during the 2023-2024 school year;

WHEREAS, Fritz Bielski and Kelsey Bumbaco have demonstrated tireless creativity and resourcefulness through their hands-on planning of Student Council meetings, the pep rally, Homecoming Dance, Winter Formal, food drive, senior class gift, and many other Student Council activities and events;

WHEREAS, Fritz Bielski and Kelsey Bumbaco have, during their four years at Lake Forest High School, balanced participation in multiple athletic teams, school clubs, and other organizations while maintaining outstanding academic standings;

WHEREAS, Fritz Bielski and Kelsey Bumbaco have consistently brought student voice to District-wide strategic initiatives;

WHEREAS, Fritz Bielski and Kelsey Bumbaco have led the Lake Forest High School student body by example with hard work, humility, resilience, empathy, positivity, camaraderie, and genuine care for others;

WHEREAS, Fritz Bielski and Kelsey Bumbaco's contributions to Lake Forest High School life are recognized and greatly appreciated by the District 115 Board of Education and the District 115 school community they have served.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education expresses for itself as well as for the parents, guardians, students, staff, faculty, and citizens of Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, and Knollwood its gratitude to Fritz Bielski and Kelsey Bumbaco for their steadfast work as Lake Forest High School student leaders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District 115 Board of Education wishes Fritz Bielski and Kelsey Bumbaco only the best as they begin their college careers next fall at the University of Georgia and Texas Christian University, respectively.

FINALLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be entered permanently into the minutes of the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dr. Erin Lenart reported on the top celebrations at LFHS in the past month such as the school musical that had two sold out nights and the successful completion of the SAT Suite. The anticipated year end activities are prom, graduation and honors nights.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Noble thanked the administration, teachers, and staff as the end of year is approaching.

The Board opened a candidate search in accordance with Board Policy to fill the vacant Board Member seat. Interviews were conducted and the Board has made a selection that will be released in the upcoming days. That person will be sworn in at the June meeting. He thanked all candidates that showed interest in the Board of Education.

As a thank you to Dr. Marcus Schabacker former member of the Board, President Noble read a resolution to be placed permanently in the minutes.

Dr. Marcus Schabacker

WHEREAS, Dr. Marcus Schabacker has faithfully served the students, staff, and families of Lake Forest Community High School District 115 as a Board member from 2021 to 2024;

WHEREAS, Dr. Schabacker has served as a member of the Education Committee;

WHEREAS, Dr. Schabacker has served as a member of the Policy Committee;

WHEREAS, Dr. Schabacker exudes passion, drive, and care for the students, teachers, staff, and families of District 115;

WHEREAS, Dr. Schabacker was a significant contributor to drafting and developing the One Lake Forest High School statement, embodying the Board's commitment to fostering an inclusive environment for all students and staff;

WHEREAS, Dr. Schabacker consistently advocated for the equitable distribution of resources to ensure that all students had the support necessary to reach their full potential;

WHEREAS, Dr. Schabacker's desire for comprehensive background information and context regarding financial decisions enhanced the Board's ability to make well-informed choices and increased transparency within the community;

WHEREAS, Dr. Schabacker's strong critical thinking skills and data-driven approach enriched Board deliberations, providing insightful solutions for consideration, thus elevating the quality of the decision-making process;

WHEREAS, Dr. Schabacker has used his experience as an Affiliate Associate Professor to provide valuable insights to the District 115 Board;

WHEREAS, Dr. Schabacker has devoted countless hours over the course of several years in service to our Lake Forest school community through his support of Lake Forest High School Athletics, cheering on the Scouts during multiple sporting events;

WHEREAS, Dr. Schabacker's dedication to the work of the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education is sincerely appreciated;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education expresses for itself, as well as for the parents, guardians, students, staff, faculty, and citizens of Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, and Knollwood, its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Marcus Schabacker for his steadfast work to advance the quality of education, engagement, and inclusion for all students in our community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be entered permanently into the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education minutes.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Montgomery's report consisted of the following topics: Understanding Your Property Tax Bill, Class of 2024 Student Roundtable, LFHS Reads 2024, May 20 LFHS Wellness Walk, 2024 Educator of the Year Nominee, Teacher and Staff Appreciation.

The full presentation can be found on the District website.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

REPORTS

Dr. Patrick Sassen presented the 2023-2024 Post-Secondary Report. He highlighted some of the work being done to best prepare students for life after Lake Forest High School. This work is done on several different fronts. Dr. Sassen provided the different programs, results of the 2023 exit survey, college attendance, and next steps. Members of the Board asked questions and discussion ensued.

BOARD COMMITTEES

Education Committee

Dr. Venson, Committee Chair, provided an update from the April 16th meeting. The draft minutes are linked to the agenda for your review.

LIAISON REPORTS

TrueNorth Educational Cooperative 804

John Venson, TrueNorth Liaison provided the report from Kurt Schneider, Superintendent of TrueNorth. It is linked to the agenda there is nothing additional to report.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 2025-2026 School Year Calendar

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 2025-2026 School Year Calendar.

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

Aye: Davis, Zinser, Venson, Noble, Winebrenner

Nay:

Absent: Burns

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Intergovernmental and Placement Agreement with Evanston-Skokie School District 65

Motion: Ms. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Winebrenner that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Intergovernmental and Placement Agreement with Evanston-Skokie School District 65.

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

Aye: Venson, Winebrenner, Zinser, Davis, Noble

Nay:

Absent: Burns

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Illinois Department Of Transportation Easement

Motion: Mr. Winebrenner moved, seconded by Ms. Zinser that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Illinois Department Of Transportation Easement.

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

Aye: Zinser, Noble, Davis, Venson, Winebrenner

Nay:

Absent: Burns

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Land Donation

Motion: Ms. Zinser moved, seconded by Ms. Davis that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Approval of Land Donation.

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

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of West Campus Security Upgrades in an Amount Not To Exceed \$545,000

Motion: Mr. Zinser moved, seconded by Dr. Venson that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the West Campus Security Upgrades in an Amount Not To Exceed \$545,000.

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

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of IASB Draft Resolution - Faith's Law

Motion: Mr. Burns moved, seconded by Mr. Winebrenner that the Lake Forest Community High School District 115 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the IASB Draft Resolution - Faith's Law.

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

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

1. Approval of 2024-2025 ECRA Contract Renewal
2. Approval of 2024-2025 Consolidated District Plan
3. Approval of 2024-2025 Custodial Bid Award to GSF
4. Approval of Miller Cooper Contract Renewal
5. Approval of 2023-2024 Final School Calendar
6. Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls and Financial Statements: March 2024
7. Approval of Human Resources Report
 - Hires
 - Leaves of Absence
 - Resignations
 - Changes of Assignments
 - Stipends/Activities/Athletics/Test Prep Assignments
8. Minutes of an Executive Session, December 14, 2023
9. Minutes of a Special Meeting, March 8, 2024
10. Minutes of a Regular Meeting and Workshop, March 12, 2024
11. Release of Executive Session Minutes, March 12, 2024

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

The motion carried unanimously.

FOIA REQUESTS

Philippe Melin | 2 of 2 | Completed

Frank McCormick | 6 of 7 | Completed

Diana Lauten | 1 of 1 | Completed

Dan O'Neil | 1 of 2 | Completed

*FOIA Requests will not be made available on the website until completed

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Education Committee Meeting - 7:30 a.m.
East Campus - Room 109

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Joint Policy Committee Meeting - 5:15 p.m.
West Campus - Seminar Room B

Monday, May 27, 2024

Memorial Day - No School for Students or Staff

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Please Note the Change in Date

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

Saturday, June 8, 2024

Graduation

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Winebrenner seconded by Dr. Venson to adjourn the meeting.

On Voice Vote, motion carried.

Mr. Noble declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

John Noble, President

Date

John Venson, Secretary

Date