

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF LAKE VILLA COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT #41, HELD AT B. J. HOOPER SCHOOL, IN THE LIBRARY AT 2400 SAND LAKE ROAD, LINDENHURST, LINDENHURST, COUNTY OF LAKE, ILLINOIS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011, AT 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the president. Upon roll call the following members answered "present":

Michael Conway
 Joe Dunne
 Kurt Hansen
 Peggy Kuzmanovich
 Joanne Osmond
 Nancy Schell
 Darla Vanderwall

Members Absent: None

Staff members present: Dr. J. Van Pelt, Dr. A. Barbour, M. Conkling, K. Greig, D. Groenwald, M. Hawksworth, L. Hughes, Dr. M. Jordan, S. Kapchinski, Dr. S. Keim-Bounds, D. Knoll, K. Knowles, J. Larson, K. Lillig, M. MacFadden, J. Milani, B. Parker, P. Planic, D. Ramirez, J. Rhoderick, M. Rhoderick, C. Saam, P. Santopadre, J. Staver, K. Thoms, L. Thoms, M. Van Scoyoc, P. Volling, C. Welch, C. Williams

HOOPER SCHOOL PRESENTATION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mrs. Planic, principal, presented a video of Hooper School highlights entitled "What Makes Hooper Great!"

COMMUNICATIONS

GOOD NEWS!

PTO --

Michelle Bratzke, Hooper PTO Vice President, reported on the PTO events and fund raising. Butter Braid pickup was earlier in the day. Market Day pickup is next week. December 17 is Pleviak's Movie Night, and Cash for Kids will run next week. She invited everyone to attend the PTO meeting on December 20th, a pot luck will be served. Beginning in 2012 Twisted Cow Feature will be on the second Friday of the month and on February 8th there will a Super Couponing Class offered at 7:00 pm at Palombi School.

Good News --

Dr. Van Pelt announced that he recently visited the PE classes at Hooper School. He was pleased to see that the 6th graders are assisting in the Early Childhood classes.

Dr. Van Pelt announced that during the Lake County Attendance Week 2011 Campaign, two District 41 schools scored in the top 10: Olive C. Martin School and J. J. Pleviak School.

Celebration Honoring District #41 Students of the Month, Staff Member of the Month and Volunteer of the Month

Mackenzie Harrity - Palombi Middle School
 Dylan Mount - Hooper School Kyle Kunde - Martin School
 Nicholas Sabaj - Pleviak School Sofiya Chernyshova - Thompson School
 Karen Thoms - Staff Member of the Month from Hooper School
 Jill Fitzjarrell and Ranger - Volunteers of the Month from Hooper School

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Osmond made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Kuzmanovich:

Motion: The Board of Education enter into an Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss Student Issues, Personnel, Negotiations, Safety Issues, Possible Land Acquisition, and probable Litigation.

Roll Call Vote. Osmond - yes, Schell - yes, Vanderwall - yes, Conway - yes, Dunne - yes, Hansen - yes, Kuzmanovich - yes.
Motion passed.

COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Dunne made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Kuzmanovich:

Motion: The Board of Education come out of Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

Voice Vote. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Passed.

NEW WEBSITE PRESENTATION – by Mike Macfadden

Mr. Macfadden, District Technology Coach, presented the newly designed and updated District Website. We briefly demonstrated the access to links and explained the changes that were made. The final changes and additions will be made over the next few weeks by Mr. Macfadden and Ann Vaughn, the District Office Assistant in charge of posting information. The switch over to the new website will be made over the winter break and will be working when school returns to session in January. The Board thanked Mr. Macfadden for this work on the project.

COMMUNICATIONS CONTINUED

OLD BUSINESS

IASB Conference Report/Review –

Joanne Osmond reported on a session she attended with Mrs. Conkling on Special Education and also one on How Boards use Data.

Mr. Dunne reported he sat in on the roundtable discussion conducted by Dr. Barbour and Mrs. Conkling on Rtl, which was very well attended. He also attended a workshop on Finance for Veteran Board members conducted by PMA.

Mrs. Schell reported she and Mr. Conway attended an early session on Negotiations, and talked about some important points. She also attended a session on Building a Not-For-Profit Group to get community members to raise money for the schools.

Dr. Van Pelt reported that he, Dr. Barbour, and Mrs. Conkling attended a Friday early session that covered information on the new student growth model for reporting out.

Mrs. Kuzmanovich reported she, Dr. Barbour, and Dr. Keim-Bounds attended a session that covered tying student performance to administrators' compensation measured by the growth. She also attended an early session on Visions, Values, Conflicts and Choices and one point she came away with is to treat people differently to be fair.

Mrs. Vanderwall reported she attended a Friday early workshop Making Meetings Matter. She liked one suggestion for keeping meetings flowing better; to put times on the agenda items.

Facilities Discussion Follow-Up -- Mrs. Volling presented the updated Facilities Report and the Long Range Facilities Planning Study done in 2007. The Board thanked her for the Planning Study for them to reference in the future.

Financial Advisory Committee Update -- Dr. Van Pelt reported that the final meeting of the Financial Advisory Committee for this year's work will be on Tuesday, December 13. He referred to the listing of proposed reductions for the next two years, which was given to the Advisory Committee members. Dr. Van Pelt noted that in January the Board will be discussing Financial Planning and they will be discussing these reductions at both January meetings.

Mr. Dunne noted that even with the \$1.3 million in reductions, the District will still operate in a deficit. Mr. Hansen agreed that with a \$2.2 million revenue shortfall, more would have to be done next year.

NEW BUSINESS –

SEDOL Governance Board Update – Mrs. Osmond and her guest Mrs. Kuzmanovich attended the recent meeting and reported that the law firm Hodges, Loizzi presented information on new laws. Mrs. Kuzmanovich noted the new SEDOL Superintendent was very accommodating and she liked that he used the term “medically fragile student”. Information on the meeting was given in the packet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS The meeting was opened to Public Comments at 9:57 pm. No comments were made.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA A

Mrs. Osmond made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Kuzmanovich:

Motion: The Board of Education approve Consent Agenda A, as presented.

Roll Call Vote. Hansen - yes, Kuzmanovich - yes, Osmond - yes, Schell - yes, Vanderwall - yes, Conway - yes, Dunne - yes.
Motion passed.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA B

Mrs. Osmond made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Kuzmanovich:

Motion: The Board of Education approve Consent Agenda B, as presented.

Roll Call Vote. Kuzmanovich - yes, Osmond - yes, Schell - yes, Vanderwall - yes, Conway - yes, Dunne - yes, Hansen - present.
Motion passed.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORTS

FINANCE –

APPROVE THE 2011 LEVY

Mrs. Osmond made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Kuzmanovich:

Motion: The Board of Education approve the 2011 Certificate of Tax Levy, as presented.

The Board of Education adopt the resolution for Levy of \$75,000 upon the taxable property for the “Special Education Fund”.

The Board of Education adopt the resolution for levy of \$285,000 upon the taxable property for the “Working Cash Fund”.

The Board of Education adopt the resolution for levy of \$215,000 upon the taxable property for the “Fire Prevention, Safety, Energy Conservation, Handicapped Accessibility and School Security”.

The Board of Education adopt the resolution for levy of \$23,840 upon the taxable property for the “Special Education District IMRF Purposes”.

Roll Call Vote. Osmond - yes, Schell - yes, Vanderwall - yes, Conway - yes, Dunne - yes, Hansen - yes, Kuzmanovich - yes.
Motion passed.

APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR COMMERCIAL CREDIT CARD WITH J.P. MORGAN CHASE BANK

Mrs. Osmond made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hansen:

Motion: The Board of Education approve the Resolution approving a Commercial Credit Card with J. P. Morgan Chase Bank, as presented.

Roll Call Vote. Schell - yes, Vanderwall - yes, Conway - yes, Dunne - yes, Hansen - yes, Kuzmanovich - yes, Osmond - yes.

Motion passed.

Auditor -- John Albanese from Eder, Casella & Company attended to answer questions about the proposed to change to one firm handling the Districts audit. He gave some background as to why the District went to the two firm process and explained that Mrs. Volling has the ability to prepare the reports for the audit that Eder, Casella would do annually. It was noted that by eliminating the second firm, there would a savings of approximately \$3,000 for the District.

FINANCE --

108 N. Milwaukee Avenue Update -- Mr. Depperschmidt reported that he met with the engineering firm at the site and the necessary changes will be made to the application and will be resubmitted to the State by December 18. He anticipated no other issues with the State and expected approval by spring.

APPROVE STATEMENTS OF COMPLETION FOR HEALTH/LIFE SAFETY AMENDMENTS

Mrs. Osmond made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Kuzmanovich:

Motion: The Board of Education approve the Statements of Completion for Health/Life Safety Amendments #14 for work completed at B. J. Hooper School in the amount of \$6,185.00 and J. J. Pleviak School in the amount of \$1,085.00. In addition, Amendment #13 for work completed at P. J. Palombi School in the amount of \$8,148.00, for submission to the State of Illinois, as presented.

Roll Call Vote. Vanderwall - yes, Conway - yes, Dunne - yes, Hansen - yes, Kuzmanovich - yes, Osmond - yes, Schell - yes.

Motion passed.

POLICY --

Mrs. Osmond asked that the first consideration on Policy #5:125 be tabled, pending further review of the revisions by the attorney.

Annual Agenda Calendar -- Mrs. Osmond noted her concerns with the revised Annual Agenda Calendar. She requested moving all aspects of one topic into one month/meeting. Discussion followed. Mrs. Volling will review the placement of her items on the Agenda Calendar and make changes where possible.

Policy Committee Meetings --

Mrs. Vanderwall referred to Dr. Van Pelt's Memo expressing his concerns with the current Policy Committee. Mr. Hansen also expressed his concerns with no administrator on the committee and his concern with meeting in a bar/restaurant.

Mrs. Osmond expressed her concerns with Dr. Van Pelt's request to be present to work on the policy committee and referred to recommendations from PRESS Plus on a proper policy committee formation. She cited inferences from three or four books describing types of governance and policy governance, and how it's the Board responsibility to govern through policy. She explained the committee meets in a restaurant to allow board members to have lunch while meeting.

The discussion continued with some board members asking why Dr. Van Pelt was not at the meetings, and even asked if he could participate directly in the committee. Dr. Van Pelt expressed his concern over being kept away from the meetings and reminded the Board that all the Board and administrators originally met with IASB when the policy manual was redone when Dr. Van Pelt first came to District #41, and he asked why things changed. Dr. Van Pelt referred to policies that indicate that the Superintendent

would work on the policies and Mrs. Osmond then explained that the Superintendent should come to the meeting with his recommendations for the Board. She felt that his place was not at the committee meeting and if that is what the other board members wanted, she would not be a part of the committee.

A lengthy discussion followed. Mr. Hansen asked for everyone to work together. Mr. Dunne thought that Dr. Van Pelt should attend the meetings. Mrs. Kuzmanovich explained that the committee looks at each policy revision as it relates to the Board's vision and mission. Mr. Conway asked about an intermediate step, to streamline the process. And after discussion it was decided that when the PRESS Plus revisions are received, copies should be given to the Policy Committee and the Administrators. Both will make recommendations for change and the recommendations will be discussed and reviewed at the board meeting. It was agreed that this process will begin with the next PRESS Plus issue.

CURRICULUM -- Due to the late hour, it was decided to table the curriculum items Explore Assessment Report and ELL Program Discussion to the next board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

F.O.I.A. Requests - A Jennifer Schaefer, Received 11/5/11 Reply Sent 11/14/11- Re: Transportation Contract information

CALENDAR REVIEW –

1/9/12 Regular Board Meeting – Palombi School Library – 7:00 p.m.
 1/12/12 Policy Committee Meeting – 1:30 p.m. – Blackthorn Grille
 1/23/12 Finance Committee Meeting – 8:30 a.m. – District Office
 1/23/12 Regular Board Meeting – Board Room – 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS No public was present.

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Osmond made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Kuzmanovich:

Motion: The Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 11:38 p.m. to discuss Personnel.

Roll Call Vote. Conway - yes, Dunne - yes, Hansen - yes, Kuzmanovich - yes, Osmond - yes, Schell - yes, Vanderwall - yes.
 Motion passed.

COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Osmond made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Kuzmanovich:

Motion: Come out of Executive Session at 1:15 a.m.

Voice Vote. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Passed.

ADJOURN

Mrs. Osmond made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Kuzmanovich:

Motion: Adjourn at 1:15 a.m.

Voice Vote. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Passed.

s/s/ Darla Vanderwall
 Secretary

s/s/ Peggy Kuzmanovich