

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205
Thursday, March 04, 2010 (7:00 PM)

Call to Order, Pledge to the Flag

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Lockport Township High School District 205 was duly held at the East Campus, 1333 East Seventh Street, Lockport, Will County, Illinois, and was called to order by President Ronald Svara. The Pledge Allegiance to the Flag was led by Michael Lewandowski.

ROLL CALL

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS: Angela Kamely
 Cindy Polke
 John Lukasik
 Lou Ann Johnson
 M. Lewandowski
 Ronald Svara

ABSENT: Susan L. Forbes

Public Hearings and Petitions

1. Members of the public wishing to address the Board of Education under this portion of the meeting can do so at this time. Petitioners must complete all information requested on the sign-in sheet prior to speaking. (A five (5) minute time allotment is allowed for each speaker.) Although the Board does not immediately reply to the concerns presented at the meeting, it does not imply in any way that the public's comments are not valuable or important. The Board's policy is to listen to the public's concerns and then gather adequate information to objectively discuss them.

Steve Balich, 12259 Derby Lane, (Lockport Township High School District 205) Orland Park, IL 60467, requested that the Board of Education keep the budget in check. He asked that the Board be cautious with raises, cut the budget where it can, use volunteers when possible.

Policy Considerations

2. Policy Considerations - Second Reading PRESS Issue 68 Section 2 - School Board 2:20 Powers and Duties of the Board of Education 2:40 Board Member Qualifications 2:110 Qualifications, Term and Duties of Board Officers Section 3 - General School Administration 3:40 Superintendent Section 4 - Operational Services 4:30 Revenue and Investments 4:40 Incurring Debt 4:100 Insurance Management 4:110 Transportation 4:140 Waiver of Student Fees Section 5 - General Personnel 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting 5:100 Staff Development Program 5:120 Ethics Standards 5:250 Leaves of Absence 5:280 Duties and Qualifications 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves Section 6 - Instruction 6:320 High School Credit for Proficiency 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program Section 7 - Students 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and

Exclusion of Students 7:190 Student Discipline 7:240 Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities 7:300 Extracurricular Athletics Section 8 - Community Relations 8:100 Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies PRESS Issue 69 Section 4 - Operational Services 4:120 Food Services (Delete) 4:130 Free and Reduced-Price Food Services 4:150 Facility Management and Building Programs 4:160 Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds Section 6 - Instruction 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day 6:50 School Wellness 6:185 Remote Educational Program Section 8 - Community Relations 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

NEW RECOMMENDATION: The Board was asked to table four policies from the above listing—Policies 5:30, 5:250, 5:280, and 5:330—to be considered for a Second Reading and Adoption at the next Regular Board of Education Meeting.

NEW - Motion: Member **Lukasik** moved, Member **Lewandowski** seconded the motion to table Policies 5:30, 5:250, 5:280, and 5:330 to be considered for a Second Reading and Adoption at the next Regular Board of Education meeting, as recommended. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0** Absent: **Forbes**. The motion **CARRIED 6 – 0**.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education holds a Second Reading and adopts the policies in PRESS Issue 68 and PRESS Issue 69, as presented, except for the four policies that were tabled.

ORIGINAL – Motion

Member **Lewandowski** moved Member **Lukasik** seconded the motion to approve the adoption of the policies, as recommended for Second Reading and Adoption: PRESS Issue 68 and PRESS Issue 69. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0** Absent: **Forbes**. The motion **CARRIED 6 – 0**.

Action Consideration

3. Remove from the Table - Action Consideration #1002-13 - Selection of Legal Firm(s)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education remove from the Table - Action Consideration #1002-13.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **Kamely** moved, Member **Johnson** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the Board of Education remove from the Table - Action Consideration #1002-13.'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0** Absent: **Forbes** The motion **CARRIED 6 – 0**.

Angela Kamely	Yes
Cindy Polke	Yes
John Lukasik	Yes
Lou Ann Johnson	Yes
M. Lewandowski	Yes
Ronald Svava	Yes

4. Action Consideration #1002-13 - Selection of Legal Firm(s)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approves Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick, & Kohn as General Counsel for the Board of Education, and Sraga Hauser, LLC for Special Education.

ORIGINAL – Motion

Member **Polke** Moved, Member **Kamely** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion "That the Board of Education Select the Legal Firm(s) to represent the District, as recommended.

NEW - Motion: Member **Lukasik** moved Member **Lewandowski** seconded the motion to table this item to a future meeting when all members could be present. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **2** Nay: **4** Absent: **Forbes**. The motion **FAILED 2 – 4**.

Angela Kamely No
 Cindy Polke No
 John Lukasik Yes
 Lou Ann Johnson No
 M. Lewandowski Yes
 Ronald Svara No

Reconsider – ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **Polke** Moved, Member **Kamely** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion "That the Board of Education Select the Legal Firm(s) to represent the District, as recommended. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **2** Absent: **Forbes**. The motion **CARRIED 4 – 2**.

Angela Kamely Yes
 Cindy Polke Yes
 John Lukasik No
 Lou Ann Johnson Yes
 M. Lewandowski No
 Ronald Svara Yes

Other Discussion**5. Referendum Advisory Questions - Do we want them? If so, what should they be? - Angela Kamely/John Lukasik**

Discussion took place regarding when/if the District could/should put a Referendum Advisory Question(s) on a future ballot. The next possible date would be the November election. Costs for putting an Advisory Questions on the ballot were discussed, as well as getting a legal opinion as to how to word the questions as well as the process that should be followed. Consensus of the Board was not to do anything until the last Summit Meeting on April 22, 2010. It was suggested that this topic be placed on the agenda for a Thursday, May 6, Special Board meeting and that written proposals should be prepared for discussion at that time.

6. Review Need for Special Meetings on Thursdays – Lou Ann Johnson

Discussion took place regarding the need for the Special Meetings on Thursdays, and whether these meetings were doing what they were originally intended to do, which was to shorten the time of the Regular Board meetings. Consensus of the Board was to continue with these meetings until further notice, being there was still a rather lengthy list of suggested items for these meetings, and also it was suggested that the Board needs to keep focused on the agenda topics for these meetings.

7. Homer Glen Summit - Cindy Polke

Discussion took place regarding the last Summit Meeting which was held in Homer Glen. The Summit was well attended and 27 people spoke at the meeting. Board members commented that they received a handwritten note from Pat McGuire stating that communication was the key in this matter and that he would be happy to help. It was suggested that we consider referendum information being placed back on the District web site as a source of reference for the public to go to for answers to some of their questions. Member Lukasik and President Svava will be working together to write a proposal and to go out again to Crest Hill, Homer Glen, City of Lockport, and District 205 with this information.

8. November Referendum - Cindy Polke

It was suggested that November would be a good time to place a referendum advisory question on the ballot and to perhaps put a referendum question on the ballot in November as well. It was felt that the best opportunity for the District to go for another referendum would be the November election. Some discussion took place as to what the deadlines would be for getting a question put on the November ballot. Board members would look into getting an election calendar for that information so they would not miss the opportunity again.

9. Scheduling - John Lukasik

Brett Gould and Dennis Hicks walked the Board through the information regarding scheduling and informed the Board that a Schedule Planning Committee meeting would take place on March 8. Their objective would be to review and analyze data from the first semester of classes as it relates to the current school schedule and its impact upon academics, discipline-security, extra-curricular activities, and student attendance/health. They will also be looking at student numbers (tallies) to see what next year's schedule will look like, being that scheduling drives everything in the school. The Board was reminded that as always, the safety of students and staff is the main objective as well as maintaining the quality of our academics, athletics, and activities. The cost of scheduling was also discussed and a cost analysis was provided for the Board to review. Some suggestions were to investigate a staggered bell schedule, going back to the volunteer early-bird schedule, amending the current mandatory sliding schedule we are currently using, or going back to a normal school day, and adding another trailer. Administration was asked to provide the Board with pros and cons of these suggestions based on their professional input.

ORIGINAL Motion: President Svava moved, Member Lukasik seconded the motion to go back to the voluntary early-bird schedule in the fall of 2011 (2011-2012 School Year).

AMENDED Motion: Member Lewandowski moved Member Polke seconded the motion to have administration study all the pros and cons of the voluntary early-bird schedule and report back to the Board.

AMEND Amended Motion: Member **Kamely** moved Member **Polke** seconded the motion to add the staggered bells to the amended motion.

AMENDMENT to Amend the Amended Motion: Member **Lukasik** moved Member **Lewandowski** seconded the motion to look at all scheduling options. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **1** Absent: **Forbes**. The motion **CARRIED 5 – 1**.

Angela Kamely Yes
Cindy Polke Yes
John Lukasik Yes
Lou Ann Johnson Yes
M. Lewandowski Yes
Ronald Svara No

AMEND Amended Motion: Member **Kamely** moved Member **Polke** seconded the motion to add the staggered bells to the amended motion. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: Aye: **0** Nay: **6** Absent: **Forbes**. The motion **FAILED 6 – 0**.

Angela Kamely No
Cindy Polke No
John Lukasik No
Lou Ann Johnson No
M. Lewandowski No
Ronald Svara No

AMENDED Motion: Member **Lewandowski** moved Member **Polke** seconded the motion to have administration study all the pros and cons the voluntary early-bird schedule and report back to the Board. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0** Absent: **Forbes**. The motion **CARRIED 6 – 0**.

Angela Kamely Yes
Cindy Polke Yes
John Lukasik Yes
Lou Ann Johnson Yes
M. Lewandowski Yes
Ronald Svara Yes

Reconsider ORIGINAL Motion: President **Svara** moved, Member **Lukasik** seconded the motion to go back to the voluntary early-bird schedule in the fall of 2011 (2011-2012 School Year) and that administration study the pros and cons of all schedule options and report back to the Board at a later date. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **2** Absent: **Forbes**. The motion **CARRIED 4 – 2**.

Angela Kamely No
Cindy Polke No
John Lukasik Yes
Lou Ann Johnson Yes
M. Lewandowski Yes
Ronald Svara Yes

Information Reports

10. Information Report #1003-01 - Extended Trip Information - Social Studies/Humanities Program - Capitol Forum, Springfield, Illinois

The Board was informed about an the extended trip for the Social Studies teacher, Jason Osbolt, and five students, who will represent LTHS at the Capitol Forum in Springfield, Illinois, on March 4-5, 2010. It was noted that the trip will be paid for by student fundraisers.

11. Information Report #1003-02 - Extended Field Trip - Boy's Track Invitational

The Board was informed about the opportunity for the Boy's Track Invitational that will take place in Rock Island, Illinois, April 23, 2010. All expenses shall be paid by fundraising efforts of the track and field team.

Announcements

The Administration was reminded to provide the Board with a cost analysis regarding the pros and cons of a mandatory Early Bird Schedule.

Adjourn

Member **Lukasik** moved Member **Lewandowski** seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0** Absent: **Forbes**. The motion **CARRIED 6- 0**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Ronald Svara, President

Lou Ann Johnson, Secretary