

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205**  
**Thursday, April 8, 2010 (7:00 PM)**

**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

A 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 at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

1. The following members were present:

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Michael Lewandowski  
Cindy Polke  
Angela Kamely  
Lou Ann Johnson  
John Lukasik  
Susan L. Forbes (Entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.)  
Ronald Svara

2. The following members were absent:

None

**Public Hearing and Petitions**

3. 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.

John Saccomando, 12810 Waveland Drive, Homer Glen; Chelsea Hurst, 207 Oak Street, Frankfort; Andrew Kutsulis, 17454 Crystal Lake Drive; and Jeffrey Stasieluk, 15857 West Chancellor Drive, Homer Glen, individually addressed the Board of Education regarding the importance of electives and their concern that the Board might be considering charging fees for elective classes or even cutting electives. These former graduates were all part of the Culinary Arts Program and shared their successes with the Board, which they attributed to the opportunities they had by taking elective classes while students at Lockport. They all asked the Board not to charge fees or cut elective classes.

**Policy Considerations**

None

**Presentations****3. Meet New Attorney - Bob Kohn and/or Terri Hodges**

Bob Kohn from the Board's newly appoint law firm, Hodges Loizzi Eisenhammer Rodick & Kohn, reintroduced himself and thanked the Board for hiring them and to answer any questions the Board may have. In reply to President Svara's financial concern, Mr. Kohn stated that their firm would be monitoring the needs of the District on a month-to-month basis to determine if it would be more cost-effective for them to bill the District on an as-needed basis or by retainer.

**Information Reports**

Member (**Angela Kamely**) Moved, Member (**Cindy Polke**) seconded to table the following three Information Reports to the Regular Board Meeting.

**4. Information Report #1004-01 - Community Service Graduation Requirement****5. Information Report #1004-02 - Scheduling Committee Update - First Semester Data****6. Information Report #1004-03 - Scheduling - Administrative Update on Courses for Next Year**

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay **3** (**Lukasik, Lewandowski, Forbes**). The Motion **CARRIED 4 – 3**.

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

**Other Discussion****7. Budget - Response to Administrative Recommendations**

Discussions ensued regarding the Administrations recommendation to adjust the budget in the amount of \$760,500. President Svara recommended that guidelines be established for the financial officer to follow and one of them would be to present a balanced budget. He also brought to the attention of the Board that the State is way behind in their payments to the school district. The District maintains over 150 days of funding in reserve, and a few Board members felt that that was not enough. It was suggested that additional days be added to the reserve, but the question was how many. The District's auditor was suggesting 180 days as a goal and some Board members felt that should be the target. However the concern was as to how to reach the 180 days. Rich Lesniak stated that 180 days was unrealistic to reach with the current financial outlook and the only way to increase funds in the reserve above the \$760,500 proposed budget adjustment would be to cut more expenditures because the revenue is just not there. Rich also explained how the number of days is looked at and how the State pays districts. If the Board wants to add additional revenue in reserve with finances as they are, the only way to do that at

this time would be to cut programs or something. It's the Board decision. The five-year projection was also discussed and the idea of putting the new school back into the projection. Superintendent Raymond stated that a new school could go back into the projection at any time in a given year, but without the Board having a referendum plan, we were going to wait until after the Summits were done before we considered that. The topic of going for a referendum was discussed and the question that arose was if the Board had voted not to go for a referendum. Some Board members felt that a referendum was not voted upon. The reason the Board did not put a referendum on the ballot was because it had missed the date for doing so. Member Lewandowski asked that past minutes be looked at regarding a referendum vote being taken.

**RECOMMENDATION:** President Svvara asked for a motion to be put on the floor for the parameters for our financial person should work under fort his current budget. He stated that there were two issues, one was a balanced budget and the other was if we add days, and if so, how many.

**MOTION:** Member (**John Lukasik**) Moved, Member (**Susan Forbes**) seconded the motion to for Administration to present a Balanced Budget. Upon a Roll Call Vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0** Abstain: **1 (Polke)**. The motion **CARRIED 6 – 0**.

Susan Forbes	Yes
M. Lewandowski	Yes
Lou Ann Johnson	Yes
John Lukasik	Yes
Cindy Polke	Abstain
Angela Kamely	Yes
Ronald Svvara	Yes

**RECOMMENDATION:** President Svvara asked if there was a motion to increase the number of days for funds to be put into reserve, with the eventual goal to increase to the number of days to 180 days.

**MOTION:** Member (**Angela Kamely**) Moved, Member (**Lou Ann Johnson**) seconded the motion to increase the number of days for fund to be put into reserve, with the eventual goal to increase the number of days to 180 days. Upon a Roll Call Vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **2**. The motion **CARRIED 5 – 2**.

Angela Kamely	Yes
Susan Forbes	No
John Lukasik	No
M. Lewandowski	Yes
Lou Ann Johnson	Yes
Cindy Polke	Yes
Ronald Svvara	Yes

**8. Potential Superintendent Goals for FY11**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board approves the first five goals subject to amendment at a later date.

**MOTION:** Member (**Ronald Svara**) Moved, Member (**Susan Forbes**) seconded to approve the first five goals as presented, subject to amendment at a later date. Upon a Roll Call Vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The Motion **CARRIED 7 – 0**.

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

Discussions ensued regarding making measureable goals. Superintendent Raymond explained that the Board usually selects goals to be the focus and then he puts together a plan of action to put them into a measurable format. These goals eventually become part of the superintendent's contract. Usually only three are recommended to make them doable and achievable goals. At least one goal needs to be tied to student achievement. The Board's attorney agreed that at least one goal needs to be tied to student achievement in a multi-year contract. President Svara asked Board members to forward their recommendations to the Superintendent for consideration; and at the Special Meeting in May, the Board will go through the list and discuss changes with the Superintendent.

**Closed Session**

**9. Closed Session to confidentially discuss matters relating to an individual student(s) 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10); and appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or Legal Counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the district to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057 (Update on Assistant Superintendent Selection Process)**

Assistant Superintendent Selection Process - Update

**RECOMMENDATION:** To enter into Closed Session to confidentially discuss matters relating to an individual student(s) 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10); and appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or Legal Counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the district to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057 (Update on Assistant Superintendent Selection Process).

**MOTION:** Member (**Lou Ann Johnson**) Moved, Member (**Susan Forbes**) seconded to enter into Closed Session as recommended. Upon a Roll Call Vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The Motion **CARRIED 7 – 0**.

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

Closed Session commenced at 8:17 p.m.

### **Action Considerations - After Closed Session**

#### **10. Reconvene Open Meeting/Roll Call**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Reconvene Open Meeting with a Roll Call

**MOTION:** Member (**Lou Ann Johnson**) moved, Member (**John Lukasik**) seconded to reconvene the Open Meeting. Upon a Roll Call Vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The Motion **CARRIED 7 – 0**.

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

The meeting reconvened at 8:47 p.m.

#### **11. Consideration of Information and/or Possible Action Regarding Student Matter(s)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board of Education sends out the amended letter to the parents of the student as discussed in Closed Session.

**MOTION:** Member (**John Lukasik**) Moved, Member (**Angela Kamely**) seconded to mail the amended letter to the parents of the student as recommended. Upon a Roll Call Vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The Motion **CARRIED 7 – 0**.

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

**Announcements**

Consensus of the Board was to move the next Special Meeting of Thursday, May 6, to Wednesday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss goals, budget, and negotiations.

**Adjourn**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION:** Member (**M. Lewandowski**) Moved, Member (**Angela Kamely**) seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. By Voice vote, all members present voted Aye, and the Motion **CARRIED 7 – 0**. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Ronald Svara, President

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Lou Ann Johnson, Secretary

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