

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205**  
**Monday, October 18, 2010 (7:00 PM)**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Lockport Township High School District 205 was duly held in the Maroon Room at the East Campus, 1333 East Seventh Street, Lockport, Will County, Illinois, and was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Ronald Svara. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by John Lukasik, Board Member.

**ROLL CALL**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michael Lewandowski, Member  
Cindy Polke, Member  
Angela Kamely, Member  
Lou Ann Johnson, Secretary  
John Lukasik, Member  
Susan L. Forbes, Vice President  
Ronald Svara, President

**Presentations**

**Resolution Recognizing the Accomplishments of Kimberly Hu, Brooke Kovanda, Joseph Kus, Emma O'Shea, Allison Phad, and Chelsea Traynor for being Named Commended Students in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program**

Member **Susan Forbes** moved, Member **Michael Lewandowski** seconded the motion to adopt the above resolution, as presented. Upon a voice vote being taken, the vote was unanimous.

Brett Gould, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, provided some background information regarding the National Merit Scholarship Program and the selection process for being named Commended Students and then read the resolution into the official record.

**Resolution Recognizing the Accomplishments of Ryan Mitsos and Chelsea Traynor for Being Named Outstanding Writers in the 2010 National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Achievement Awards in Writing Program**

Member **Lou Ann Johnson** moved, Member **Cindy Polke** seconded the motion to adopt the above resolution, as presented. Upon a voice vote being taken, the vote was unanimous.

Tom O'Brien, English Department Chairperson, explained the NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing Program and how these students were selected for this award. Brett Gould, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, read the resolution into the official record.

**Resolution Recognizing the Accomplishment of Ryan W. Kendziora for Being Named a Semifinalist in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Competition**

Member **John Lukasik** moved, Member **Michael Lewandowski** seconded the motion to adopt the above resolution, as presented. Upon a voice vote being taken, the vote unanimous.

Brett Gould, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, explained the selection process for being named a Semifinalist in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Competition and read the resolution into the public record.

**Resolution Recognizing the Accomplishments of David Fulmer for Receiving a Perfect Score of “36” on the 2010 ACT Assessment**

Member **Angela Kamely** moved, Member **Michael Lewandowski** seconded the motion to adopt the above resolution, as presented. Upon a voice vote being taken, the vote was unanimous.

Brett Gould, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, explained the ACT Assessment and announced that only 90 students in the entire State of Illinois scored a Perfect Score “36,” and David was one of them. Brett read the resolution into the official record.

**Suspend the Rules**

President Svara asked for a motion to Suspend the Rules to move the Student Government Report to the next order of business.

Member **John Lukasik** moved, Member **Susan L. Forbes** seconded the motion to suspend the rules for the reason noted above. Upon a voice vote being taken, the vote was unanimous.

**Student Government Report**

**Student Government Report - Taylor Thompson and Brooke Steinke, Copresidents**

Copresidents Taylor Thompson and Brooke Steinke reported that Homecoming was a huge success and they had a great turnout for the dance. Student Government would be hosting the SWSC Leadership Conference on November 9 with Romeoville. The activities have been selected and they have secured Eric Jackson as their guest speaker. Next Wednesday, they will have training on how to run the conference.

**Annual Audit Report**

Ed Marso from Wermer, Rogers, Doran & Ruzon LLC provided copies of summary reports on the FY2010 Audit Report, the Single Audit FY2010, the Audit SAS 114 Letter, and the Management Letter FY2010. Ed reported that the District was in compliance with all of the filings of the Annual Report and reviewed each of the above documents with the Board. The Management letter confirmed that the audit did not reveal any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. The Annual Financial Report filed with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) will soon be available on the ISBE web site at [www.isbe.net](http://www.isbe.net). The District’s financial profile score is 3.90, which translates to Financial Recognition—the highest score attainable from ISBE. What kept the District from a perfect 4.0 was because the State is late on getting money to the District. The District maintained or increased all fund balances except for the Tort Fund which the District eliminated. Cash Management showed that the District maintained its cash position. Operating Expenses showed about 154 days, which is a significant

accomplishment given the fact that the District is late in receiving State monies. The District budgeted for \$51.3 million in expenditures and came in just under budget at \$50 million. Mr. Marso answered several questions from Board members regarding bidding out contracts, other than professional services, stating that all contracts of \$25,000 or more should be bid out. The District had one exception, and that was the printing bid which was commented on in their Management Letter. He also explained the significance of the adjusted journal entries.

### **Suspend the Rules**

President Svava asked for a motion to move Action Consideration #1010-12 – Approval – City of Crest Hill Abatement Request to the next order of business.

Member **John Lukasik** moved, Member **Susan L. Forbes** seconded the motion to Suspend the Rules for the reason noted above. Upon a voice vote being taken, the vote was unanimous.

Mr. John Grueling, Will County Center for Economic Development (Will County CED), and Mr. Brian Gay, City of Crest Hill were in attendance and explained that they were here to ask the District for the same abatement they received from the County of Will which was for a five-year, 50% tax abatement for the Goglania Bakeries, Inc. Mr. Grueling explained the particulars of this matter and that they would be receiving some assistance from the State of Illinois through some tax credits and job tax credit and were working with the City of Crest Hill for a local tax abatement. However, new information came to their attention today that in the last 30 to 45 days, Will County created a new property identification number for this building, and it appears to be a new equalized assessment valuation on the building and it happens to be a lot less than the current assessment is on that building. Consequently, they were not asking for any action tonight but would like to either table this or reserve the right to come back to the Board to talk about this project again to work out some sort of a tax relief on this building that would be acceptable to the community and the school districts. Depending on their findings, they may or may not need to be established on the Board's next agenda. Administration concurred with Mr. Grueling's recommendation.

Member **Michael Lewandowski** moved that this item be tabled to the next regular meeting, November 15, 2010, because of the lack of hard numbers for this request. Member **John Lukasik** seconded the motion. By voice vote, the vote was unanimous.

### **Public Hearings and Petitions**

Name: Darren Deskin  
Address: 1650 East Street, Lockport  
Topic: April Referendum

Darren Deskin read a second draft of a letter that he wrote addressed to Dr. Chris Koch, Superintendent, Illinois State Board of Education, pleading for help from the ISBE. The letter explained the need for another high school, that LTHS was on the 2004 list for construction grant funding, and listed the reasons why he felt the five referendums didn't pass. The key to getting a referendum passed would be to hold a meeting with ISBE at LTHS sometime in January or February. He was also requesting that Superintendent Koch send a letter outlining the

requirements of the construction grant. This letter could be published many times in the local papers. Darren asked for the Board and Administration to send him any new updates/changes to his final letter, as he will be mailing out soon. Darren also encouraged those in attendance to write letters to Springfield as well.

Name: Joyce Danko  
Address: 16566 Eastlake Parkway, Lockport  
Topic: Lacrosse

Joyce Danko provided information for the Board regarding the sport of Lacrosse encouraging them to consider approving Lacrosse as a team sport here at LTHS and gave her reasons why she was so passionate about this sport.

Name: Roy Adcock  
Address: 16356 W. 146<sup>th</sup> Place, Lockport  
Topic: Referendum

Roy Adcock thanked the Board for showing good faith to District residents by approving the addition onto East Campus. He felt in order to pass a referendum there must be unity on this Board. He suggested not considering the Homer Glen Plan and to just go forward with the District's own referendum plan; but before moving forward, boundaries need to be set and a name selected for the school. He encouraged the Board to continue to move forward and keep up the good work.

Name: Tom Polke  
Address: 12326 Mackinac Road, Homer Glen  
Topic: April Referendum

Tom Polke encouraged all to focus on the facts as to why we had trouble passing a referendum and recommends that we take advantage of every opportunity to put a referendum before the voters. Listen to the people and talk through the uncomfortable things like boundaries and names. In 1995 when the addition was put onto East Campus, the land was included with that addition because it was said that this would be the last addition before a new school would be built on Cedar Road. Work with architects to decipher a very good estimate for a new building and then hold them to the amount.

Name: Laurel Ward  
Address: 15429 W. 139<sup>th</sup> Street, Homer Glen  
Topic: April Referendum

Laurel Ward explained that the reason for a new school and the significance of using grant money and Build America Bonds and restructuring the District's current debt to keep the tax at the same rate as Dr. Svara suggested. A new school is needed because of overcrowding at East Campus and the Life Safety issues at Central Campus. There are two dates available to pass a referendum—April 2011 and March 2012. The new school building should be a fully functional school for about 1900-2000 students, which could be built somewhere in the \$85 million range.

She encouraged the Board to take a collaborative approach, engage the public and the communities in creating a proposal that works, not just for the school district but for the taxpayers. Create a dialogue and find a solution that works, because at the end of the day, what was heard is we need a school.

### **Lacrosse Request**

Mr. Chuck Wenzel requested two things from the Board: 1) field time, and 2) for the District to consider signing the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Emerging Sport Agreement allowing them to create a Junior/Varsity Lacrosse Club Team. He distributed information about this topic and copies of the IHSA Guidelines. He provided detailed information for the Board to review and added that their organization is self-funded, self-insured, and will totally pay all of their bills. Mr. Wenzel explained in detail the parameters outlined in the Emerging Sports Agreement.

In reply to Board member questions, Mr. Wenzel stated that they have someone to line the field for free; the players ages are from third grade to eighth grade; the club pays for the referees; the helmets are provided but players would need to provide all other equipment; the club asked the school to help with weekday transportation and a parent of a team member is an LTHS bus driver; Mr. Wenzel would do the background checks on the coaches but someone else would be secured later. Brian Goff, Athletic Director, provided answers to Board members' questions and concerns regarding field usage, etc., and added his concern for the District's responsibilities if the Emerging Sport Agreement was signed and the club no longer wished to sponsor the program.

Administration was looking for direction from the Board to work with the District's legal firm to take the next steps, such as, reviewing the IHSA policy and other policy terms to see if there was a way the District could sign the Agreement and not over-commit the District in order to protect the District so there would be no liability involved. Administration did not feel comfortable signing the form without bringing it to the Board because of the moratorium it had on adding new things (clubs/organizations) to the budget when we are already trying to cut. Consensus of the Board was to direct Administration to work with the Board's attorney regarding this matter.

### **AFT Report**

#### **A.F.T. Report - George Brecheisen, President**

George Brecheisen, President, AFT Local 604, stated that the comments from the staff are that they were extremely pleased of the Board's approval of an addition onto East Campus and the return of traditional scheduling. He said the staff is also eager to assist the Board in their efforts to further improve the school district facilities or building a school building on Cedar Road.

### **Notices and Communications**

#### **Career & Technical Education Advisory Council - Susan Forbes**

Susan Forbes reported that the next meeting is scheduled for December 8.

**IASB Governing Board - Michael Lewandowski**

Michael Lewandowski reminded the Board to email him their responses regarding the Resolution and Positions in the IASB Report to the Membership Booklet by denoting as yes or no beside the number as to how they felt he should vote on the items. He will then tabulate everything and vote according to the majority. The outcome of the Resolutions and Positions vote will be shared with the Board.

**Foundation Board - John Lukasik**

John Lukasik reminded the Board that on Friday, November 12, the Battle of the Bands would take place. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at the Foundation Office from Ms. Brehm or Ms. Herman, or at the door. Tickets are also available for a \$50 raffle of which a significant portion of the proceeds would go to the Foundation and a significant amount awarded to a winner. John also will secure tickets for anyone by emailing him.

**SCOPE - Angela Kamely/Cindy Polke**

None

**Correspondence - Lou Ann Johnson**

A note was received from the family of Jillian Bentley (sister of Mary Anderson, Science Teacher, Central Campus, and niece of Steve Bentley, Guidance Office, East Campus) thanking the Board of Education, Administration, Faculty and Staff for the donation to the Sarcoma Foundation of America in Jillian's memory.

**Approval of Minutes****Approval of Minutes**

Member **Susan L. Forbes** moved, Member **Michael Lewandowski** seconded the motion to approve the Minutes, as presented.

**Amended Motion**

Member **Angela Kamely** moved, Member **John Lukasik** seconded the motion to amend the Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 7, 2010, by adding Terry Hodges to the list of attendees.

President Ron Svava stated that he recently directed the Recording Secretary to make the written minutes more abbreviated. The written minutes should include who is here, what the motions and the votes were and not all the verbiage in between, because the verbiage in on the audio tapes. Member Lou Ann Johnson stated that the minutes should include the key points. Member Michael Lewandowski asked how key points could be determined. Superintendent Raymond replied that the Board has a policy that expresses the bare minimum and is in accordance with School Code. Consensus of the Board was to use an abbreviated form of minutes for about six months. Upon a voice vote being taken to Amend the Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 7, 2010, as noted above, the vote was unanimous. Attorney Eisenhammer stated that the minutes could be signed after they have been corrected.

**Original Motion**

Upon a voice vote being taken to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting and Closed Session Meeting of September 20, 2010, the vote was unanimous. Upon a voice vote being taken to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting and Closed Session Meeting of October 7, 2010, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0** Abstain: **1 (Polke)**. The motion **CARRIED 6 – 0**.

**Approval - Treasurer Report and Bills Payable Report****Approval - Treasurer's Report**

Member **John Lukasik** moved, Member **Angela Kamely** seconded to approve the motion, to approve the Treasurer's Report, as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **1**. The motion **CARRIED 6 – 1**.

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

**Policy Considerations****Policies - PRESS Issue #72 - First Reading (Please bring your PRESS Booklet with you to the meeting.)**

Superintendent Raymond suggested that although the Board had previously asked Administration to provide the PRESS Issues when they are received and distributed to the Administrative Council for review before bringing them to the Board for a First and Second Reading, and in light of the confusion that has occurred with PRESS Issue #72, Administration asked for permission from the Board to go back to the original process where the Administrative Council reviews the PRESS Issues before they are distributed to the Board at a time closer to the meeting date it would be presented for First Reading. Also, he was asking if the Board would like to postpone the First Reading of PRESS Issue #72 to a November Board meeting because there was no urgency to approve any of the policies in PRESS Issue #72. Consensus of the Board was to go back to the original process and move the First Reading of PRESS Issue #72 to a November Board meeting. He also informed the Board the PRESS Issue #73 was just received.

**Suspend the Rules**

President Svara asked for a motion to Suspend the Rules to move Action Consideration #1010-13 – Referendum – April 2011 to the next order of business.

Member **Cindy Polke** moved, Member **Lou Ann Johnson** seconded the motion to suspend the rules for the reason noted above. Upon a voice vote being taken, the vote was unanimous.

**Action Consideration #1010-13 - Referendum - April 2011**

President **Ronald Svara** moved, Member **Susan L. Forbes** seconded the motion to go for a referendum in April 2011.

Discussions ensued regarding the options the Board should consider, e.g.,: have the Board define the what instead of the how to find out what the Board agrees on collectively to unify the Board regarding the referendum. This could be done by holding meetings with the architects and staff to see what staff members would need in a new school building and how much the District could afford before setting the amount for the referendum ballot instead of working backwards. Review the information from the 2004-2005 referendum put together by the Architects to see what might need updating. Use of Build American Bonds and construction grants, if available to us, hold open forum meetings with community members and the Summit Steering Committee members to discuss topics, such as boundaries, open enrollments, the disconnect issue, scaling back the size of the school building to about a 1900-student capacity, and possibly using Ron's plan to promote a referendum without raising taxes. Several Board members recommended that a Board proposal should be put together and have Administration fine tune it before bringing it back to the Board for action and that perhaps discussions with the Board and Administration could take place at the Special Meeting on November 4, 2010. The Board requested that background information for discussion would be provided prior to this upcoming meeting and all future meetings.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **1 (Lukasik)**. The motion **CARRIED 6 – 1.**

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

**Superintendent Report****Action Considerations - Consent Agenda**

**All Action Consideration Items listed with an asterisk (\*) are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion and vote. Any Board member who wishes separate discussion on any item listed on the Consent Agenda may remove that item from the Consent Agenda, in which event, the item will be considered in its normal sequence.**

Member **Susan L. Forbes** moved, Member **John Lukasik** seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items #1010-01 through #1006 and Item #1010-09, as presented.

Action Items #1010-07 – Approval – Award of Bid for Printing Services and Action Consideration #1010-08 –Approval – Transportation Consortium Agreement were removed from the Consent Agenda for individual discussion.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The motion **CARRIED 7 – 0**.

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

**Action Consideration #1010-01 - Appointments - 2010-11 Certified Personnel**

The Board approved the following candidates for employment in District 205 for the 2010-11 school year. A. MATTHEW J. GRAZULIS, Title I English Tutor B. MARY K. HINCHLEY, Title I Math Tutor C. JULIE A. RITTER, Title I Math Tutor D. LISA M. SANTUCCI, Title I Math Tutor E. KAREN L. STAKENAS, Title I English Tutor

**Action Consideration #1010-02 - Appointment - CWC Personnel**

The Board approved the employment. A. KATHERINE M. BENTLEY, Building Supervisor, \$8.00/hour

**Action Consideration #1010-03 - Resignation - Certified Personnel**

The Board approved the resignation of the following certified staff member. A. STEPHANIE N. DARIN, Task Force Teacher.

**Action Consideration #1010-04 - Resignation - Educational Support Staff**

The Board approved the resignation of the following support staff member. A. NICHOLAS J. HATLEY, Part Time Custodial Helper

**Action Consideration #1010-05 - Appointments - Educational Support Staff**

The Board approved the following candidates for employment. A. MALGORZATA K. GIZELLA, Building Assistant/Swim Aide B. ANTIONETTE P. PORTILLO, Part Time Custodial Helper C. LORRAINE M. SMITH, Title I Math Tutor D. LAURA L. WILLIAMS, Title I English Tutor The following employee is being recommended for transfer to a new position. E. SOPHIA E. KODURA, Help Desk/Technology Tech

**Action Consideration #1010-06 - Appointments - 2010-2011 Cocurricular Staff**

The Board approved the appointments of the following candidates:

<b><u>POSITIONS</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>STEP</u></b>
<b><u>Athletics</u></b>		
Athletic Trainer—Head (Winter)	Joe Cunnane	16
Cheerleading Head Coach (Winter)	Danielle Calabrese	11

<b><u>POSITIONS (Continued)</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>STEP</u></b>
<b><u>Athletics</u></b>		
Cheerleading Assistant Coach (Winter)	Debra Janssen	3
Cheerleading "B" Coach (Winter)	Joan Kuchta	3
Weight Room Supervision (Winter)	Rich Fullriede	1
<b><u>Boys' Teams</u></b>		
Basketball Head Coach	Larry Thompson	23
Basketball Assistant Coach	John Greenan	8
Basketball Assistant Coach	John Meyer	23
Basketball Assistant Coach	Rory O'Connell	7
Basketball "B" Coach	Brett Hespell	1
Bowling Head Coach	Jeffery Wyatt	8
Bowling Assistant Coach	Alan Bean	5
Swimming Head Coach	Grant Ferkaluk	11
Swimming Assistant Coach	Richard Davis	23
Swimming Assistant Coach	Joe Lewandowski	15
Swimming "B" Coach	Jason Ozbolt	6
Wrestling Head Coach	Joe Williams	21
Wrestling Assistant Coach	Matt Bartley	8
Wrestling Assistant Coach	George Brecheisen	23
Wrestling Assistant Coach	Josh Oster	7
Wrestling "B" Coach	Dan Blaskovitz	2

<b><u>POSITIONS</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>STEP</u></b>
<b><u>Girls' Teams</u></b>		
Basketball Head Coach	Krista Peterson	10
Basketball Assistant Coach	Kristin Kwasny	3
Basketball Assistant Coach	William Sparlin	5
Basketball Assistant Coach	Jason West	1
Basketball "B" Coach	Steve Bentley	18
Bowling Head Coach	Art Cwudzinski	12
Bowling Assistant Coach	Linda Szczepanski	4

Brian Goff, Director of Athletics, Paige Dague, Principal, and Dennis Hicks, Principal, concurred with the above recommendations.

**Action Consideration #1010-09 - Approval - Intergovernmental Agreement with Will County ROE**

The Board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Will County ROE for the creation and operation of an Alternative Learning Opportunities Program (ALOP), as presented.

**Action Considerations**

**Action Consideration #1010-07 - Approval - Award of Bid for Printing Services**

Rich Lesniak, Director of Business Services, reported that on Friday, October 8, 2010 at 1:00 p.m., sealed bids for printing services were opened and read aloud. The lowest responsible

printer was Rochelle Printing located in Rochelle, Illinois. A Bid Response Summary was provided for the Board's perusal. Rochelle Printing was used in the past and their services were acceptable.

Member **John Lukasik** moved, Member **Susan L. Forbes** seconded the motion to approve awarding the bid for printing services to Rochelle Printing for a sum not to exceed \$18,212.17. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **1 (Cindy Polke)**. The motion **CARRIED 6 - 1**

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

**Action Consideration #1010-08 - Approval - Transportation Consortium Agreement**

Rich Lesniak, Director of Business Services, reported that bus drivers are required by law to obtain a Commercial Drivers License (CDL). Under the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991, Public School Districts who employ drivers with a Commercial Drivers License are required to perform certain testing procedures and prohibitions relating to the misuse of alcohol and controlled substances. As a cost savings method, several Will County School Districts formed the Will County Transportation Consortium. By combining our resources the consortium is able to achieve a better pricing on the testing services. There are sixteen school districts in the consortium. Our current consortium agreement expires December 31, 2010, and needs to be renewed. A copy of the Will County Transportation Consortium Intergovernmental Agreement for Contracting Transportation Employee Testing Services was provided for the Board's perusal prior to the meeting.

Member **Michael Lewandowski** moved, Member **John Lukasik** seconded the motion to approve the Will County Transportation Consortium Intergovernmental Agreement for Contracting Transportation Employee Testing Services, as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The motion **CARRIED. 7 - 0**

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

**Action Consideration #1010-10 - Grant Permission for Michael Lewandowski, IASB Delegate, to Attend IASB Conference - November 2010**

Member **Ronald Svara** moved, Member **Lou Ann Johnson** seconded the motion to grant permission for Michael Lewandowski, IASB Delegate, to attend IASB Conference - November 2010. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0** Abstain: **1 (Cindy Polke)**. The motion **CARRIED 6 – 0**.

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

**Action Consideration #1010-11 - Remove from the Table - Policies for Discussion 1) Exchange Students; 2) Contacts with the Attorney; 3) Remote/Electronic Participation in Board Meetings; 4) Conference Attendance and Travel Restrictions**

Member **Lou Ann Johnson** moved, Member **Michael Lewandowski** seconded the motion to remove from the Table – Policies for Discussion 1) Exchange Students; 2) Contacts with the Attorney; 3) Remote/Electronic Participation in Board Meetings; 4) Conference Attendance and Travel Restrictions

Superintendent Raymond explained that they were looking for direction from the Board not action on these policies and if there are any modifications the Board would like to make, Administration would then make the modifications and then come back to the Board for First and Second Readings as we do with other policies.

**Exchange Students**

Several concerns were discussed, e.g., the definition of the word District within policies and if District meant the Board or Administration who accepts or denies exchange student applications. Administration felt that the word District meant Administration. Consensus of the Board was to leave this policy as it currently reads.

**Policy 2:160 Board Attorney**

The question regarding the Board's current policy was if this policy should be changed to allow individual Board members to confer directly with the Board attorney regarding a Board concern without authorization from the Superintendent, his or her designee, Board President, or approval of the Board as a whole, as stated in the current policy. Consensus of the Board was to leave the policy as it currently reads.

**Policy 2:220 School Board Meeting Procedure**

The question was can a Board member attend a meeting remotely? The Board's current policy does not allow for remote attendance. Consequently, when a Board member recently asked to remotely attend a meeting, the Board's attorney was contacted and his opinion on this request was shared with the Board. The opinion was that the Board members could not attend the

meeting because the Board's current policy did not allow it. The Board was referred to a possible policy update from the IASB, which the Board received for review prior to the meeting within the Board packet. The Board might want to consider this policy update. He referred the Board to Footnote 25 on Page 4 of 5 of the possible policy which states that in order to allow attendance by video or audio means, a Board must adopt a policy conforming to the restrictions in the Open Meetings Act. A quorum of the Board must be physically present at all Board meetings. A majority of the full membership of the Board constitutes a quorum. Provided a quorum is physically present, a Board member may attend a meeting by video or audio conference if he or she is prevented from physically attending because of: (1) personal illness or disability, (2) employment or District business, or (3) a family or other emergency. Also, the statute requires the Board member who wishes to attend remotely to notify the "recording secretary or clerk of the public body." The policy includes the Superintendent as a possible person to receive the notice. Everything in this section is required aside from provisions on the length of notification that is given the secretary and the process for accommodating the request. Alternatively, a Board may: (1) prohibit members from participating by video or audio means by omitting this section, (2) all other requirements, or (3) alter the 24 hour notification. Note that the statute does not contemplate someone either "approving" or "denying" a request, only that the request be accommodated if the notification is provided.

Some questions were raised by Board members regarding how remote access would be policed, and if the District has the technology to allow remote access, would equipment need to be purchased, and if so, would it be costly, have there been problems with the use of remote access, what about skypeing, etc. In reply, the Board's attorney stated that the biggest concern he has heard of was with all Board members being able to hear the member utilizing the remote access and vice versa. When asked about skypeing, the attorney replied that in addition to the concern about all members being able to hear the person utilizing the remote access, you would also have to ensure that all would be able to see the member and vice versa.

Board members were asked if they: (1) wanted remote participation added to current policy, and if they do, (2) do they want to consider the updated policy from IASB to be brought to the Board for consideration? Consensus of the Board was to add this possible policy and the current policy to the list with PRESS Issue #72 for First Reading.

### **Policy 2:123 Board Member Development and Training**

Superintendent Raymond explained that in February 2010 a change to this policy was adopted making it more restrictive as to overnight conference stays and attendance. However, Member Lewandowski is asking the Board to consider revising this policy to allow all Board members an opportunity to attend local and State conferences.

The question that was posed was if the Board would like to bring the updated policy to the Board for First Reading. Consensus was that further information was needed to be brought forth for discussion as to what the content of this policy should read and that this policy should be added to the list along with PRESS Issue #72 list for First Reading.

## **Information Reports**

### **Maintenance Report #1010-01 - Maintenance Report**

Bill Thompson, Director of Facilities Maintenance, provided report for the Board regarding the installation of a picture collage on the interior wall in the Main Entrance at East Campus; the inspection of the ANSUL System in the kitchens at East and Central Campus; a thorough cleaning at the Career and Community Connections location; waterproofing that was done to the wall above the Auditorium at East Campus; and an indoor air quality study was done at East Campus and some changes will be made to improve classroom environments when weather permits. Accolades were extended to Bill for his very thorough reports.

### **Information Report #1010-02 - Attendance Membership Report and Student Enrollment Status Report**

The percent of daily attendance at East and Central Campus for the period of August 17 to September 30, 2010, was 96.53%. Some discussion took place regarding the report presented from the new student software program. Kerri Green, Assistant Principal, East Campus, explained the definitions of the terms in the new software program and elaborated on the concerns about dropouts. Brett Gould briefly explained the ALOP Program (Alternative Learning Options Program) which was just incorporated as an intervention program. Member Polke asked if it was possible for this report to be tied into our RTI Program. Brett Gould stated that Administration would monitor this program.

### **Information Item #1010-03 - Community Wellness Center Report**

Superintendent Raymond commended Sue Kleffman, Community Wellness Center Director, for putting together this excellent report, and for having the true spirit of volunteerism by offering her time to work with Kim Brehm, Director of Public Relations, on the Citizen's Advisory Committee. Also, he extended a "hats off" to Brian Goff, Athletic Director, who works hand-and-hand with Sue, since the Assistant Athletic Director position was dropped, in putting together these programs. Sue provided answers to Board member questions on payment for rental of facilities and about the Senior Survey.

### **Information Report #1010-04 - Departmental Reports for the Status of Student Progress and Achievement**

This report provides the Board departmental summaries of the status of student progress and achievement. Each report highlights both the major accomplishments and initiatives from the past year as well as areas of emphasis for the 2010-2011 school year. In this report, each Department Chair provides an overview as to the major areas of focus within his or her department. Among those aspects of the work of departments which have been highlighted are: curriculum cycle work, program changes, professional learning, SMART Goal initiatives, and the analysis of assessment data. The distribution of departments within the curriculum cycle for the 2010-2011 school year are highlighted within the Curriculum Cycle Phases attachment. Superintendent Raymond extended "kudos" to Dr. Gould for assembling all of this information. In reply to some Board member questions, he noted that summer curriculum was different work and the Board approves all of those projects.

**Information Report #1010-05 - Prairie State Achievement Exam Results (PSAE) - Class of 2011**

Brett Gould, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, highlighted these reports and stated that these figures also appear on the School Report Card. PSAE is a State-mandated exam given to all grade 11 students and is a requirement for graduation. The District's scores and the State scores were shown. We consistently perform above the State. He noted that the AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) report is the report that we are graded on. It's the PSAE scores broken down by all of the subjects. Although the test does not change, the benchmark changes every year. As a result, you cannot compare one report to the other. A revised plan will have to be devised for each of the areas that we were found to be deficient. The Strategic Planning Committee has an Interventions Committee that will look at what we are doing, does it work, and what should be done to make improvements. The Board had specific concerns with Math and Reading.

**Information Report #1010-06 - Fall Housing Report - Eight-Year History**

An eight-year history of the Fall Housing Report was provided for the Board's perusal. The District's official enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year was 3797, a reduction of 82 students from the 2009-2010 school year. Also noted was that we track what homes speak a language other than English. There were 650 homes noted.

**Information Report #1010-07 - SCOPE Year-End Review**

Rich Lesniak, Director of Business Services, reported that Lockport Township High School District 205 is a member of the South Cooperative Organization for Public Education or SCOPE. The mission of SCOPE is to provide leadership and organization to coordinate support from the legislature so that children in the south and southwest suburban area will be educated to meet the challenges of the future. Each year SCOPE publishes a Year in Review Report. That report was provided for the Board's perusal. No other report was provided.

**Closed Session**

**Closed Session to confidentially discuss collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees regarding salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2); litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11); and a matter relating to individual student. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board of Education enters into Closed Session for the matters noted above.

Member **John Lukasik** moved, Member **Michael Lewandowski** seconded the motion to enter into Closed Session to discuss the matters noted above. Upon a Roll Call being had, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**, the motion **CARRIED 7 – 0**. Closed Session commenced at 10:50 p.m. and ended at 11:02 p.m.

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

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

#### **Action Consideration #1010-14 - Approval - Settlement and General Release**

Member **John Lukasik** moved, Member **Susan L. Forbes** seconded the motion to approve the Settlement and General Release Agreement, for reasons discussed in Closed Session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The motion **CARRIED 7 – 0**.

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

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

#### **Agenda Items for November Board Meeting**

This agenda topic came out of the Board Self-Assessment, where Board members would submit agenda topics to the Board President, with a copy to the Superintendent, for discussion with the whole Board to see if that item should be placed on a future Board agenda, and if so, which meeting. Superintendent Raymond explained the form that he distributed for the Board's perusal. Also, a form was recommended to be used after each Board meeting to evaluate the meeting. Also, a Board Agreement needs to be developed as to how the Board operates. Consensus of the Board was to use this topic's form and to evaluate the meeting to see how this process works. The Board went down the topic's list to get consensus on the topics shown.

### **Freedom of Information Request**

#### **Freedom of Information Requests - Biesk, O'Connell, Horvath**

A summary of the Freedom of Information Requests received from the above individuals was provided for the Board perusal. Administration has complied with these requests.

**Announcements**

**Cancel Special Board Meeting on November 4, 2010? (Gold Card Dinner/Theatre Evening)**

Consensus of the Board was to keep the November 4 meeting as scheduled, attend the Gold Card Dinner with the seniors of our District, and then proceed to the meeting.

**Adjourn**

Member **Susan L. Forbes** moved, Member **Michael Lewandowski** seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. President Svara adjourned the meeting at 11:39 p.m.

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Ronald Svara, President

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Lou Ann Johnson, Secretary

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