

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205**  
**Thursday, November 4, 2010 (7:00 PM)**

A Special 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 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Susan L. Forbes, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ronald Svara, President

**Public Hearings and Petitions**

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

Darren Deskin explained his thoughts on the solution for passing the referendum. He asked the Board not to go for a referendum in April but to wait and use this time to educate the public.

**ACTION CONSIDERATIONS**

**IASB Resolutions**

Member Lewandowski, the Board's IASB Delegate, individually asked each Board member if they supported or opposed the various proposals to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting of the IASB Delegate Assembly on Saturday, November 20, 2010, during the Triple I Conference, to reach a consensus as to how he should vote on the 11 topics. He will report back to the Board the results of which proposals passed or failed.

**Return to a Traditional Schedule for Fall of 2011**

Originally the board voted to return to a voluntary early bird schedule in the fall of 2011, but Administration recommended the return to a traditional schedule for Fall of 2011 without the voluntary early bird option.

Member **Michael Lewandowski** moved, Member **John Lukasik** seconded the motion to return to a traditional schedule for Fall 2011 without the voluntary early bird option. Upon a roll call voted being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **CARRIED 6 – 0**.

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

## **INFORMATION REPORTS**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Referendum April of 2011**

Superintendent Raymond stated that the Board, at the past meeting, did approve to put on the ballot a referendum for April 2011. In reply to the Board's request, Superintendent Raymond summarized the history of what went into the Cedar Road Campus and the development thereof, the process of which began in 2004-2005. Dr. Raymond provided a list of Administrative thoughts and recommendations which he highlighted for the Board. He explained the three main concerns for District 205 taxpayers—taxes and financing, attendance boundaries, and detachment. A Referendum "To Do List" was also provided, as well as a booklet Member Kamely provided from District 117 on the steps District 117 used to pass their referendum, some of which were incorporated into the Administration's "To Do List." The most up-to-date amortization schedule and chart for the bonding was also provided for the Board's perusal.

Eric Sickbert, DLA Architects, introduced Bill Templin, DLA, and Bob Nielson and Bill Callaghan with Henry Bros. Construction Management, who have been assisting DLA with this project. Eric distributed the programming document developed in 2005 and provided a slide presentation as he explained what went into the development of the original custom design for District 205, where we are at today, the thoughts they had as they move forward with the new recommended dollar amount of \$85 million, and what they need to do to adjust the design to accommodate that budget. The beauty of the conceptual design for the new building is that the core would be in place and areas could be added on as funding becomes available.

Bob Lewis, PMA, explained the revised amortization schedule and the chart that he provided for the Board's perusal. The advantages of doing the bonding in the manner in which the District plans to use is that: 1) the interest rates are lower than any other time the District had gone out for bonding previously; 2) the 25-year financing that was approved vs. 20-years; and 3) the current bonding debt will be paid off in about three years, when the new bonding would start. The goal PMA was charged with was to ensure that the bonding would not go above what the current bonding debt is right now.

Member Johnson asked for data regarding the boundary recommendations that were done in the past, and any information on any surveys that went to the public. Superintendent Raymond

explained that boundaries should not be an issue because the ultimate goal is to eventually have two equitable campuses, especially technology-wise, so the Board may want to wait until after the referendum passes before boundaries are established. Regarding the detachment issue, Member Lukasik stated that he did not feel that an intergovernmental agreement was needed with the Village of Homer Glen as suggested by Member Polke, but rather, he recommended that perhaps it was best to ask every feeder district and all municipalities to provide a letter and/or adopt a resolution or both stating that they would not support detachment should that issue arise in the future. Dr. Raymond will ask the Board's attorney for advice about the pros and cons of an intergovernmental agreement—one entity or all—and if a monetary amount needed to be included in it should the Board go that route. However, it was felt that a letter or adoption of a Resolution would be a quicker way of securing support against detachment.

It was recommended that the District be consistent with the use of terminologies for the referendum. Ensure that the public knows that the tax freeze is only for the portion of their tax bill dealing with paying off the bonds for the new campus building, and that the District cannot freeze the overall aggregate taxes for District 205 because it does not control other components under that umbrella, such as CPI, EAV, Educational Fund, salaries, etc. Regarding a possible forum with IASB, Superintendent Raymond stated that as soon as he receives notice of a reply to Mr. Deskin's letter, he would notify the Board. Finally, Board members were asked to email Dr. Raymond with any items they would like to add to the "To Do List."

#### **Citizens Advisory Committee Question**

Superintendent Raymond reminded the Board that the CAC was established last year, and the charge given it was, in general, "How do we better communicate?" Rich Lesniak and Kim Brehm co-coordinated a series of meetings and brought some very good recommendations forward, and well over half of the recommendations have been implemented already, and the remaining are in the process. Each year the Board gives the CAC a question, and after much Administrative discussion and discussion with some of the current CAC membership, the Board is asked to consider this year's question, "How do we best communicate the details of the April 2011 referendum?"

Member **John Lukasik** moved, Member **Cindy Polke** seconded the motion to approve this year's CAC question, "How do we best communicate the details of the April 2011 referendum?" Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **CARRIED 6 – 0**.

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

#### **New Business**

Member Polke asked if any other Board members were interested in attending the Triple I conference besides Member Lewandowski. She was thinking of maybe going on Saturday because on the basement floor of the conference, they will have a display of all the schools that

are being built, the architects, and the builders, so she was considering going to see that. No other members were planning on attending the conference.

Member Johnson asked if the same CAC members who were on the committee last year were the same members as this year. Superintendent Raymond explained that the term of office for a CAC committee member was two years. However, the initial term for half of the membership would be one-and-a-half years and the other half would be for two years. This was recommended to get on a half-and-half replacement schedule for next year. Lou Ann suggested reaching out to get more representation from all areas, especially because of the question for next year. Dr. Raymond said he would work with Kim and Rich on that.

### **Announcements**

Next Regular Board meeting will November 15 at 7:00 p.m.; and a Special Meeting will be held on November 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Member Kamey noticed on the table after Table 1 of Ron's plan, on the list of things that need to be done at Central, two big things were missing—repair of the foundation and installation of sprinklers. Dr. Raymond explained that the list she was referring to was a 2005 list which is currently being updated by DLA. Draft 9 of Ron's plan is in the making and once updated, it will not only be sent to the Board for perusal but will also be placed on the District's web site as well.

### **Adjournment**

Member **Michael Lewandowski** moved, Member **John Lukasik** seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, all members present voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Susan L. Forbes, President pro-tem

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Lou Ann Johnson, Secretary