

LAGRANGE AREA DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
DIRECTING BOARD MEETING
Open Session Meeting – 8:40 a.m.
Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Board Members Present: Dr. Sandra Martin (53); Dr. Robert Carlo (61); Mr. Steve Griesbach (62); Dr. Jean Sophie (92½); Mr. Neil Pellicci (94); Dr. Mark Kuzniewski (95); Dr. Jon Lamberson (96); Dr. Brian Barnhart (101); Dr. Warren Shillingburg (102); Dr. Michael Warner (103); Dr. Arleen Armanetti (106); Dr. Mark Fredisdorf (107); Dr. Robert Sabatino (181); Dr. Tim Kilrea (204); Dr. David Bonnette (208); Dr. Nicholas Wahl (86).

Board Members Absent: Dr. Glenn Schlichting (105)

LADSE Staff Present: Dr. James Surber, Lois Miller, Marc Sgro, Deb Hurley-Bularzik, Don Leonard, Sue Gallagher, Betsy Miller, Deb Malnar, Kelly Adamik

Visitors Present: Jeannie Zeitlin, Jessica Nicholson, Ellie Ambuehl, Maria Mullen, Deb Tyrrell, Karen C. Brown, Ruth Suominen, Joyce Powell, Kathy Tomaszewicz

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Fredisdorf called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

WELCOME NEW SUPERINTENDENTS

New superintendents Bob Carlo (61), Warren Shillingburg (102), Tim Kilrea (204) and returning interim superintendents Dave Bonnette (208) and Bob Sabatino (181) were introduced. Mark Kuzniewski (95), also new this year, was not present at this time.

VISITORS' COMMENTS

There were no visitors' comments.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Dr. Armanetti nominated Dr. Mark Fredisdorf for Board Chair and Mike Warner for Vice-Chair. There were no other nominations.

Motion #1: That the Directing Board elects Dr. Fredisdorf as Directing Board Chairperson and Mike Warner as Directing Board Vice Chairperson for the 2009-10 school year.

Moved by Dr. Armanetti; seconded by Dr. Martin
All present voted Aye.
Motion carried.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS (cont.)

Motion #2: That the Directing Board approves the Board committee assignments as presented for the 2009-10 school year.

Moved by Dr. Sabatino; seconded by Dr. Bonnette.
All present voted Aye.
Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion #3: That the Directing Board approves the consent agenda as follows:

- A Meeting Minutes- May 27, 2009 Regular Meeting
- B. Personnel Actions – June thru September
- C. FY11 Budget Development/Approval Calendar
- D. Disposal of Surplus Property
- E. Semi-Annual Review Closed Session Minutes
- F. Annual - PACE Bus Assurances
- G. First Reading – Revised Policies/Procedures (ICSA/IASB)

Moved by Dr. Sophie; seconded by Dr. Barnhart. Voting Aye: Dr. Sandra Martin (53); Dr. Robert Carlo (61); Mr. Steve Griesbach (62); Dr. Jean Sophie (92½); Mr. Neil Pellicci (94); Dr. Jon Lamberson (96); Dr. Brian Barnhart (101); Dr. Warren Shillingburg (102); Dr. Michael Warner (103); Dr. Arleen Armanetti (106); Dr. Mark Fredisdorf (107); Dr. Robert Sabatino (181); Dr. Tim Kilrea (204); Dr. David Bonnette (208); Dr. Nicholas Wahl (86). Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Dr. Mark Kuzniewski (95); Dr. Glenn Schlichting. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S GOALS

Motion #4: That the Directing Board approves Dr. Surber's 2009-10 goals as presented.

Moved by Dr. Sabatino; seconded by Dr. Martin.
All present voted Aye.
Motion carried.

CLASSROOM/FACILITY VISITATION POLICY

House Bill 0628 was recently signed into law providing a parent, an independent educational evaluator, or a qualified professional retained by a parent or child must be afforded reasonable access to education facilities, personnel, classrooms, and buildings and to the child for observation of the child in his/her program/placement or proposed program/placement. The policy/procedures presented for approval were drafted by Franczek Radelet and will apply to LADSE multi-district classrooms and programs not housed in a public school building. LADSE multi-district programs in district buildings are subject to individual district policies.

CLASSROOM/FACILITY VISITATION POLICY (cont.)

Motion #5: That the Directing Board approves as presented - Policy 5.16 and Administrative Procedure 5.16 - *Visitation for Observation or Evaluation Purposes to a LADSE Multi-District Classroom/Program Not Housed in a Public School Building.*

Moved by Dr. Fredisdorf; seconded by Mr. Griesbach.
All present voted Aye.
Motion carried.

RtI SUPPORTS

Sue Gallagher reported that 10 districts have committed to working with LADSE within a range of services for this year. Goals will be set and data collected. This is not about special education. The focus is school improvement, large scale reform, so more students can learn and be successful. It is very important that building principals be committed to this initiative. Dr. Surber reported that he has invited George Batsche to attend the November Directing Board meeting and awaits his answer. He would also like Dr. Batsche to meet with principals during this visit.

LADSE HANDBOOK OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Superintendents received a copy of the recently revised 4th edition of this handbook. The handbook provides descriptions of LADSE's structure, programs and services, as well as LADSE-specific policies/procedures. Key Communicators will receive copies at their October meeting. Updates will be done yearly.

FY10 LADSE BUDGET

Dr. Surber reported that this budget, approved by the Directing Board at its May meeting, was placed on public display as required and ratified by District 204's (LADSE's administrative district) Board of Education at its meeting on September 21, 2009.

LADSE ANNUAL DINNER

Dr. Surber encouraged board members to attend the dinner and also to invite their administrators to the dinner. Invitations were sent to Districts' Board of Education members' homes. Dr. Shinn is the guest speaker and will address school change, an important and current topic in education.

NEW AUDITING STANDARDS

This is an information item regarding new compliance standards for auditing firms that require them to communicate their responsibilities to Boards of Education.

REVIEW OF RESTRUCTURING/LADSE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The recognition in 2006 of a \$1,000,000 long-term deficit led to recent LADSE restructuring which resulted in the reduction of just over 10 FTE. Dr. Surber reviewed this 2-year plus timeline of events. Deb Hurley-Bularzik explained the impact on each of the LADSE programs/services. Don Leonard provided an overview of the LADSE budget and billing process and format.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #6: That the Directing Board adjourns the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Moved by Dr. Fredisdorf; seconded by Mr. Griesbach.
All present voted Aye.
Motion carried.