CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Hinshaw at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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<td>Mr. Sean Conboy, Vice President</td>
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<td>Dr. Irene Combs, Secretary (Arrived 7:02 p.m.)</td>
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RECORDING SECRETARY

| Julie Phelps | ☑      | ☐     |

OTHER

| Community - 2 | Staff - 12 | Press - 0 |

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board of Education members led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS, VISITOR(S) COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

President Hinshaw welcomed all visitors and asked if there were any comments from the audience. Mr. Graber, Elementary School Principal, introduced two of his three new staff members, Mrs. Brooke Achterkirchen, instructional assistant, and Ms. Kim Mutch, physical education teacher. Lynn Studnicka, instructional assistant, was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Papierski, Middle School Principal, introduced Mrs. Chris Phillip, sixth grade social studies teacher, and Mrs. Laura DeKoekKoek, instructional assistant. Both Mrs. Phillip and Mrs. DeKoekKoek have been substitutes in the district. The Board of Education welcomed the new staff members to the district and thanked them for attending the meeting. Their being no further comments, the Board moved to the next agenda item.
PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED 2010-2011 BUDGET

President Hinshaw entertained a motion that the Budget Hearing regarding the 2010-2011 Budget be declared open at 7:04 p.m. Mr. Corcoran moved, and Dr. Combs, seconded the motion. Mrs. Strecker, absent. A voice vote carried the motion.

Dr. Birkenmaier updated the Board on a few changes since the proposed 2010-2011 Budget was presented. A clarifying question was asked regarding ARRA funds. There being no other discussion, President Hinshaw entertained a motion that the Budget Hearing regarding the 2010-2011 Budget be declared closed at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Palmer moved and Mrs. Wittenberg seconded the motion. Mrs. Strecker, absent. A voice vote carried the motion.

President Hinshaw entertained a motion to adopt the 2010-2011 Budget, as presented. Mr. Palmer moved, and Mr. Conboy, seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Conboy, Mrs. Wittenberg, Mr. Palmer, Dr. Combs, Mr. Corcoran, and Mr. Hinshaw voted aye. Mrs. Strecker absent. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

President Hinshaw asked the Board if there were any comments, questions, or items to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Dr. Dyer presented a special voucher to be added to the bills list. A clarifying question was asked regarding costs of the recent flood damage. No items being removed, the Board of Education considered Consent Agenda Items A- N, as follows:

A. Approve the minutes of the August 17, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board
B. Approve the minutes of the August 17, 2010 Closed Session (to Remain Confidential)
C. Approve September 2010 Bills Payable with Special Voucher
D. Approve August 2010 Financial Report
E. Ratify West 40 September 2010 Bills Payable
F. Ratify West 40 August 2010 Financial Report
G. Rescind Employment of Abby Livers, 1.0 Instructional Assistant
H. Approve the Retirement of Lorraine Bytner, 1.0 Instructional Assistant
I. Approve the following employment recommendations:
   Brooke Achterkirchen, 1.0 Middle School Instructional Assistant beginning August 24, 2010.
   Gia Schurla, part-time Crossing Guard, beginning August 30, 2010.
J. Approve the Family and Medical Leave Act request from Terri Cavello, 1.0 Middle School Art Teacher, beginning approximately December 7, 2010 and ending approximately January 19, 2011.

K. Approve the 2010-2011 Recognition of School Applications

L. A Freedom of Information Act request was made since the last regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education and was responded to in a timely manner.

M. Approve Community Consolidated School District 181's proposed withdrawal from the La Grange Area Department of Special Education.

N. Approve the sale of 5 iPhones at $80.00 each.

There being no discussion or comments, President Hinshaw entertained a motion to approve the items A through N on the Consent Agenda, as presented. Mr. Palmer moved, and Mrs. Wittenberg seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Palmer, Mr. Corcoran, Mrs. Wittenberg, Dr. Combs, Mr. Conboy, and Mr. Hinshaw (abstained from items A and B) voted aye. Mrs. Strecker, absent. Motion carried.

REPORTS

October Institute Day

Mrs. Cusick reviewed the activities scheduled for the October 12th Institute Day. First through 8th grade reading and math teachers will participate in the NWEA MAP Training Modules. The remainder of the staff will be working on their content area assignments and/or performance rubrics to be used to determine mastery of Learning Targets. Options are being explored to meet the needs of specials staff including music, P.E., and foreign language.

Technology Report

Mr. Callis highlighted a few points from his Technology Department Memo Update. The Technology Department is working on improving the District website to bring in more visitors to the site, the department saved $35,000 this past summer by doing their own installations, 800 workorders have been completed in 22 days of school, and he reminded the Board that Apple site visits will be held December 8th. A discussion ensued regarding the installation of the smart boards, smart board training, and the amount of cable installed this past summer.

Summer Project Update

Mr. Hoefling reported that the electrical project in elementary school was completed on time, on schedule, and within the budget.
Traffic Patterns

Dr. Dyer reported that he has spoken to each crossing guard and they report no major problems in traffic patterns so far this year, and that all seems to be going well. There was a brief discussion regarding some parking on the street near Lexington School. Dr. Dyer said he would look into the situation.

LoTi Update

Mr. Papierski, Middle School Principal, and Mr. Graber, Elementary School Principal, reported on LoTi (Levels of Teaching Innovation) by explaining the new application they are using on their iPhones to measure H.E.A.T. during classroom observations. H.E.A.T. = Higher order thinking, Engaged learning, Authenticity, and Technology Use

Gifted Training Update

Mrs. Cusick, reported on the results of the Gifted Training program in which ten teachers completed the 45 hour independent study program that began last spring. These teachers will now roll out the information to their grade level teams.

FINANCIAL GOALS PRESENTATION

Dr. Birkenmaier reviewed the Financial Goals recently developed by the Finance Committee. The goals were designed to guide financial decision-making and create financial indicators of success. The focus of the goals is to maintain good fiscal condition, transparency, and accountability. A brief discussion ensued regarding the goals.

FRANCE TRIP

Dr. Dyer reported that Mrs. Provan, Highlands French teacher, is working with an outside organization to provide a non-school sponsored trip to France for Highlands 7th grade students during spring break.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Renewable Energy Options
Vacant Lots
MOTION TO ADJOURN

President Hinshaw entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Mr. Corcoran moved, and Dr. Combs seconded the motion. Mrs. Strecker, absent. A voice vote carried the motion. We hereby certify the attached are the correct minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the La Grange Highlands School District 106 Board of Education held on September 21, 2010.

President

Secretary