

LONG LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 9, 2006

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Type of Meeting: Regular

Place: Cafeteria

Members Present: Vickie Plumley, President
Jules Comeau, Vice-President
Michelle Hamdan
Hillarie Logan-Dechene
Hallie Bond (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

Others Present: Kevin Crampton, Superintendent
Victoria Snide, Clerk of the Board
Michael Farrell
Larry Reece
Cali Brooks

Call to Order:

The president called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Actions:

Approved: On Motion by Jules Comeau, seconded by Hillarie Logan-Dechene, with all in favor, Minutes of the October 12, 2006 meeting.

Next Meeting Date is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Mr. Larry Reece presented the audit of the general purpose financial statements of Long Lake Central School as of June 30, 2006. Mr. Reece commented favorably of the establishment of new reserve funds and has stated, in his opinion, that the basic financial statements present fairly the financial position of the governmental activities. A discussion also took place regarding an internal claims auditor.

Approved: On Motion by Jules Comeau, seconded by Michelle Hamdan, with a vote of 4-0 (Ms. Bond was not yet present at meeting), the Long Lake Central School **audit as of June 30, 2006** as presented.

Public Participation:

Ms. Cali Brooks of Adirondack Community Trust (ACT) gave a presentation of what her company could do for our scholarship fund investments. She detailed the minimum fund investment and their fees. ACT pools scholarship funds to generate a higher rate of return on the investment.

Board Actions:

Bank statements for October, 2006 were not received in time to prepare **Treasurer Reports** for this meeting.

Approved: On Motion by Hillarie Logan-Dechene, seconded by Jules Comeau, with all in favor, Warrants #8 and #9 totaling: General Fund \$116,591.93; Lunch Fund \$2,807.96; and Trust & Agency Fund \$17,252.77.

Comprehensive Revenue and Budget Status Reports and Budget Transfers were reviewed.

A review of **preliminary budget assumptions for 2007-2008 school year** was presented. Teachers will be meeting with Mr. Crampton and Mrs. Snide next week to review their budgets.

Approved: On Motion by Hillarie Logan-Dechene, seconded by Hallie Bond, with all in favor, the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the Long Lake Central School Board of Education establishes a **Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund** in the amount of \$35,000.00 effective November 9, 2006.

Approved: On Motion by Jules Comeau, seconded by Hallie Bond, with all in favor, the following Resolution:

Whereas, the Long Lake Central School Board by formal resolution has, in the past, granted a **sliding scale tax exemption** to person(s) who met statutory requirements as described in the Real Property Tax Laws, Section 467, as amended by the New York State Laws of 2006, then

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Long Lake Central School Board does grant the following real property tax sliding scale exemption to those person(s) sixty-five or older who qualify with annual incomes as based on the following sliding scale:

\$27,000	-	50%
\$28,000	-	45%
\$29,000	-	40%
\$30,000	-	35%
\$30,900	-	30%
\$31,800	-	25%
\$32,700	-	20%

Be it further resolved, that, pursuant to the Laws of 2006, Chapter 186, the upper limits permissible are, along with the sliding scale option, hereby granted, effective on the dates specified below:

July 1, 2008	-	\$28,000
July 1, 2009	-	\$29,000

Be it further resolved, that this amendment will become effective with the Final 2007 Assessment Roll and that certified copies of this amendment will be forwarded to the Hamilton County Real Property Tax Service Director, Local Assessor and the Long Lake Central School District and the Town of Long Lake Clerks.

The **Tax Collector's Report** of taxes received as of November 1, 2006 was presented. \$1,270,000 is still due on state lands, \$88,000 due on privately owned property.

Mr. Crampton reported on **conferences recently attended by staff.**

Several teachers have visited Indian Lake Central School to observe their **elementary education reading program.**

Grants have been received from Adirondack Teacher Center based on requests from Ms. Raina Stoutenburg for the Music Department and Mr. Duane Finch for the Technology Department. Mrs. Mary Hall is our representative to the Adirondack Teacher Center.

Approved: On Motion by Jules Comeau, seconded by Hillarie Logan-Dechene, with all in favor, the following appointments:

Mr. James Pine and Mrs. Karin Cook as **50/50 mentors** for Ms. Raina Stoutenburg

Ms. Raina Stoutenburg as **Drama Production Director** with the same stipend as a Musical Production Director per the Faculty Association contract

Mr. Kevin Austin and Mr. Charles (Chip) Farr as **unpaid basketball assistants**

Mrs. Kathleen Scully as **substitute teacher**, pending fingerprint clearance

Mr. Duane Finch as **Technology Club Advisor**, details of the club to be determined by the Superintendent.

There were no **CSE Recommendations** for this board meeting.

A letter from Mr. Fredrick Vanacore was received regarding a **donation to our library of classic illustrated volumes on artists, art history and photography**. We unfortunately cannot accept as our space limits us, however the appropriate teachers will be informed to contact Mr. Vanacore if they are looking for something specific that he may have.

Bus Evacuation Drill #2 was performed today. The **Early Go Home/Sheltering Drill** will be held on November 17, 2006.

The **2007 Yearbook Deadline** was handed out.

Plans for the **Class of 2007 and 2008 school sponsored field trip** are progressing. These students will be detailing their trip for board presentation soon. The **Holiday Craft Fair will be held December 2, 2006** and staffed with student volunteers.

Mr. Michael Nerney held a **presentation on the Teenage Brain** on November 6, 2006. It was well attended by area teachers as well as our own community.

Mr. Jules Comeau spoke on his findings at this year's **NYS School Board Association Conference**. Mr. Comeau commented on audits and executive session discussions.

Mr. Crampton has received a letter from NYS Education Department asking for our input regarding the Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES. The District Superintendent from our BOCES is retiring and now is the time for our school to comment about options to determine whether any **BOCES redistricting** might be made that would better serve the educational needs of our region. The Board consensus was to draft a letter stating we have an interest in pursuing the BOCES which has schools that have the same common issues that our school district does.

Public Participation: None

Motion to go into Executive session by Hillarie Logan-Dechene, seconded by Jules Comeau, with all in favor at 8:46 p.m. Items to be discussed: employment of a particular person, collective bargaining negotiations, and employment history of a particular person.

Motion to come out of Executive session by Hillarie Logan-Dechene, seconded by Hallie Bond, with all in favor at 9:25 p.m.

Designated: On Motion by Michelle Hamdan, seconded by Hillarie Logan-Dechene, with all in favor, Mrs. Lauren Walker-Arsenault as **part-time Family and Consumer Science teacher** for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year. Details of the position and part-time status is to be worked out by the Superintendent.

Mrs. Hallie Bond stated she will be **unable to attend** the December 14, 2006 board meeting.

Adjournment: On Motion by Jules Comeau, seconded by Michelle Hamdan, with all in favor, the Board adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

Victoria J. Snide