

LAGRANGE AREA DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION  
DIRECTING BOARD MEETING  
Open Session Meeting – 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, March 3, 2010

- Board Members Present: 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 Schillingburg (102); Dr. Michael Warner (103); Dr. Arleen Armanetti (106); Dr. Mark Fredisdorf (107); Dr. Tim Kilrea (204); Dr. David Bonnette (208); Dr. Nicholas Wahl (86)
- Board Members Absent: Dr. Mark Kuzniewski (95); Dr. Glenn Schlichting (105); Dr. Robert Sabatino (181)
- 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: Dana Crumley (Franczek Radelat), Pam Kazee (District 181)

### CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Fredisdorf called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

### VISITORS' COMMENTS

There were no visitors' comments.

### LADSE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

Dana Fattore Crumley of Franczek Radelet provided information regarding the ISBE required revision of the LADSE Articles of Agreement. This is due to recent Public Acts which amended School Code, requiring certain components to be included in cooperative Articles of Agreement. The Directing Board must approve the revised Articles of Agreement, and then LADSE districts' Boards of Education are required to approve these new Articles by August. LADSE is in jeopardy of losing its IDEA funding if it is out of compliance with the August date.

Motion #1: That the Directing Board add the Revised Articles of Agreement as an action item on this March 3, 2010 agenda.

Moved by Mr. Griesbach; seconded by Dr. Warner.  
Voice Vote. All present voted Aye.  
Motion carried.

Supporting education for all children in the community school districts:

53	Butler	95	Brookfield-LaGrange Park	103	Lyons	181	Hinsdale
61	Darien	96	Riverside	105	LaGrange South	86	Hinsdale Township High School
62	Gower	101	Western Springs	106	LaGrange Highlands	204	Lyons Township High School
92 ½	Westchester	102	LaGrange North	107	Pleasantdale	208	Riverside-Brookfield High School
94	Komarek						

CONSENT AGENDA

One item was added to the agenda: PACE Bus Policy

Motion #2: That the Directing Board approves the consent agenda as follows:

- A Meeting Minutes- January 20, 2010 Regular Meeting
- B. Personnel Actions (attached)
- C. Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes (release written minutes from November 4, 2009; destroy verbatim recordings from January 22, 2008 Regular Meeting; January 22, 2008 Fiscal Meeting; May 21, 2008 Regular Meeting; August 11, 2008 Fiscal Meeting)
- D. LADSE Cumulative Revenue/Expenditure Report
- E. Second Reading/Approval of LADSE FY11 Calendar
- E. LADSE FY09 Audit
- F. PACE Bus Policy

Moved by Mr. Pellicci; seconded by Dr. Barnhart.

Voice Vote. All present, Aye.

Motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

Motion #3: That the Directing Board award the transportation contract to Grand Prairie for the period of August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2013 and waive the performance bond requirement.

Moved by Dr. Bonnette; seconded by Dr. Martin.

Voice Vote. All present voted Aye.

Motion carried.

FY 11 BUDGET

The Fiscal Committee met and has endorsed the FY11 budget as presented.

Don Leonard noted the following:

- The percentage salary increase in the budget for non-collective bargaining staff will be adjusted based on April, 2010 salary survey data from LADSE districts and other cooperatives.
- The FY11 budget is on target with 5-year projections made during restructuring with one exception.
- Exception is projections made at that time used 100% Categorical funding. Based on the current experience of delayed payments from the state, 75% funding has been used in this budget. This impacts districts' costs proportionately.
- \*\*The board-approved full-day option for the CD program is being offered next year for the first time since all levels of the program will be housed in age-appropriate buildings. The final budget will be adjusted in May based on enrollment/fiscal feasibility.

FY 11 BUDGET (cont.)

\*\* Deb Hurley explained that a full-day CD program is a better educational model for students who typically struggle with change and uncertainty. In preparation for serving students with this full-day program, the CD staff has received professional development on behavioral issues; a new reading curriculum has been adopted; fewer 1:1 aides have been assigned to the program.

Don Leonard noted that even with the increase in tuition for the full-day option, districts would save money. With the full-day option all students would not require 1:1 aides; transportation costs would be reduced; district staff would no longer be assigned to these students when they returned to their home districts for half of the day.

Motion #4: That the Directing Board adopt the budget of \$21,163,987 as the preliminary FY 11 LADSE budget. This budget may be adjusted to cover the cost of any additional requests by a member district to purchase additional services for the 2010-11 school year and any subsequent revisions approved by the Board prior to the adoption of the final budget.

Moved by Dr. Armanetti; seconded by Mr. Griesbach. 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 Schillingburg (102); Dr. Michael Warner (103); Dr. Arleen Armanetti (106); Dr. Mark Fredisdorf (107); Dr. Tim Kilrea (204); Dr. David Bonnette (208); Dr. Nicholas Wahl (86); Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Dr. Mark Kuzniewski (95); Dr. Glenn Schlichting (105); Dr. Robert Sabatino (181). Motion carried.

LADSE REVISED ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

Motion #5: That the Directing Board approve the Revised LADSE Articles of Agreement as presented.

Moved by Mr. Pellicci; seconded by Dr. Sophie. 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 Schillingburg (102); Dr. Michael Warner (103); Dr. Arleen Armanetti (106); Dr. Mark Fredisdorf (107); Dr. Tim Kilrea (204); Dr. David Bonnette (208); Dr. Nicholas Wahl (86); Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Dr. Mark Kuzniewski (95); Dr. Glenn Schlichting (105); Dr. Robert Sabatino (181). Motion carried.

#### ISBE'S RTI/LD GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

Dr. Surber's PowerPoint highlighted key components of the just-released ISBE "Illinois Special Education Eligibility and Entitlement Procedures and Criteria within a Response to Intervention (RtI) Framework: A Guidance Document." The guidance document is designed to provide Illinois school districts a framework for using RtI to determine a student's eligibility for and entitlement to special education services. In accordance with 23 Illinois Administrative Code 226.130, beginning with the 2010-2011 school year districts must use a process that determines how a child responds to scientific, research-based interventions as part of the evaluation procedures to determine special education eligibility under the category of specific learning disability (SLD). While this requirement is specific to SLD, districts also have the option of using such a process as part of the evaluation procedures for other disability categories.

Dr. Sue Gallagher is considered a national expert and will continue to be LADSE's lead person in assisting districts with the implementation of and compliance with RtI mandates. Key communicators and LADSE psychologists will attend a four-hour meeting on April 6 to review the ISBE document. The document can be found at [www.isbe.net](http://www.isbe.net) – Special Education: What's New – "Special Education Eligibility and Entitlement within an RtI Framework: A Guidance Document."

#### LADSE VISION/MISSION

From the year-long process of surveying and meeting with district and LADSE staff and community members, a draft of the new LADSE Mission, Vision, Belief Statements and tagline was presented as first reading. This will be brought back to the Board for approval at the May meeting.

#### MAY DIRECTING BOARD MEETING

The next Directing Board meeting is Wednesday May 26. Expected items for discussion/action:

- Report from Executive Director Search Committee
- Action on the final FY11 budget: CD full-day option decision; non-collective bargaining salaries
- District 181 withdrawal decision

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion #5: That the LADSE Directing Board adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Moved by Dr. Martin; seconded by Mr. Griesbach.

Voice Vote: All present voted Aye.

Motion carried.