

LAGRANGE AREA DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
DIRECTING BOARD MEETING
Open Session Meeting – 8:35 a.m.
Wednesday, May 26, 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. Mark Kuzniewski (95); Dr. Jon Lamberson (96); Dr. Brian Barnhart (101) (arrived 8:40); Dr. Warren Schillingburg (102); Dr. Michael Warner (103); Dr. Glenn Schlichting (105); Dr. Arleen Armanetti (106) (arrived 8:40); Dr. Mark Fredisdorf (107); Dr. Robert Sabatino (181); Dr. Tim Kilrea (204); Dr. David Bonnette (208); Dr. Nicholas Wahl (86).

Board Members Absent: None.

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

Visitors Present: Paula Cacossa

CALL TO ORDER

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

VISITORS' COMMENTS

There were no visitors' comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion #1: That the Directing Board approves the consent agenda as follows:
- A. Meeting Minutes: March 3, 2010 Regular; May 12, 2010 Special
 - B. Personnel Actions
 - B. LADSE Cumulative Revenue/Expenditure Monthly Report
 - C. Needs Assessment
 - D. FY11 Federal Grants
 - E. Disposal of Surplus Property
 - F. FY11 Supply Bid
 - G. PACE Bus Company Assurances
 - H. Technology Policy 4.09
 - I. LADSE Mission/Vision/Beliefs
 - J. WIA Grant Checking Account

CONSENT AGENDA (cont.)

Moved by Dr. Martin; 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. Mark Kuzniewski (95); Dr. Jon Lamberson (96); Dr. Brian Barnhart (101); Dr. Warren Schillingburg (102); Dr. Michael Warner (103); Dr. Glenn Schlichting (105); 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. Arleen Armanetti (106). Motion carried.

STATUS REPORT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S GOALS

Dr. Surber reviewed the report which was provided in the Directing Board packet. Goals for 2010-11 will be brought to the Board in October.

LADSE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

The Directing Board approved the revised Articles of Agreement at its March 3, 2010 meeting. As of this date, the Articles of Agreement have been approved by 15 of LADSE's 17 member district's Boards of Education.

- Butler District 53 on April 12, 2010
- Darien District 61 on March 23, 2010
- Gower District 62 on April 20, 2010
- Komarek District 94 on March 9, 2010
- Brookfield/LaGrange Park District 95 on April 22, 2010
- Riverside District 96 on April 20, 2010
- Western Springs District 101 on March 15, 2010
- LaGrange/LaGrange Park District 102 March 29, 2010
- Lyons District 103 on March 29, 2010
- LaGrange District 105 on April 26, 2010
- LaGrange Highlands District 106 on May 18, 2010
- Pleasantdale District 107 on April 21, 2010
- Hinsdale Consolidated District 181 on March 8, 2010
- Hinsdale Township High School District 86 on May 24, 2010
- Riverside/Brookfield High School District 208 on April 13, 2010

With the approval of a majority of LADSE's member districts, the revised LADSE Articles of Agreement are officially adopted and will be submitted, as required, to ISBE.

District 204 is the owner of the land on which LADSE's administrative building is standing. The District is concerned that its interest in this property be protected in the event the cooperative should be dissolved. The District has an attorney looking into language for amendment to the Articles that will protect their property interest. Dr. Kilrea noted that this is purely to protect its interests and in no way anything against LADSE. District 204 supports LADSE.

LADSE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT – cont.

Dr. Sophie, District 92 1/2, stated that her Board would not approve the Articles. Board members are very cautious because when the district left its last cooperative to join LADSE there were unanticipated fiscal issues to resolve. Dr. Surber and Don Leonard will attend District 92 ½'s Board of Education meeting to address in person the Board's issues.

Dr. Martin, District 53, stated that the District's law firm is reviewing the Articles for possible amendment to add a more detailed process for amending the Articles and a provision to add new members.

Dr. Fredisdorf recommended the districts who are interested in making amendments form an ad hoc committee to coordinate presenting amendments to the Directing Board. Dr. Surber will be a member of this committee. He will have LADSE legal counsel review final proposed amendments.

DISTRICT 181 WITHDRAWAL FROM LADSE

Dr. Sabatino, Interim Superintendent of District 181, reported that at its May 24, 2010 meeting the District 181 Board of Education voted 7-0 to withdraw from LADSE. The District will begin the ISBE required process for withdrawal.

CHANGE IN AGENDA

There was Board consensus to move the FY11 Budget Approval to after Closed Session.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Gallagher, LADSE administrator, reported that LADSE will provide a number of different formats for professional development for next year. LADSE can provide professional development on par with outside presenters who charge large fees.

- It is recognized that LADSE psychologists have much expertise in many areas. Key communicators have been provided a list of psychologists and their area of expertise/support. Next year Dr. Gallagher will coordinate district requests for these specific trainings.
- The goal for next year is to increase site-based training in the settings where teachers are working, targeting topics specific to the needs of the district/building. And, during the 2010-11 school year, LADSE will increase the opportunities for planned follow-up essential to effective training. Key communicators have been provided a menu of possible professional development topics geared to three groups: special education teachers, general education teachers, school leaders. Deb Hurley-Bularzik, LADSE administrator, noted that LADSE had provided very well received site-based, topic-specific trainings recently to Districts 53, 96, 86 and 208.
- George Batsche will conduct a half-day RtI workshop on June 14 which is geared toward Principals, but other school administrators are welcomed to attend. Principals will be more involved next year with increased data collection which will be shared with Superintendents.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

LADSE's job is to align with district goals and standards. To this end, best practice and LADSE's goals for next year: 1) Professional development is job-embedded connecting to the work of teaching; and 2) Professional development includes planned follow up.

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM

Dr. Surber thanked Dr. Fredisdorf and the District 107 Board of Education for again hosting the LADSE ESY program. There will be 225 students and 110 staff in 4 multi-needs, 3 CD, and 4 cross-categorical classes. ESY is in session from June 15 thru July 16, with July 2 and 5 non-attendance days.

2010-11 DIRECTING BOARD MEETING DATES

Wednesday, October 6, 2010
Wednesday, November 3, 2010
Wednesday, January 19, 2011
Wednesday, March 2, 2011
Wednesday, May 25, 2011
LADSE Annual Dinner – October 27, 2010

RECOGNITION – DR. ARMANETTI

Dr. Surber recognized Dr. Armanetti, Superintendent of District 106, for her contributions to the LADSE Directing Board. Dr. Armanetti is retiring from her position in District 106 at the end of this school year.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion #2: That the Directing Board adjourn into closed session at 9:10 for the purposes of discussion of the Executive Director's search and compensation for specific employees of LADSE.

Moved by Dr. Sophie, seconded by Mark Kuzniewski.
All present voted Aye.
Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

Motion #3: That the Directing Board adjourn closed session and reconvene in open session at 10:20 a.m.

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. Mark Kuzniewski (95); Dr. Jon Lamberson (96); Dr. Brian Barnhart (101); Dr. Warren Schillingburg (102); Dr. Michael Warner (103); Dr. Glenn Schlichting (105); 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: None. Motion carried.

FY 11 LADSE BUDGET

Dr. Fredisdorf reported that the Fiscal Committee reviewed the final budget at its 7:45 a.m. meeting this morning and recommends adoption by the LADSE Directing Board.

Motion #4: That the Directing Board adopt the LADSE budget for 2010–2011 fiscal year. The budget may be adjusted to cover the cost of any additional request by a member district to purchase services for the school year, changes to ARRA IDEA sub-grants written by member districts, or due to further board action.

Moved by Dr. Warner; seconded by Mr. Kuzniewski.

Voting Aye: 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 Schillingburg (102); Dr. Michael Warner (103); Dr. Glenn Schlichting (105); 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: None. Motion carried.

NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FY 11 SALARIES

Motion #5: That the Directing Board approve a sum of money to be used for FY11 non-collective staff salary increases not to exceed 2.8% of the salaries budgeted in FY10 for non-collective bargaining staff.

Moved by Dr. Sophie; seconded by Dr. Kilrea.

Voting Aye: 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 Schillingburg (102); Dr. Michael Warner (103); Dr. Glenn Schlichting (105); 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: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #6: That the LADSE Directing Board adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Moved by Dr. Wahl; seconded by Dr. Warner.

All present voted Aye.

Motion carried.