

LEMONT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 210

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

March 17, 2025

The Board of Education of Lemont Township High School District 210, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois, met for its regular meeting in the Board Room on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

President Korte called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The following members were present: Antonopoulos, Kardas, Marzec, and Korte

Absent: Member Gray, Member Koehler, and Member Driscoll

Commencement of Closed Session

It was moved by Member Marzec, seconded by Member Antonopoulos, that the Board of Education move into Closed Session for the purpose of:

- Personnel – appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act.
(5ILCS120/2(c)(1))

Upon the roll being called, the Members voted as follows:

Aye: Kardas, Marzec, Antonopoulos, and Korte

Nay: None

Whereupon the President declared the motion duly carried and the Board of Education moved into Closed Session at 6:00 p.m.

Member Driscoll arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Conclusion of Closed Session

It was moved by Member Antonopoulos, seconded by member Marzec, that the Closed Session be concluded.

Upon the roll being called, the Members voted as follows:

Aye: Driscoll, Kardas, Marzec, Antonopoulos, and Korte

Nay: None

Whereupon the President declared the motion duly carried and the Board of Education concluded its Closed Session at 6:56 p.m.

Moment of Silence for Mr. Mark Hollatz & Pledge of Allegiance

Awards and Recognitions

Ben George, Annabelle Franzese, Nick Persak, and Vikram Oberai were recognized as Student of the Month recipients for the month of March 2025. Lemont businessman, Brad Grcevic of Edward Jones Inc., on behalf of the March Students of the Month, will make a donation to The Trevor Project.

Mr. Doherty, Assistant Principal, recognized the following:

- Nora Thornber - 3rd Place (Impromptu Speaking), 2025 IHSA Speech State Finals
- Chess - Qualifier, 2025 IHSA Chess State Finals

Mr. Sommerfeld, Director of Athletics, recognized the following:

- Special Olympics - Basketball Skills Regional Competition
- Claire Young - Qualifier, 2025 IHSA Girls' Bowling State Finals
- Molly O'Connor - Qualifier, 2025 IHSA Girls' Wrestling State Finals
- Cory Zator - Qualifier, 2025 IHSA Class 2A Boys' Wrestling Individual State Finals
- Judah Heeg - State Champion (190 Pounds), 2025 IHSA Class 2A Wrestling Individual State Finals

Representing the Board of Education, Member Kardas congratulated the students on their accomplishments.

The Board recessed at 7:27 p.m. and reconvened in the Board Room at 7:33 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Presentation

The T3 Committee provided an update on the potential of AI at LHS. They provided a background on where AI has come from, and the future of how it is moving forward. The committee discussed the next steps for AI education and implementation at LHS. The committee is working on developing classroom guidelines and expectations.

Building Administration Reports

As a part of Mr. Michaelson's Principal report, Mr. Doherty provided an update on winter activities, and Mr. Sommerfeld provided an update on winter athletics. Mrs. Malak also provided an update on the EL program.

Ken Parchem, Chief School Business Official, submitted the financial reports as of February 28, 2025. He reviewed the annual budget preparation action item that is on the Consent Agenda.

Dr. Ticknor, Superintendent, thanked the board members, staff members, and students who participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. She highlighted the Bands Dinner Dance and Alumni Hall of Fame, where Mr. Eric Michaelson was inducted as a member. She reviewed her recent NAFIS Conference trip, and discussed Vision 2030.

Approval of Consent Agenda

It was moved by Member Marzec, seconded by Member Koehler, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda consisting of:

- The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2025,
- The Minutes of Closed Sessions of the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2025,
- The Bills through March 17, 2025 totaling \$484,195.54,
- The Payroll in the amounts of:
 - \$641,422.87 for the period ending 02/14/2025,
 - \$645,403.71 for the period ending 02/28/2025,
 - \$ 8,888.06 for the period ending 02/28/2025,
 - \$149,069.23 for the period ending 02/28/2025.

Action Consideration #24-56: Authorized preparation of the FY2026 Budget, set the fiscal year as July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026, and authorized purchases up to 75% of the FY2026 Budget, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Action Consideration #24-57: Approve the IHSA Membership for 2025-2026, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Action Consideration #24-58: Approved the public display of new Spanish and French textbooks from March 18 - April 21, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Action Consideration #24-59: Accept the following donations:

\$20,000 from the Lemont High School Blue and Gold Athletic Boosters to be used for a touch screen display in the Athletic Hallway.

\$7,900 from the Lemont High School Blue and Gold Athletic Boosters to be used for varsity and junior varsity dance team choreography.

\$3,300 from the Lemont High School Blue and Gold Athletic Boosters to be used for a timing system for the Boys' and Girls' track program.

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Nay: None

Whereupon the President declared the motion duly carried.

Information Items

#24-24 Students of the Month

#24-25 FOIA

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(5ILCS120/2(c)(1))

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Aye: Marzec, Antonopoulos, Driscoll, Kardas, and Korte

Nay: None

Whereupon the President declared the motion duly carried and the Board of Education moved into Closed Session at 8:56 p.m.

Conclusion of Closed Session

It was moved by Member Marzec, seconded by member Driscoll, that the Closed Session be concluded.

Upon the roll being called, the Members voted as follows:

Aye: Marzec, Driscoll, Kardas, Antonopoulos, and Korte

Nay: None

Whereupon the President declared the motion duly carried and the Board of Education concluded its Closed Session at 9:51 p.m.

Action Considerations (Personnel)

Action Consideration #24-60: It was moved by Member Antonopoulos, seconded by Member Driscoll, that the Board approve the Personnel Consent Agenda.

CERTIFIED:

1. **HIRE:**

Wendy McCleary, Long-Term Business Substitute, February 26 - May 24, 2025, \$330.90 per day.

2. **CHANGE OF FTE:**

Kristina Bergles, Social Worker, change from .84 to 1.0 FTE for the 2025-2026 school year.

3. **CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT:**

Tina Bialek, from 1.0 FTE science teacher, to 0.5 FTE science teacher and 0.5 FTE Instructional Coach, for the 2025-2026 school year.

4. **OVERLOAD:**

John Aspel, Advanced Accounting, \$4,953.20 for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

NON-CERTIFIED:

1. **HIRE:**

Autum Setta, Administrative Assistant to Athletics & Activities, \$30.00 per hour with a start date of April 14, 2025.*

2. **RETIREMENT:**

Debra Grand, Paraeducator, effective May 24, 2025.

Judy Morton, Accounts Payable, effective December 31, 2025.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

1. RESIGNATION:

Jessica Mathias, Assistant Boys' Volleyball Coach, effective March 6, 2025.

*Contingent upon successful completion of all required documents and background checks.

Upon the roll being called, the Members voted as follows:

Aye: Antonopoulos, Kardas, Marzec, Driscoll, and Korte

Nay: None

Whereupon the President declared the motion duly carried.

Action Consideration #24-61: It was moved by Member Marzec, seconded by Member Driscoll, that the Board approve the Employment Contract for Ken Parchem, Chief School Business Official, as presented.

Upon the roll being called, the Members voted as follows:

Aye: Kardas, Driscoll, Marzec, Antonopoulos, and Korte

Nay: None

Whereupon the President declared the motion duly carried.

Action Consideration #24-62: It was moved by Member Antonopoulos, seconded by Member Kardas, that the Board approve the Employment Contract for Wesley Rozanski, Director of Technology, as presented.

Upon the roll being called, the Members voted as follows:

Aye: Driscoll, Kardas, Marzec, Antonopoulos, and Korte

Nay: None

Whereupon the President declared the motion duly carried.

Action Consideration #24-63: It was moved by Member Antonopoulos, seconded by Member Driscoll, that the Board approve the Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal at the end of the 2024-2025 school year for Wendy McCleary, John Kennedy Jr., and Egan Berta, as presented.

Upon the roll being called, the Members voted as follows:

Aye: Kardas, Driscoll, Antonopoulos, Marzec and Korte

Nay: None

Whereupon the President declared the motion duly carried.

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Kardas, seconded by Member Marzec, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

Upon the roll being called, the Members voted as follows:

Aye: Marzec, Antonopoulos, Driscoll, Kardas, and Korte

Nay: None

Whereupon the President declared the motion duly carried, and the March 17, 2025 regular meeting of the Board of Education adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Kurt Korte, President
Board of Education

Michael J. Kardas, Sr., Secretary
Board of Education

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Commencement:	It was moved by Member Marzec, seconded by Member Antonopoulos, to go into Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. Closed Session was audio recorded.
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Absent:	Gary Gray Renee Koehler
Administration Present:	Dr. Mary Ticknor Eric Michaelson Ken Parchem
Others Present:	Dr. Rob Grossi, Illuminate
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Conclusion:

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