

Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, February 11, 2025 7:00 PM Central

Lake Bluff School District Office
121 E Sheridan Place
Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Laura Breakstone: Present
Amy Connell-Donohue: Present
Richard Driver: Present
Anne Hill: Present
Lauren Hirsh: Present
Tim Penich: Present
Carrie Steinbach: Present
Present: 7.

1. 6:45 P.M. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER
CLOSED SESSION a) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) b) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

2. 7:00 P.M. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Pledge was recited.

4. MISSION, VISION, MOTTO:
MISSION: Ensure academic achievement and personal growth for all students through innovative and engaging educational opportunities.
VISION: An inclusive community of motivated learners who are inspired to change the world through exploration and collaboration.
MOTTO: Excellence in Education, Enthusiasm for Life, Every Student, Every Day.
Our new student BOE rep, Nancy, read our Mission, Vision and Motto.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT - Anne Hill
No public comment.

6. ADDITION OF DISCUSSION ITEM
A suggestion was made to add a discussion item about curriculum at both LBES and LBMS.

7. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

7.A. Introduction of new Student Board Representatives - Dr. Lisa Leali
Dr. Leali announced that we have two amazing new Student Board Reps who introduced themselves. Nancy is a 7th grader and Jamison is in 6th grade. Board member, Laura

Breakstone will serve as their mentor, Dr. Leali and Mrs. Breakstone have already spent time onboarding Nancy and Jamison.

7.B. Community Youth Summit Update - Dr. Lisa Leali

The Community Wellness Task Force has been working to bring back the Youth Summit. Croya 8th, 9th & 10th graders from D115, D67 and D65 along with possible representatives from area private schools will be participating. The students will review social media data and will brainstorm next steps in breakout groups. Staff will be present to facilitate the conversations.

7.C. Student Device Replacement Fees - Kevin Kolcz

Kevin Kolcz reviewed the Student Device Replacement Fees, recommending different tiers. The details can be found in the board packet. Kevin indicated that we have only replaced two iPad cases so far this year and the fees help promote care and responsibility. We will continue to be very transparent with the details.

7.D. Special Ed Transportation Vendors - Jay Kahn

Jay Kahn discussed our Special Education Transportation options and background. The majority of special education transportation travels around 10 miles to True North, and we partner with Lake Forest to share transportation when possible. Safeway and Septran are two transportation companies that are approved by the Lake Forest school districts. At Lake Bluff, we have accepted bids from other companies including First Alt (part of First Student) and Britelift, Inc. as well. In keeping with policy, Mr. Kahn also noted we will be accepting bids for our regular bus transportation since we are at ten years with Olson Transportation. Details can be found in the board packet.

7.E. RJB Night Custodial Transition - Jay Kahn

Upon issues with our new custodial service, GSF, RJB won the bid to transition prior to the original June contract date with full cooperation from GSF. We will have a one-year contract with RJB for 25-26 school year with the option to renew up to four more years, following which is our maximum contract for extensions. Details can be found in the board packet.

7.F. Konica Copy/Print Services Contract - Jay Kahn

Jay Kahn reported that our current copy/print contract expires in June. We have been approached by Konica with a very attractive offer for new machines. Our current company, Cannon, that we have had a good experience with, would like to submit a competitive renewal as well, so we are in a good position. Mr. Kahn will bring details once available.

7.G. Press Policy Packet 117 - 1st Read - Dr. Lisa Leali

Dr. Leali reported that Press Policy Packet 117 was basically a review with minor changes. The Update Memo in the board packet is a good summary reference.

7.H. District Communication and Social Media Engagement - Dr. Lisa Leali

Dr. Leali recapped the report conducted by Allerton Hill Communications that can be found in the board packet. Aside from the social media statistics, we are starting conversations with our staff to find a balance with social media engagement. Instead of posting on social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc) we are looking for a workable solution to keep parents engaged in what is happening in the classroom, while keeping students safe. Our student reps suggested

having the teachers make their accounts private. Returning to SeeSaw has been an option for LBES. Regardless, we are addressing consistency throughout our staff.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT - Anne Hill

No public comment.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm. This motion, made by Tim Penich and seconded by Amy Connell-Donohue, Passed.

Laura Breakstone: Yea, Amy Connell-Donohue: Yea, Richard Driver: Yea, Anne Hill: Yea, Lauren Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.