

LYNCOURT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
February 3, 2009
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Lawrence Salamino called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was held in the Library Media Center Board Room.

Present: Lawrence Salamino, Julia Rivero, David Florczyk, Michael Leonardo and Joseph Tartaro (6:20 P.M.)

Absent: None

Also Present: Michael Schiedo, Superintendent
James Austin, Principal
Katie Mahoney, Director of Special Education
James Stevens, School Business Administrator

Visitors: Kathy Cunningham, Lyncourt PT
Heather Resseguie, Lyncourt OT
Jennie Prunner, Lyncourt resident
Heather Tennant, Lyncourt teacher and resident
George Vasilev, Lyncourt teacher

Approve Addendum to Agenda and Make it Part of Official Order of Business. There was no addendum to the agenda.

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IV. Educational Presentation

A. OT/PT Presentation: Heather Resseguie/Kathy Cunningham – Information/Discussion

Superintendent Michael Schiedo introduced Heather Resseguie-OT and Kathy Cunningham-PT, who provided the Board with an OT/PT presentation. Kathy and Heather made the following comments:

- They thanked the Board and the administrative leadership for their 'top down' strong support of the OT/PT program at Lyncourt UFSD. This is manifested by the spaciousness and climate controlled environment of the OT/PT (previous Board Room) room, referring to the room as 'a godsend'. They are 'in awe' of this support.
- They greatly appreciate the provision of necessary equipment such as the steel suspended equipment swing-set/rope/exercise framework, accessory padding, balls, furniture, computer, etc.
- They both feel very welcome and included in the Lyncourt family.
- Lyncourt UFSD is extremely responsive to the OT/PT needs of students.
- They feel that the Lyncourt UFSD support of their program is second to none.
- They spoke of the calming effects that their equipment has upon students—in particular, the swing set—in which a student stated 'the swing made me feel like heaven'.
- Kathy sees 8 students a day, Heather sees 15 students a day.
- They presented the Board with a large 'Thank you!' card which was made by their students. The card will be laminated and displayed.
- The Board was very appreciative of their comments.

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B. USAGraduate.com STEM Competition – Information/Discussion

Michael Schiedo introduced mathematics teacher Heather Tennant who described the STEM Competition program which is an acronym for S/Science; T/Technology; E/Engineering; M/Mathematics. She stated that:

- Corporate sponsors include Syracuse University, The MOST, Clear Channel, SUNY-ESF and SENSIS.
- In this program/competition, middle school students from a number of school districts go online and complete weekly quizzes on each of the four subject areas of STEM. Scores are tabulated and winning students receive prizes. These prizes include I-POD Shuffles, a computer, and gift certificates. Two of our students have already won I-PODS.
- Students can earn extra credit/points toward their coursework pending successful completion of the on-line quizzes.
- The purpose of the program is to cultivate student interest in the four subject areas.
- Teacher support of the program is strong. Chenelle Horton works with 6th grade students, Heather works with 7th grade students and Donna Erikson works with 8th grade students.
- Heather showed the Board a demo quiz and the teacher page of the web-site.
- The presentation was well received.

V . Old Business

A. IRS Mileage Rate Change – Discussion/Action

It was agreed that future re-organizational meetings would contain language that the school district would reimburse travel at the IRS rates applicable to the existing calendar year.

MOTION by Julia Riverso, seconded by Michael Leonardo to change the IRS mileage rate for 2009 to 55 cents per mile per the recently received IRS announcement on this topic.

VOTE:

AYES - 5

NAYS - 0

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D. BOE Election Schedule – Information/Discussion

Michael Schiedo reviewed the material in the Board packet. The seats held by David Florczyk and Joseph Tartaro are up for election.

E. Sustaining PBIS – Information/Discussion

Michael Schiedo recommended that the district continue its' participation in the PBIS program Basic Plan for an annual BOCES aidable cost of \$3,500.00, for the 2009-2010 school year.

VIII. Board Members' Reports

A. Member Reports

David Florczyk commented that a recent mailing by the NYSSBA was extremely wasteful of paper and postage.

Joseph Tartaro welcomed Michael Leonardo to the Lyncourt Little League. He will serve as the softball coordinator.

1. Legislative Liaison
2. Budget Committee

B. Future Agenda Items

IX. Public Comments

The Lyncourt Union Free School District Board of Education welcomes and encourages public input and comments. Board meetings are open meetings held in public, but are not public meetings in the sense of traditional town meetings. The Board accepts and understands its obligation to represent and to listen to the community. As such, specific times for public comments are offered at the beginning and near the end of every Board meeting. Members of the public are also encouraged to contact Board members before or after board meetings to express concerns. The Board reserves the right to encourage or exclude comment at any other time. Public comments, at Board meetings, are welcomed within a controlled forum format, as facilitated by the Board President, which does not permit open discussion of confidential issues, such as, but not limited to, student discipline and personnel performance. Issues of a confidential nature would be forwarded to the superintendent for further review and response.

There were no public comments at this time.

