

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE PARK DISTRICT OF LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS  
HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
536 EAST AVENUE, LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS**

**MARCH 7, 2016**

**President Penicook called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Vear

ABSENT: Commissioners Ashby, Lacey

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Dean Bissias, Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej, Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher, Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn, Superintendent of BASE Leanna Hartung, Recording Secretary Ginger Zeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jim Rock, Attorney Dan Bolin, Treasurer Rob Metzger, Dan McKenna, Dan Roche, Michael O'Connell

President Penicook welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for changes to the agenda.

**Communications, Presentations & Declarations**

*Public Comments/Participation (Board Manual Section #152)*

None

*Acknowledgment and Recognition of Boy Scout Troop #33*

Boy Scout Leader Rob Metzger brought members of his Troop#33 to experience the Park District board meeting. Dan McKenna, Dan Roche, and Michael O'Connell introduced themselves. They are all residents of La Grange.

**Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Vear motioned to approve Item 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 8, 2016; Item 3.2 Approval of the Financial Report dated February 29, 2016; Item 3.4 Approval of the Consolidated Vouchers for March dated March 7, 2016; Item 3.4 Approval and Authorization of bids for the purchase of (1) 2016 XLT and (1)2016 Ford Transit Van. Commissioner Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Vear  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Commissioners Ashby, Lacey

### **Staff Reports**

#### *Director's Report*

##### *ADA Improvements to the Administration/Recreation Center*

Director Bissias and President Penicook explained the American Disability Act (ADA) for the benefit of the boy scouts attending. They explained how Congress passed this act in 1992 for buildings to comply with requirements for all persons to have accessibility. The Rec Center was built before this act, however, we have 10 years to update our doors, drinking fountains, and bathrooms to meet these requirements. The bathrooms upstairs, drinking fountains and some doors have been changed. Director Bissias hopes to address other doorways next year in the Capital Budget.

##### *MBO's and Budget Meeting*

Director Bissias reminded the Board of the MBO and Budget meeting next Monday, March 14, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. They should send any new MBO's to him ahead of time.

##### *Contract with Chicago Bulls/White Sox Academy*

Director Bissias stated he is still working on the contract with the White Sox. He hopes to have a contract for the Board in the next few months.

#### *Staff Comments*

Superintendent of Finance Leynette Kuniej stated tax money is coming in and she is working on the budget.

Superintendent of Recreation Laura Gallagher stated Breakfast with the Bunny is this week. The Tween Flashlight Egg Hunt is a popular event with about 100 9-14 year olds attending next Friday. She asked the Board for their help at the March 19 Easter Egg Hunt at Sedgwick Park.

Superintendent Gallagher has been involved with ProConnect, a formalized mentoring program. The program has officially ended however she will continue to meet with her group.

Superintendent of BASE Leanna Hartung stated in her board report that we had 35 BASE full time registrations for next year. As of this evening, there were 115 registrations. The most complaints are coming from Ogden School where they have 36 registrations thus far.

Director Bissias thanked staff for participating in the first annual St. Patrick parade in Countryside last weekend. They used the new bus from SEASPAR.

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Director Bissias stated even though he is still receiving calls about the revised BASE fees for next year, we are still moving forward. He met with the principals of the schools regarding the early dismissal Wednesday problem. They will work on it more after registration is complete.

Superintendent of Facilities Chris Finn stated that rentals are booming. The front desk is busy with open gym and will be even busier during spring break if the weather is bad and the children come inside. He is working with user groups for the gym and fields. They are anxious to use the fields now but they are too wet to use.

**Attorney Report**

None

**Treasurer Report**

Board Treasurer Rob Metzger stated he met with Superintendent of Finance Kuniej, Director Bissias and Commissioner Ashby last week to discuss the budget. He stated we are ahead of budget for 2015-2016. He praised Director Bissias and his team for keeping on track. He looked at the 2016 budget. He was impressed with how they prepare the budget from the ground up instead of looking at the previous year. The Board should feel good about where the numbers are.

Director Bissias stated the budget will be discussed next Monday at the MBO meeting. If anyone has questions, please let him know.

**Action Items**

None

**Board Business**

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Committee Reports**

*Administration Committee*

None

*Public Relations Committee*

None

*Finance & Capital Project Committee*

None

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*User Group Committee*

None

**Public Comments (Board Manual Section #152)**

None

**Board Comments**

Commissioner Vear thanked the Boy Scouts for coming to the meeting and reminded them that volunteers are always appreciated.

Commissioner Walsh seconded Commissioner Vear's statement and added this was a short meeting and some Eagle Scouts have sat in those chairs for a lot longer.

President Penicook commented this was a quick meeting and sometimes they are more complicated and longer. She invited the Boy Scouts to come back and participate in another meeting. She mentioned the Park District is a great place for Eagle Scout projects as Director Bissias has been part of 13 Eagle projects.

**Executive Session**

At 7:20 P.M. Commissioner Walsh motioned the Board convene to Executive Session pursuant to Item 12.1 Potential Claims and/or Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)11; Item 12.5 Review of Closed Executive Session Minutes, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21). Commissioner Vear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote as follows:

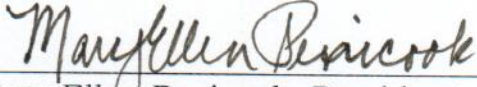
AYES: Commissioners Penicook, Walsh, Vear  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Commissioners Ashby, Lacey

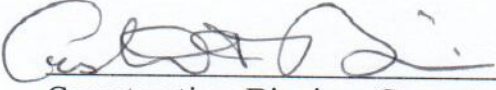
The Regular Board Meeting resumed at 7:51 P.M.

Commissioner Walsh motioned not to release any further Executive Session Minutes as reviewed and required by law. Commissioner Vear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Walsh moved for adjournment at 7:51 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vear and passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

  
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Mary Ellen Penicook, President

  
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Constantine Bissias, Secretary  
*Approved 4/11/2016*