

LAKE MEETING REPORT

March 3, 2009 6 PM Wooden Nickel Perimeter

To: LAKE Membership

From: Bill Eger/Gale Thomas Eger

Re: Work session of Lowndes Board of Education (Agenda included)

TIMES article on Valdosta Board of Education and rezoning

Additional Information: Regional meeting of County Boards of Election (Agenda included)(As a poll manager in 2008, Bill Eger was asked to attend this meeting, 3/3/09 – Board Office)

Work Session – Lowndes BOE – HIGHLIGHTS

Hosts: Lowndes High Culinary Arts Department

BOE Members in Attendance: Phillip Poole (Chair) Fred Davis (Asst.Chair)
Bill Herring, Fred Wetherington, Mike Davis, Dave Clark,
Jason Wisenbaker (absent)

*****Approximately 200 faculty and staff members were present and were permitted to leave after refreshments and student produced video on campus activities.**

MEETING:-Main Goal of Board and Schools:

TO MEET AYP (ANNUAL YEARLY PROGRESS) STANDARDS

LHS

“Diploma Cover” - mock diploma cover that when opened lists all the reasons to stay in school. Given to potential drop outs. (Counselors)

2754 students at LHS. In the spring graduation test, 93% of students scored satisfactory. Math, Science, Social Studies, English...all major areas, scored at or above state averages. SAT average student is 1006. Graduation rate is 78.9% versus the state 75.4. Dropout rate is 3.5% versus 3.6% for the state.

Brief discussion of sponsors for extra curricular activities (other than sports) both formal and informal, receiving extra pay.

Discussed revisions for student/parent handbook and dress codes.

Eligibility of students in extra curricular activities: Georgia High School Association Guidelines were the foundation but LHS wants to carry it forward so that students would be rewarded for academic performance by being able to participate in these events. (No Pass/No Play has been in place for sometime, but is now being revisited.)