

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING,
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, DECEMBER 13, 1993**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, December 13, 1993 at approximately 7:00 p.m. at the Glenbrook High Schools Administration Building, pursuant to due notice to all members and the public.

The president called the meeting to order. Upon calling of the roll, the following members answered present: Baschnagel, Bubak, Conlin, Goldstein, Lyons, Vincent. Absent: McConachie. Mrs. McConachie arrived at approximately 7:05 p.m. Also present: Court, Freeman, Gatta, Gross, Herrick, Lacivita, McClellan, McGrew, Pommerenke, Schilling, Smith.

DISCUSSION OF TAX LEVY PROCESS

Dr. Schilling described the levy process, including the procedure for determining the loss and cost levy. He also reviewed the three year financial plan approved by the Board on October 25, 1993. Dr. Schilling described the assumptions used in preparing the plan and the objectives of the plan. He reported that the plan projected tax levy increases of approximately 5% per year for the next three years. He indicated the levy increase contained in the plan for this year was 5.64% and the plan called for a reduction of \$650,000 in projected expenses for the 1994-95 school year.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 22, 1993

Motion by Mrs. Vincent, seconded by Dr. Conlin, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and closed session meeting of November 22, 1993.

Upon call for a vote on the motion, all present voted aye.*

Motion carried.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Dr. Conlin reported on his visit to Glenbrook South instructional supervisors' meeting and indicated he was impressed with the issues discussed at the meeting. He also reported that the North Suburban Special Education District (NSSED) is beginning a search for a new executive director.

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Mr. Lyons gave a status report on the work of the Glenview Naval Air Station Closure Task Force. He indicated several of the existing units have requested to remain at the Air Station.

Dr. McGrew requested a Board member to speak at the evening high school graduation on January 21, 1994. He reported that the annual Ed-RED dinner would be held on February 17, 1994. Dr. McGrew also commented on the excellent performance of *Hamlet* at Glenbrook North and on the outstanding performance of the boys and girls basketball teams.

REMARKS BY JODY WADHWA, CHAIRMAN, OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jody Wadhwa addressed the Board and encouraged increased cooperation between the high districts and Oakton Community College to continue improving education in the community. Mr. Wadhwa suggested that all the north shore high school district boards and the Oakton board meet and explore ways to work cooperatively in the future. Margaret Lee, vice president for academic affairs at Oakton, also addressed the Board and spoke of increased cooperative efforts between the school districts.

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS

Bernice Reder, 2104 Valley Lo Lane, Glenview, asked why additional dimmer lights were being proposed for the Glenbrook North auditorium. Dr. Schilling responded that only a part of the required dimmers were purchased last year and the remaining ones were being requested at this time.

Jason Bondy, Schaumburg, identified himself as Dr. Conlin's stepson and he began to report on personal issues between himself and his stepfather during his freshman year. Mr. Lyons ruled Mr. Bondy out of order because Board policy states that comments on topics not subject to the jurisdiction of the Board shall be out of order.

ADOPTION OF 1993 TAX LEVY RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Mr. Bubak, seconded by Mrs. McConachie, to adopt the following three resolutions:

1. Resolution of Township High School District No. 225, Cook County, Illinois Providing for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 1993,
2. Resolution of Township High School District No. 225, Cook County, Illinois Providing for the Levy of Taxes for Special Education Purposes for the Year 1993, and
3. Resolution Creating the Working Cash Fund of Glenbrook High School District No. 225, Cook County, Illinois and Levying a Direct Annual Tax Therefor.

The total levy of \$43,723,603 would represent an increase of 5.64% over the previous total levy.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Baschnagel, Bubak, Conlin, Goldstein, Lyons, McConachie, Vincent

nay: none

Motion carried.

Note: See attached agenda item #7

APPROVAL OF DUPLICATING EQUIPMENT FOR GLENBROOK NORTH

Motion by Mrs. Vincent, seconded by Mr. Goldstein, to approve a sixty month lease/purchase agreement with the Xerox Corporation to lease/purchase a Xerox 5090 duplication system for Glenbrook North at a total cost of \$189,480.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Bubak, Conlin, Goldstein, Lyons, McConachie, Vincent, Baschnagel

nay: none

Motion carried.

Note: See attached agenda item #8

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

The president asked if any Board member wished to have any item removed from the consent agenda for a separate vote. No Board member requested to have an item removed from the consent agenda.

Motion by Mrs. Vincent, seconded by Dr. Conlin, to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1.) to accept the resignations of the following non-certificated staff as recommended by the director of personnel:

RESIGNATIONS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
CHING, Julie	Paraprofessional	12-17-93	South
TYSON, Daniel	Support	11-19-93	South
BAYLEN, Christopher	Custodian	12-01-93	South

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2.) to accept the appointment of the following non-certificated staff as recommended by the director of personnel:

APPOINTMENTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
JACOBS, Peter (rep. D. Tyson)	Support	11-21-93	South	\$26,382/yr.
COURTER, Dana (rep. G. Kamin on maternity leave)	Paraprofessional	12-13-93	Off-Campus	\$8.76/hr.
SCANLON, Catherine (rep. J. Ching)	Paraprofessional	12-13-93	South	\$10.51/hr.

3.) to approve the appointment of James Bloch as the Glenbrook North Associate Principal for the 1994-95 school year as recommended by Dr. McGrew.

4.) to approve Glenbrook South social studies teacher Patricia Iverson's leave of absence for the 1994-95 school year.

5.) to approve a Remediation Plan for Teacher #1 (1993-94).

6.) to approve the issuance of vendor check Nos. 086337 through 086692, in the amount of \$631,925.84, as listed on the attached check list dated December 13, 1993.

7.) to approve the reissuing of replacement checks and to ratify the issuance of advance checks totalling \$88,021.94, less canceled checks totaling \$203.00, for a net of \$87,818.94 as shown on the attached Supplemental Bill List dated December 13, 1993.

8.) to approve the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund disbursements for the month of November, 1993, in the amount of \$58,392.92 represented by checks No. 056803 through 057326, voided checks No. 056805 through 056809, 056963 through 056970, 057081 through 057094 and 057262 through 057266, and canceled check No. 056701.

9.) to ratify the issuance of payroll checks Nos. 60608 through 61373 and 62055 through 62358 inclusive totaling \$2,764,411.97. With adjustments of \$225.13, the gross payroll for the month of November, 1993 was \$2,764,637.10.

10.) to award the bid for installing new dimmer modules in the CPA at Glenbrook North to Chicago Spotlight, Inc., Chicago, at a total cost of \$25,373.

Upon calling of the roll on the consent agenda:

aye: Baschnagel, Bubak, Conlin, Goldstein, Lyons, McConachie, Vincent

nay: none

Motion carried.

Note: See attached agenda item #9

REVIEW OF "VISION" PROPOSAL: THE GLENBROOK ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Bill Babington, chairman of the humane values "vision" committee, described a proposal being submitted by the committee to conduct a pilot during the second semester of this school year of the proposed Glenbrook Advocacy Program. The Advocacy Program would have five purposes which Mr. Babington summarized as follows: 1) to provide every student with meaningful daily contact with an adult advocate, 2) to educate every student in the use of critical thinking processes in making decisions and solving academic and personal problems, 3) to provide every student the opportunity to examine interpersonal and intrapersonal behavior, 4) to inform every student regarding class-specific guidance issues, and 5) to provide every student an opportunity to participate in community service projects.

Mr. Babington described the pilot project and the reasons for conducting it. He indicated the pilot would be conducted from February 14, 1994 to April 28, 1994 with two advocacy groups at Glenbrook North and two advocacy groups at Glenbrook South. At the conclusion of the pilot, a report would be submitted to the Board. Board members asked questions which were answered by Mr. Babington and other members of the committee.

After further discussion, the Board took the following action.

APPROVAL OF "VISION" PROPOSAL: THE GLENBROOK ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Motion by Mrs. McConachie, seconded by Dr. Conlin, to approve piloting the Glenbrook Advocacy Program as described in the document "The Glenbrook Advocacy Program."

Upon call for a vote on the motion, all present voted aye.*

Motion carried.

Note: See attached agenda item #10

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REVIEW OF "VISION" PROPOSAL: PROBLEM-BASED LEARNING COURSE

May Brottman, chairman of the connectivity "vision" committee, and Nate Unterman, presented a proposal requesting Board approval to conduct one section of a one semester course at Glenbrook North titled "Problem Based Learning." The purpose of the course would be to demonstrate the interrelatedness of science and social studies through the examination of real world problems. Ms. Brottman and Mr. Unterman would "team teach" the course which would be offered for junior and senior students starting with the first semester of the 1994-95 school year. Ms. Brottman and Mr. Unterman described the rationale, objectives, and methods of the course and answered questions from Board members.

After further discussion, the Board took the following action.

APPROVAL OF "VISION" PROPOSAL: PROBLEM-BASED LEARNING COURSE

Motion by Mr. Goldstein, seconded by Mrs. McConachie, to approve a one semester course titled "Problem Based Learning" as described in the problem Based Learning Proposal dated December 7, 1993, to be offered during the first and second semester of the 1994-95 school year at Glenbrook North.

Upon call for a vote on the motion, all present voted aye.*

Motion carried.

Note: See attached agenda item #11

REVIEW OF NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION PHYSICS PROPOSAL

Bill Simonsen and Gregg Swackhamer reported to the Board that Mr. Swackhamer had been named as a principal investigator for a National Science Foundation grant awarded to Arizona State University. The purpose of the grant is to develop a new first year physics course based on modeling of physical phenomena which would require students to take greater responsibility for their own learning and to acquire a deeper understanding of physical concepts when compared with traditional first year physics courses. Mr. Swackhamer would be involved in development of curriculum, training other teachers, and developing an assessment of the new course. Mr. Swackhamer would participate in the project for half of his time and continue to teach physics at Glenbrook North the remainder of his time. All expenses involving Mr. Swackhamer's participation in the grant would be reimbursed by the grant.

Members of the Board congratulated Mr. Swackhamer on his selection and asked questions about the new course which were answered by Mr. Swackhamer and Mr. Simonsen. After further discussion, the Board took the following action.

APPROVAL OF NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION PHYSICS PROPOSAL

Motion by Mrs. McConachie, seconded by Dr. Conlin, to authorize Gregg Swackhamer to participate in the National Science Foundation physics grant for half of his time during the second semester of this school year with expenses being reimbursed by the grant.

Upon call for a vote on the motion, all present voted aye.*

Motion carried.

Note: See attached agenda item #12

REVIEW OF 1994-95 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Dr. Conlin stated that he favored the Board considering a longer school year calendar, but would support the proposed calendar.

APPROVAL OF 1994-95 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Motion by Mr. Goldstein, seconded by Mrs. McConachie, to approve the 1994-95 school year calendar. The calendar would contain 182 days for staff and 178 days for students. The school year would begin on Monday, August 22, 1994 for staff and Wednesday, August 24, 1994 for students. The winter recess would begin on Monday, December 19, 1994.

Upon call for a vote on the motion, all present voted aye.*

Motion carried.

Note: See attached agenda item #13

OTHER

Mrs. Vincent stated that questions have been raised as to why homeowner real estate taxes in the township appear to be increasing faster than tax levy increases. Mrs. Vincent recommended that the Board attempt to obtain information on the topic, perhaps in conjunction with other township taxing bodies. Several Board members suggested that the phenomenon might be due to reduced commercial real estate appraisals. Dr. Schilling will obtain information on the topic.

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MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Bubak, seconded by Mrs. McConachie, to move into closed session at approximately 9:40 p.m. to consider collective negotiating matters, and to consider information regarding appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Conlin, Goldstein, Lyons, McConachie, Vincent, Baschnagel,
Bubak

nay: none

Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at approximately 11:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Goldstein, seconded by Dr. Conlin, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:00 p.m.

Upon call for a vote on the motion, all present voted aye.*

Motion carried.

* Means Baschnagel, Bubak, Conlin, Goldstein, Lyons, McConachie and Vincent all voted aye.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

SECRETARY - BOARD OF EDUCATION

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: JAN. 10, 1994
7:30 P.M.

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