

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, APRIL 26, 1999

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, April 26, 1999, at approximately 7:30 p.m. at Glenbrook High Schools Administration Building, pursuant to due notice of all members and the public.

The president called the meeting to order. Upon calling of the roll, the following members answered present: Isenberg, Lerner, Lyons, Rogal, Shact. Absent: Seymour, Wulf. Note: Mr. Seymour arrived at 8:15 p.m. Also Present: Freeman, Hales, Lacivita, Rainier, Riggle, Schilling, Sennholtz, Smith, Taccona.

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS

President Shact asked if any community visitors wished to be recognized. No member of the audience requested to address the Board.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Mr. Shact requested a moment of silence to reflect on the Littleton, Colorado tragedy.

Dr. Hales reviewed the safety plans and procedures in place in our schools and the programs and supportive services we offer students.

Mr. Shact reported that he and the Board vice president would be meeting with the special education off campus parents on Monday, May 3, 1999 to discuss the off campus facilities.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS & STAFF WHO EXCEL

Diane Freeman, district director of public information, introduced Glenbrook North athletic director James Bloch and Glenbrook South business education teacher Phyllis Beilgard and counselor Ann LePage. Mr. Bloch has been selected as the athletic director of the year for the state of Illinois and Mrs. Beilgard and Mrs. LePage were recognized for organizing Career Expo in which over 140 consultants spoke with students about career opportunities in their fields.

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DISCUSSION REGARDING AWARD OF BIDS FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION
FOR 1999-2002 SCHOOL YEARS

Board members had received materials in their packets recommending the rejection of bids for student transportation received several weeks ago by the Board and the acceptance of bids received recently from Alltown Bus Service. The basic bid from Alltown was \$572,477 for the 1999-2000 school year, which represents a 51% increase over the previous student transportation contract.

The Board asked for the administration to obtain additional information prior to the Board taking a vote on the bids. Mr. Shact also asked that a meeting be scheduled with representatives of the elementary districts to explore other solutions to the transportation issue and he appointed Mr. Lyons to represent District #225.

Janet Greenberg, present of Northbrook Elementary School District #27 Board of Education, read a statement into the record in which she expressed concern over the District #225 Board's actions and Glenbrook South's actions and recommended working together to try to resolve the transportation issues.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW AND REJECT BIDS FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION
FOR 1999-2002 SCHOOL YEARS

No action was taken regarding this matter.

MOTION TO AWARD BID FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION FOR 1999-2002
SCHOOL YEARS

No action was taken regarding this matter.

DISCUSSION REGARDING ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES IN LIEU OF EXISTING
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS FOR THE 1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Schilling presented recommendations regarding independent contractors for the 1999-2000 school year. The recommendations include the employment of a 0.4 F.T.E. certified staff at each school to serve as a student assistance team coordinator, the employment of 1.0 F.T.E. school psychologist, and the employment of 0.35 F.T.E. support staff at each school to coordinate the homebound teacher program. These positions would be in lieu of existing independent contractors. Dr. Schilling recommended that other independent contractors continue to provide the services they are currently providing. After discussion the Board took the following action.

MOTION TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES IN LIEU OF EXISTING
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS FOR THE 1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Mrs. Rogal, seconded by Mr. Lyons, to approve the additional employees in lieu of existing independent contractors for the 1999-2000 school year as described in Dr. Schilling's memorandum dated March 22, 1999.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Lyons, Rogal, Seymour, Shact, Isenberg, Lerner

nay: none

Motion carried.

Note: See attached agenda item #7

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Shact asked if any Board member wanted an item removed from the consent agenda. The Board added the revision to Korean American Community Services independent contract for 1998-99 to the consent agenda. No Board member requested to have an item removed from the consent agenda.

Motion by Mr. Lerner, seconded by Mrs. Isenberg, to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1.) the minutes of the canvass of election results meeting and special Board meeting and closed session of April 19, 1999.

2.) the resignation of the following certificated staff as recommended by the assistant superintendent for personnel:

RESIGNATIONS

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE	SCHOOL
BARKER, Leonard	English/ Social Studies Instructor	End of 1998-99 School Year	South
RUTH, Valerie	Social Studies Instructor	End of 1998-99 School Year	South

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3.) the reemployment of part time and first year teachers as listed in Mr. Lacivita's memorandum dated April 22, 1999.

4.) the appointment of the following certificated staff as recommended by the assistant superintendent for personnel:

APPOINTMENTS

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE	SCHOOL	SALARY
CATALANO, John (rep. D. Allen)	Physical Education Instructor/ Assistant to Athletic Director	1999-2000 School Year	South	BA+15, Step 7
KAPLAN, Seth (rep. P. Rosenbaum)	English Instructor	1999-2000 School Year	North	MA+15, Step 2
SCHOLZ, Amanda (rep. D. Fiddler)	English Instructor	1999-2000 School Year	North	BA+15, Step 1

5.) the following special leaves of absence for the 1999-2000 school year as indicated below.

NAME LEAVE	DEPARTMENT	SCHOOL
BARBER, Beth	English	South 1/5
WRIGHT, Michelle	English	South 1/5

6.) the issuance of vendor check nos. 175265 through 175664 in the amount of \$1,265,460.64 as listed on the attached check list dated April 26, 1999, excluding voided checks nos. 175349 and 175651 through 175655.

7.) the reissuing of replacement checks and to ratify the issuance of advance checks totaling \$194,120.78, canceled checks totaling \$33,046.74 for a net of \$161,074.04 as shown on the attached supplemental bill list dated April 26, 1999.

8.) the issuance of vendor check numbers 175670 through 175672 for a total of \$5,762.40 as listed on the attached check list dated March 26, 1999.

9.) the issuance of the electronic wire transfers for credit union, federal taxes, employee and employer portion of FICA and Medicare taxes and state taxes, and payroll check numbers 212350 through 213153, 213702 through 213711, and 214098 through 214413 totaling \$3,112,025.59. With adjustments of \$92.27 and employer matching FICA and Medicare of (\$66,935.30), the gross payroll for the month of March was \$3,045,182.56.

10.) the release of purchase orders for departmental supplies, equipment and approved building projects based on 75% of the current year's budget (bookstore items for resale being exempt), with the exclusion of capital outlay and technology items.

11.) the Glenbrook North Science Program Educational Tour to Washington, D.C., April 29, 1999 - May 2, 1999.

12.) to award the bid for replacement athletic lockers at Glenbrook North to Larson Equipment and Furniture Company, 403 S. Vermont, Palatine, IL 60067, at a total cost of \$73,009.

13.) to award the bid for repair of the outdoor running track surface at Glenbrook North to Tennis Surfaces Company, 7 N 730 Route 59, Bartlett, IL 60103, at a total cost of \$47,900.

14.) to award the bid for a new auditorium dimming system at Glenbrook South to Shoreline Electric Company, Inc., 515 N. Wolf Road, Wheeling, IL, at a total cost of \$238,040.

15.) to award the bid for new auditorium folding partitions at Glenbrook South to Determann - Silvertsen, Inc., 67 E. Park Boulevard, Villa Park, IL 60181, at a total cost of \$231,610.

16.) to award the bid for refurbishing the existing auditorium seats at Glenbrook South to Larson Equipment and Furniture Company, 403 S. Vermont, Palatine, IL 60067, at a total cost of \$153,985.

17.) to award the bid for stage floor replacement in the auditorium at Glenbrook South to P.J. Nagic, Inc., 125 A Fairbank, Addison, IL 60101, at a total cost of \$32,465.

18.) to award the bid for removal of the old greenhouse enclosure at Glenbrook South to Elens & Maichin Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc., 1621 Manhattan Road, Joliet, IL 60434, at a total cost of \$17,675.

19.) the adoption of a resolution and application for a building permit for submission to the Regional Superintendent for approval for the replacement of the auditorium dimming system at Glenbrook South.

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20.) the adoption of a resolution and application for a building permit for submission to the Regional Superintendent for approval of the replacement of the auditorium folding partitions at Glenbrook South.

21.) the adoption of a resolution and application for a building permit for submission to the Regional Superintendent for approval for the resurfacing of the outdoor running track at Glenbrook North.

22.) the adoption of a resolution and application for a building permit for submission to the Regional Superintendent for approval for the removal of the greenhouse enclosure at Glenbrook South.

23.) the acceptance of the following gifts:

GIFT FROM	AMOUNT	SCHOOL	DEPARTMENT
LaSalle Banks	\$1,000	North	Student Activities
Target Stores	\$22.48	North	Student Activities
Glenview Park District	\$1,000	South	Scholarship Fund

24.) the revision to Korean American Community Services independent contract for 1998-99, as described in Dr. Schilling's memorandum dated April 26, 1999.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Rogal, Seymour, Shact, Isenberg, Lerner, Lyons

nay: none

Motion carried.

Note: See attached agenda item #8

DISCUSSION REGARDING LACROSSE AND WATER POLO PROGRAMS AT
GLENBROOK NORTH AND SOUTH

Board members had received materials in their packets proposing the adoption and funding of lacrosse and water polo at the two schools. The proposal at Glenbrook North would provide for six coaches for boys and girls lacrosse and two coaches for boys and girls water polo. At Glenbrook South the proposal provided for four coaches for boys and girls lacrosse and two coaches for boys and girls water polo. The Glenbrook South proposal also provides for a 0.2 F.T.E. club sports coordinator. The total start up costs would be approximately \$40,336 and the ongoing costs would be between \$117,750 to \$151,890 per year depending on the experience of the coaches. Board members asked questions which were answered by members of the staff. Board members also expressed their views regarding the various proposals. The Board will address the lacrosse and water polo proposals again at the Board meeting of May 10, 1999.

Note: See attached agenda item #9

DISCUSSION REGARDING SUMMER SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Dr. Gross, assistant superintendent for special education, submitted a memo to the Board requesting the Board subsidize a portion of the cost of new courses in the summer school for special education students. The district's summer school program is financially self-supporting and because of the required low enrollment in the special education courses, it cannot be self sufficient. The request is for approximately \$3,600 to support the courses. The Board discussed the request and directed questions to the staff. The request will be on the agenda of the Board meeting of May 10, 1999 for Board action.

Note: See attached agenda item #10

DISCUSSION REGARDING CONNECTIONS AND OMBUDSMAN PROGRAMS FOR AT
RISK STUDENTS

Dr. Hales reported to the Board that he was proposing the district contract with Connections Educational Services for four student placements for the 1999-2000 school year at a cost of \$3,500 per year per placement. The Connections Services would be in addition to the current Ombudsman program. Dr. Hales reported that by restructuring the district's contract with Ombudsman, the district's total cost would be reduced. Members of the staff described the advantages of the Connections program and the advantages of offering both programs. The proposal for Ombudsman and Connections will be on the agenda for Board action at the May 10, 1999 Board meeting.

Note: See attached agenda item #11
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DISCUSSION REGARDING CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUESTS FOR THE 1999-2000
SCHOOL YEAR

The Board received a revised list of capital outlay requests for the 1999-2000 school year. The requests consist primarily of equipment items for a total of \$146,060 at Glenbrook North and \$138,727 at Glenbrook South. Board members asked questions which were answered by members of the staff. The requests will be on the agenda for the May 10, 1999 Board meeting for Board action.

Note: See attached agenda item #12

DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSAL TO EVALUATE BLOCK SCHEDULES

Dr. Riggle and Mr. Smith presented a proposal to evaluate the block class schedule which will be implemented at Glenbrook North next year and which was implemented at Glenbrook South this year. Dr. Riggle and Mr. Smith described the process for selecting a firm to conduct the evaluation and the components of the evaluation. The recommended firm is the Educational Consultants and Research Associates (ECRA) of Arlington Heights, Illinois. The total cost of the proposal would be \$150,000 with a portion of the costs coming from state and federal grants. The evaluation would be conducted over a period of two and one quarter years. The evaluation would also serve as the basis for the required Illinois School Improvement Plan and for the required evaluation for the North Central Association certification process.

Dr. Louis Gatta, president of ECRA, described the evaluation process and products and answered questions from Board members. Board members asked Dr. Gatta for examples of reports prepared by his firm; he indicated he would provide the reports. The evaluation proposal will be on the agenda for the May 10, 1999 Board meeting for Board action.

Note: See attached agenda item #13

DISCUSSION REGARDING PETITION FOR TAX ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY IN
NORTHBROOK

Dr. Schilling reported that the Board had received a request from Douglas Elliman-Beitler for a tax abatement on a new development in Northbrook. Dr. Schilling described the request and the implications of the request. After discussion the Board directed Dr. Schilling to obtain additional information, to consider additional options and report back to the Board.

Note: See attached agenda item #14

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Lyons, seconded by Mr. Shact, to move into closed session at approximately 11:10 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; and to consider litigation which has been filed and is pending or is probable or imminent (Sections 2 (c) (1) and (11) of the Open Meetings Act).

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Shact, Isenberg, Lerner, Lyons, Rogal, Seymour

nay: none

Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at approximately 12:15 a.m.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESIGNATION AND SPECIAL LEAVE

Motion by Mr. Lyons, seconded by Mr. Shact, to approve the following resignation and special leave of absence:

1.) the resignation of the following certificated staff as recommended by the assistant superintendent for personnel:

RESIGNATION

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE	SCHOOL
NIEHAUS, Cheryl	Social Studies Instructor	End of 1998-99 School Year	North

2.) the following special leave of absence for the 1999-2000 school year as indicated below.

NAME	DEPARTMENT	SCHOOL
MAYEDA, Karen	Guidance	North Full

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Isenberg, Lerner, Lyons, Rogal, Seymour, Shact

nay: none

Motion carried.

Note: See attached agenda item #15

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Lyons, seconded by Mr. Shact, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:20 a.m.

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

Motion carried.

* Means Isenberg, Lerner, Lyons, Rogal, Seymour, and Shact all voted aye.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

SECRETARY - BOARD OF EDUCATION

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: MAY 10, 1999 Glenbrook Admin. Building
7:30 P.M. 1835 Landwehr Road
Glenview, Illinois