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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING,
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, MARCH 12, 2001

A special meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, March 12, 2001, at approximately 7:30 p.m. at the 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: Beyne, Lerner, Long, Olson, Seymour, Shact. Absent: Rogal. Also present: Babington, Dill-Varga, Freeman, Hales, Helander-Heiser, Lacivita, Lanz, Riggle, Schilling.

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS FOR COMMENTS LIMITED TO TOPICS ON THIS AGENDA

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

DISCUSSION REGARDING DATE, TIME, AND AGENDA FOR NEXT FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING AND BOARD MEETING

Dr. Hales provided the Board with an update on the bid and financial projection materials the staff was preparing for distribution to the Board. Mr. Olson stated his need to establish priorities within limited financial resources. The Board then reviewed several dates and times for a possible committee meeting and/or Board meeting. After discussion the Board decided to conduct a committee-of-the-whole meeting on March 19 at 12 o'clock noon and a Board meeting at 7:30 p.m. on that date. The Board also discussed the agenda for the Board meeting on March 19th. At the end of the discussion Mrs. Long indicated the construction bids would be discussed at the Board meeting of March 19th and scheduled for a vote at the Board meeting of April 9th.

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APPROVAL OF DIFFERENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES APPOINTMENT

Motion by Mrs. Beyne, seconded by Mr. Shact, to approve the differential responsibilities appointment for 2001-02 as indicated in Mrs. Helander-Heiser's memorandum dated March 8, 2001.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Beyne, Lerner, Long, Olson, Seymour, Shact

nay: none

Motion carried.

Note: See attached agenda item #3.

APPROVAL OF ACRUX SOFTWARE AGREEMENT

Motion by Mr. Shact, seconded by Mrs. Beyne, to approve the administrative software development agreement between Glenbrook High School District #225 and ACRUX Systems, LLC, as attached to Dr. Schilling's memorandum dated March 12, 2001.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Lerner, Long, Olson, Seymour, Shact, Beyne

nay: none

Motion carried.

Note: See attached agenda item #4.

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MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF HP L3000 COMPUTER AS DESCRIBED IN TECHNOLOGY PLAN

Motion by Mr. Seymour, seconded by Mr. Shact, to approve the purchase of a Hewlett Packard L3000 computer as described in Dr. Schilling's memorandum dated March 12, 2001 at a cost not to exceed \$102,264.33.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Long, Seymour, Shact, Beyne, Lerner

nay: Olson

Motion carried.

Note: See attached agenda item #5.

FOCUS ON EDUCATION OPEN FORUM:

1.) CURRICULUM ISSUES

Members of the Board and administration and supervisory staff discussed several topics related to the district's curriculum programs and instructional methods. The topics included:

Technology

How are we ensuring the incorporation of technology into our curriculum?

How are we monitoring the use of technology?

How does technology improve learning?

English

"Classic literature" versus "politically correct" literature.

Literature approach -- grade based on number of books read versus critical thinking, discussion, analysis skills.

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Foreign Language

Grammatical versus spoken language approach.

Mathematics/Science

Integrated concepts versus segmented topics/subjects.

History

Rote memorization of dates, people, etc., versus broader understanding of historical trends.

Following the discussion the Board and Dr. Hales thanked the staff for an excellent discussion.

2.) STAFF RECRUITMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES OVERVIEW

Mrs. Helander-Heiser provided the Board with a presentation on recruitment and retention of new teachers. The presentation included trends regarding professional staffing needs, recruitment activities, and initiatives for retention of new teachers. The initiatives would include a tuition reimbursement program, an enhanced new teacher orientation program, the recognition of JD and MD degrees for advancement on the salary schedule, and a mentorship program for new teachers. The Board requested that the initiatives be placed on a future Board agenda for consideration for Board action. The Board and Dr. Hales also thanked Mrs. Helander-Heiser for an excellent presentation.

