

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING,  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, SEPTEMBER 30, 2002**

A special meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, September 30, 2002, at approximately 7:00 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, Long, Matsakis, Olson, Rogal, Torf. Absent: Shaer. Note: Mr. Shaer arrived at approximately 7:10 p.m. Also present: Freeman, Hales, Lacivita, Riggle, Schilling, Siena, Smith.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING**

Motion by Mr. Matsakis, seconded by Mrs. Torf, to approve the agenda for this meeting.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Beyne, Long, Matsakis, Olson, Rogal, Torf

nay: none

Motion carried.

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

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

**DISCUSSION REGARDING DISTRICT BUDGET FOR 2002-2003**

Dr. Schilling, Mrs. Siena, and Dr. Hales addressed questions from the Board regarding the proposed 2002-2003 budget.

During discussion, Mrs. Beyne asked for clarification of the facility priorities.

Dr. Schilling indicated that all of the district's debt service capabilities have been exhausted unless the district chooses to go for a referendum. He noted that the \$2,900,000 (minus the cost of the phone system replacement) can be used for major maintenance projects, facility renovation, new facility improvements, or returned to the operating fund to be used for educational purposes. The \$1,900,000 in the Site and Construction Fund, which represent proceeds from the sale of the Landwehr Road golf course property, can only be used for major infrastructure purposes, renovation of facilities, or new facilities.

Mrs. Beyne noted that a number of facility needs have been identified which still exist, and she suggested that any motion to approve the budget include earmarking dollars for future building improvements.

Mrs. Rogal suggested that that topic be addressed as a future agenda item in accordance with the budget process timetable.

Mrs. Long emphasized that the district did complete a long-range facility plan that should not be discarded. She encouraged the Board to work with administrators to reevaluate the Facilities Master Plan.

Mr. Olson expressed appreciation to Dr. Schilling and Mrs. Siena for the excellent format and presentation of the budget information, noting that it was consistent with the Board's direction. He felt the comprehensive information was a credit to the business staff in that it provided information that will be useful for the current and future boards. Mr. Olson stated he believes that the Board has done an excellent job with regards to the Board's facilities planning and financial decisions, noting that the Board has performed well in looking long-term, refinancing bonds, and making a commitment not to spend down the district's reserves.

Mr. Matsakis complimented Dr. Schilling on the executive summary and budget information. However, he suggested that the expenditure summary should include the previous year budget and actual expenses. He also expressed a concern with regard to increasing health costs and felt that this aspect of the budget will be a driver for future expenses. Mr. Matsakis also suggested that the contingency allowances become a specific line item within the budget as opposed to being considered an add on to the budget. Other Board members agreed, and Dr. Schilling will incorporate this philosophy into future budget development.

Mrs. Beyne reiterated her concern with regard to facility needs and encouraged the Board and administration to review and revise the Facilities Master Plan.

**MOTION TO APPROVE 2002-2003 DISTRICT BUDGET**

Motion by Mrs. Beyne, seconded by Mr. Olson, to approve the 2002-2003 district budget as presented by the administration.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Matsakis, Olson, Rogal, Shaer, Torf, Beyne, Long

nay: none

Motion carried.

Note: See attached agenda items #4

**FOCUS ON EDUCATION: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING EDUCATIONAL INDICATORS AND STUDENT AND STAFF DEMOGRAPHICS ("DASHBOARD REPORTS")**

Dr. Hales presented the district's initial set of educational indicators and student and staff demographics ("dashboard reports.") These reports provide information and 10-year trend lines for student enrollment, student demographics, average class size, attendance, drop out and graduation rates, physical education enrollment and staffing, certified and non-certified staffing information, and student achievement. Also present principals, Dr. Riggle and Mr. Smith, as well as project specialist, Mrs. Tan, who was responsible for compiling this information. The Board praised Mrs. Tan and administrative team members for compiling and presenting this valuable, which will be updated annually, and will serve as a useful decision-making tool for Board members and district administrators.

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mrs. Beyne, seconded by Mr. Matsakis, to move into closed session at approximately 10:10 p.m. to consider collective negotiating matters; and to consider student disciplinary cases (Sections 2 (c) (2), and (9) of the Open Meetings Act)

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Shaer, Torf, Beyne, Long, Matsakis, Olson, Rogal

nay: none

Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at approximately 10:40 p.m.

