

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, NOVEMBER 24, 2003**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, November 24, 2003, at approximately 7:35 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: Boron, Long, Matsakis, Rogal, Shaer, Absent: Shein, Torf. Mrs. Torf arrived at 7:37 p.m.; Mr. Shein arrived at 8:35 p.m. Also present: Dill-Varga, Freeman, Hales, Riggle, Schilling, Smith, Strong, Tuttle, Whipple.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING**

Motion by Mr. Shaer, seconded by Mrs. Long, to approve the agenda for this meeting.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Long, Matsakis, Rogal, Shaer, Torf

nay: none

Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS**

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

**INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO EXCEL**

The Board recognized Del Kennedy, GBS radio station advisor, and several of her radio students for receiving the radio station of the year award at the John Drury High School Awards program held on November 15, 2003. GBS students swept first, second, and third place in two categories and won awards in every category they entered in this national competition. Ms. Kennedy won third place in the Best Radio Station Advisor category. Ms. Kennedy also related that she had received news today that the team had won eight Communicators' Awards, including the prized Crystal Award.

**BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

Superintendent Hales thanked Mrs. Rogal, Dr. Riggle, and Tony Scariano for their participation in the recent presentation at the Triple I (IASB, IASA, IASBO) conference on the recent hazing incident. This presentation was attended by approximately 250 people and the feedback received has been extremely positive. Mrs. Torf also

expressed her compliments to the presenters, but requested that the Board be given advance notice of these types of presentations in the future. Dr. Hales related that Dr. Riggle had made several presentations to area administrators. He also informed them that this group would be speaking at the National School Board Association meeting in Orlando next March.

Mrs. Long also indicated that she had attended another valuable session at the Triple I conference on the monitoring of board policies and would be compiling her notes for future distribution. She also remarked on the excellent district orchestra concert she had attended this week.

Dr. Schilling also reported on the Triple I conference, including two presentations, which he gave at the conference. He also commented that he had represented the Board at the recent EDC meeting (Economic Development Committee). General consensus of other governing bodies was consistent with the position of our Board with regard to representation on the EDC.

Dr. Hales informed the Board that district administrators would be meeting Sodexho representatives to prepare for a presentation to the Board on the district's food service program and nutritional issues. He asked the Board to forward any questions or issues related to this matter to him so they can be addressed at this presentation.

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mrs. Long, to approve the following items on the consent agenda.

- 1.) regular meeting and closed session minutes of November 10, 2003.
- 2.) the appointment of the following educational support staff as recommended by the director of human resources.

**APPOINTMENTS**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
EDWARDS, Kirsten (repl. J. Sternberg)	Instructional Assistant	11/10/03	GBN	\$12.99/hr

4.) the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 12221 through 12600 in the amount of \$1,229,780.31 as listed on the attached check register dated November 24, 2003.

- 5.) the acceptance of the following gifts:

<u>Gift From</u>	<u>Amount or Item</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Department</u>
Kathy Drabant	\$500.00	GBN	Golden Anniversary Gala

6.) Board Policy 6110: Voluntary Termination Benefits for Teachers as contained in Dr. Hales's memorandum dated November 24, 2003 - attached consent agenda item #6.5.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Long, Matsakis, Rogal, Shaer, Torf

nay: none

Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING PAYMENT OF 2002 TAX ABATEMENT TO CRATE & BARREL**

Dr. Schilling reviewed the recommendation for payment of \$105,233.69 to Crate & Barrel for the 2002 tax abatement. He noted that while the abatement has already been approved, the tax bills did not reflect the abatements from the various taxing authorities. Therefore, the district needs to send Crate & Barrel a refund check this year. He is also recommending the same procedure in future year since the refund process will be beneficial to the districts' tax cap. During discussion, Board members asked that the minutes reflect that next year's process include verification of the assessed valuation. Dr. Schilling will be bringing the tax abatement back to the Board for action on December 15.

Note: See attached agenda item #7

**DISCUSSION REGARDING DASHBOARD REPORTS**

Dr. Hales and Ms. Dill-Varga and other administrators reviewed the district's dashboard reports with the Board. These reports provide long-term trend data in the areas of student demographics, teacher demographics, and student achievement. Dr. Hales and Ms. Dill-Varga acknowledged the time, effort, and expertise of Julie Bezanes, Tim Spadoni, and Debbie Perisho in the preparation of these reports. Dr. Hales noted that in future years the administration plans to present this data at various times during the school year. Student Achievement data will be presented in early fall, student demographics in late fall, and teacher demographics in early February. Board members thanked the administration for the hard work and requested that they be given hard copies of the last two years of the September 30 Housing Reports. The Board also requested information on student participation in clubs, athletics, and selected social events, as well as comprehensive discipline information when that data becomes available.

Note: See attached agenda item #8

**OTHER**

Mr. Shaer suggested that the Superintendent write a letter to the Pioneer Press in response to a recent Letter to the Editor alleging that our schools were unsafe. Dr. Hales indicated that he would draft a letter to that effect.

**REVIEW AND SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETING**

President Rogal summarized that the administration would bring hard copies of the last two years of the Fall Housing report to the Board to the next meeting and that the Crate & Barrel tax abatement would be brought to the Board at its December 15 meeting for action.

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mrs. Torf, seconded by Mr. Shein, to move into closed session at approximately 10:32 p.m. to consider student disciplinary cases (Sections 2 (c) (9) of the open meetings act).

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Long, Matsakis, Rogal, Shaer, Shein, Torf

nay: none

Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at approximately 10:50 p.m.

**MOTION TO EXPEL STUDENT 03-X**

Motion by Mr. Matsakis, seconded by Mr. Boron to expel Student 03-X under the terms and conditions determined in closed session.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Long, Matsakis, Rogal, Shaer, Shein, Torf

nay: none

Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mr. Shaer, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:55 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

\* Means Boron, Long, Matsakis, Rogal, Shaer, Shein, and Torf all voted aye.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

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SECRETARY - BOARD OF EDUCATION

NEXT SPECIAL MEETING: December 1, 2003 Glenbrook Admin. Bldg.  
7:30 P.M. 1835 Landwehr Road  
Glenview, Illinois

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: December 15, 2003 Glenbrook Admin. Bldg.  
7:30 P.M. 1835 Landwehr Road  
Glenview, Illinois