

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, DECEMBER 15, 2003**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, December 15, 2003, at approximately 7:31 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: Long, Rogal, Shaer, Torf. Absent: Boron, Matsakis, Shein. Mr. Shein arrived at 7:48 p.m.; Mr. Matsakis arrived at 8:00 p.m.; Mr. Boron arrived at 9:20 p.m. Also present: Babington, Dill-Varga, Freeman, Hales, Perisho, Ptak, Riggle, Schilling, Smith, Taccona, Wegley.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING**

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

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Long, 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 the achievements of Glenbrook North senior Katherine Lee who has been named a finalist in the Arts Recognition and Talent Search Program sponsored by the National Foundation for the Advancement in the Arts. Out of 6,500 applications nationwide, Lee is one of 125 finalists; she was selected in the literary category. Her English teacher Mr. Matt Blackall, who helped her prepare her portfolio, introduced her to the Board.

The Glenbrook South Student-to-Student Club has been named the 2003 Outstanding School-Based Prevention Program by the Illinois Drug Education Alliance. Ms. Natalie Jakucyn and Mr. Scott Greenspan, sponsors of the Glenbrook South Student-to-Student club, along with student representatives were present to receive well-deserved recognition from the Board of Education.

**BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

Superintendent Hales announced that Glenbrook Evening High School's graduation would be on Friday, January 23 at 7:30 p.m. He related Mr. Von Boeckman's request for any interested board member to assist him in the distribution of diplomas at the ceremony. Mr. Shaer volunteered to assist the administration with these duties.

Mrs. Torf, Board representative to N.S.S.E.D., (North Suburban Special Education District) related that the N.S.S.E.D. foundation would welcome any additional contributions which interested individuals might care to make prior to the end of the year. She also alerted the board to the fact that the governing board of N.S.S.E.D. was revising their agreement between member districts and details would be forthcoming on that document.

Mr. Shein arrived at 7:48 p.m.

**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 Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Torf, to approve the following items on the consent agenda.

1.) regular meeting and closed session minutes of November 24, 2003 and December 1, 2003.

2.) the resignation(death)of the following educational support staff:

**DEATHS**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>EFFECTIVE</u></b>	<b><u>SCHOOL</u></b>
RICHMOND, Fletcher	Custodian	11/17/03	GBN

3.) the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Employees for the month of November in the amount of \$ 37,202.19 represented by checks No. 17542 through 17565, 17598 through 17623, 17752 through 17787, 17800 through 17811, 17829 through 17860, 17878 through 17914, 18010 through 18024 and 18055 through 18056.

4.) the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Vendors for the month of November in the amount of \$88,443.71 represented by checks No. 17566 through 17597, 17624 through 17751, 17788 through 17799, 17812 through 17828, 17861 through 17877, 17915 through 18009, and 18025 through 18054. Checks issued in November, voided in November: No. 17633, 17678, 18029, and 18054. Checks issued in previous months, voided in November: No. 13454, 17508, 17150 and 17526.

5.) the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 12631 through 12905 in the amount of \$807,356.71 as listed on the attached check register dated December 15, 2003.

6.) the acceptance of the following gifts:

<u>Gift From</u>	<u>Amount or Item</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Department</u>
Northbrook Woman's Club Foundation, Inc.	\$200.00	GBN	Music

7.) the LRP Conference in Orlando, FL - May 2-5, 2004.

8.) the Glenbrook North Individual Events Trip to Fort Lauderdale, FL - January 15-19, 2004.

9.) the District Math Team Trip to Greenhill, SC - March 12-14, 2004.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Long, Rogal, Shaer, Shein, Torf

nay: none

Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE STUDENT SOFTWARE PACKAGE**

Mrs. Debbie Perisho, director of information services, reviewed her recommendation for the new student administrative software package: SASIXP from Pearson Digital Learning. Mr. Shein shared his reservations regarding the underlying technology of SASI but acknowledged the value of the product and supported the consensus recommendation. Mrs. Torf expressed concerns regarding the technical staff support concerning the new software package. Mrs. Perisho responded that adequate support would be provided through one additional position for the initial two years along with the reallocation of existing staff. Board members complimented Mrs. Perisho, her staff, and members of the selection committee for their hard work and comprehensive information.

Mr. Matsakis arrived at 8:00 p.m.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE STUDENT SOFTWARE PACKAGE**

Motion by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mr. Shein, to approve the Student Software Package as contained in Mrs. Perisho's memorandum dated December 15, 2003.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried.

Note: See attached agenda item #7

**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CISCO FIBER MODULE FOR THE NETWORK**

Mrs. Perisho reviewed a recommendation to purchase an additional fiber module for each school to provide additional capacity for the district's technology network. The \$19,000 hardware cost and estimated \$800 installation cost will be covered within the current budget from cost savings realized from other purchases.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE CISCO FIBER MODULE FOR THE NETWORK**

Motion by Mr. Matsakis, seconded by Mrs. Torf, to approve the Cisco Fiber Module for the Network as contained in Mr. Barth's memorandum dated December 2, 2003.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried.

Note: See attached agenda item #8

**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE NORTHBROOK I-NET PROJECT**

Mrs. Debbie Perisho presented a recommendation to participate in the Northbrook I-Net Project, which would provide a high speed, reliable, fiber connection between Glenbrook North and Glenbrook South high school. The installation costs will be \$27,473, and the annual maintenance cost will be approximately \$800. In addition, the district will realize a 48 month payback due to savings from the elimination of the existing T-1 line between the two high schools. During discussion, the Board asked Mrs. Perisho to provide the following information: 1) jurisdictional issues between municipalities, 2) Ownership of Fiber 3) Cost of terminal connection at the district 4) Cost of the electronic monitoring of the system, and 5) Response time for any needed repairs. Mrs. Perisho will provide this information to the Board and present this item for action at the January 12, 2004 meeting.

Note: See attached agenda item #9

**DISCUSSION REGARDING FACILITIES MASTER PLAN**

Dr. Schilling presented a proposal to address major capital improvement needs through a short-term debt payment schedule for approximately \$10 million of alternate revenue bonds. This proposal would allow the district to address major projects in a more timely manner and repay the loan through the \$2 million currently budgeted annually. Mrs. Long cautioned that we must look at district priorities rather than addressing the needs at each high school on an alternating basis. During discussion, the consensus of the Board was to pursue this concept. The Board requested further information regarding building capacities, estimated costs of the projects, and enrollment projection. Dr. Schilling will be forwarding that information to the Board as it becomes available. Further discussion on this issue will be scheduled for January.

Note: See attached agenda item #10

**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE DISTRICT'S 2003 TAX LEVY**

Dr. Schilling presented resolutions relative to the District's 2003 Tax Levy

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2003 TAX LEVY**

Motion by Mr. Matsakis, seconded by Mr. Shaer, to approve 1. Certificate of Tax Levy, 2. Resolution of Northfield Township High School District #225, Cook County Illinois Providing for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2003, 3. Resolution to Levy Certain Special Taxes, and 4. Resolution to Instruct County Clerk How to Apportion 2003 Tax Levy as stated in Dr. Schilling's two memorandums dated December 15, 2003.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried.

Note: See attached agenda items #11.1-3 and #11.4

**REVIEW AND SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETING**

President Rogal summarized that the Northbrook I-Net recommendation will be included as an action item at the January 12, 2004 Board meeting. Dr. Schilling will provide the requested information regarding the Master Facilities Plan in January.

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Shein, seconded by Mrs. Torf to move into closed session at approximately 9:20 p.m. to consider student disciplinary cases (Sections 2 (c) (9) of the open meetings act).

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried.

Mr. Boron arrived at 9:20 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at approximately 9:58 p.m.

**MOTION TO EXPEL STUDENT 03-S**

Motion by Mr. Matsakis, seconded by Mr. Boron to expel Student 03-S 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.

**MOTION TO EXTEND SUSPENSION FOR STUDENT 03-T**

Motion by Mr. Matsakis, seconded by Mr. Shaer to extend the suspension of Student 03-T through January 12, 2004.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried.

**MOTION TO EXTEND SUSPENSION FOR STUDENT 03-U, 3-V, 3-W**

Motion by Mr. Matsakis, seconded by Mr. Boron to extend the suspension of Student 03-U, 3-V, 3-W through January 12, 2004.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried.

