

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING,  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, JANUARY 6, 2005**

A special meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Thursday, January 6, 2005 at approximately 7:05 p.m. at Glenbrook North High School in the Instructional Materials Center (IMC), pursuant to due notice of all members and the public.

Vice President Torf called the meeting to order. Upon calling of the roll, the following members answered present: Boron, Long, Shaer, Shein, Torf. Absent: Matsakis, Rogal. Also present: Carlson, Dill-Varga, Eike, Freeman, Hales, Nadel, O'Brien, Pieper, Riggle, Smith, Torsiello, Tuttle, Wegley.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING as amended, combining agenda item #3 and #4**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Shaer, to approve the agenda for this meeting, as amended, combining agenda items #3 and #4.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Long, Shaer, Shein, Torf

nay: none

Motion carried. 5-0.

**DISCUSSION/PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: DISTRICT DISCIPLINARY POLICIES**

Mrs. Donna Torf, vice president of the board, introduced the members of the board and provided introductory comments relative to the topic for this special meeting.

She explained that one of the district's improvement goals focused on a review of the student disciplinary policies and procedures. A district-wide committee was formed consisting of the following members, many of whom would be reporting on a range of topics this evening: Mrs. Donna Torf- Board Vice President; Mr. Bob Boron - Board Member; Dr. George Tuttle - Director of Special Education; Dr. Mike Riggle - Principal, GBN; Mr. David Smith - Principal, GBS; Mr. Jim Torsiello - Assistant Principal/Dean, GBS; Mr. Bill Eike - Assistant Principal/Dean, GBS; Mr. Mark O'Brien - Asst. Principal-Guidance, GBS; Dr. Pat Carlson- Asst. Principal-

Guidance - GBN; Ms. Sue Nadel-Social Worker, GBS; Ms. Christy Hemesath- Psychologist, GBN; Ms. Diane Pranske - Special Education Teacher, GBN; Mr. Doug Smith - GBS Police Liaison Officer; Mr. Tim Fitzpatrick - GBN Police Liaison Officer; Dr. Dave Hales - Superintendent.

She presented an overview of the steps this committee had taken to reach a set of recommendations brought before the board. She informed the community that the board had not come to conclusions on these recommendations or any future revisions of the policy. She related that the Board strongly believed that their next step should be to hold this special meeting to allow public input on the policies. She indicated that following this meeting, they would next discuss these policies and recommendations at the January 24, 2005 regular board meeting.

Vice President Torf also explained the protocol for the evening. First, she explained a series of short informational presentations would be given from the committee members on a range of relevant topics. Then the public would be invited to comment. Following the public comment and prior to the adjournment of the evening, each board member would be invited to make a brief statement.

Mr. Matsakis arrived at 7:20 p.m.

The first committee members to make a presentation were Mr. David Smith, Glenbrook South principal, and Mr. Jim Torsiello, Glenbrook South assistant principal-dean of students. They provided information relative to the Historical Background for the development of the Current Discipline Policies.

Mr. Smith distributed a copy of the student rights and responsibilities and the Glenbrook Code of Conduct. Mr. Torsiello, gave an overview of the policies and disciplinary tools and reviewed the categories of infractions.

Mr. Bob Pieper, Glenbrook North Athletic Director, presented information on the Code of Conduct for Athletics/Student Activities.

Dr. Mike Riggle, Glenbrook North principal, presented information on the Reciprocal Reporting Agreements the district has with the police departments of Northbrook and Glenview, and the concept of "Nexus" under the current court case law.

Mr. Bill Eike, Glenbrook North assistant principal-dean of students, presented information on the discipline records and the school transcript.

Dr. Pat Carlson, Glenbrook North assistant principal for student services, and Mr. Mark O'Brien, Glenbrook south assistant principal for student services, presented information on support services and interventions.

Ms. Sue Nadel, Glenbrook South social worker, presented information on working with students and families during the discipline process.

Dr. Dave Hales presented information on the committee review process, the proposed revisions from the committee, and next steps to be taken by the board.

At the conclusion of these presentations, the public was invited to offer their comments. About 25 individuals – parents, students, community members, and teachers voiced their concerns, asked pertinent questions, shared personal anecdotes and experiences, and offered their opinions about the policies and the committee recommendations. Following these comments, Dr. Hales read comments from 3 x 5 cards written by others in the audience who wished to voice opinions.

Next, members of the board of education, each in turn, reviewed their concerns, thoughts, and reactions to ideas presented relative to student disciplinary policies.

Vice President Donna Torf thanked those who had attended the public forum and commended them for their willingness to share their ideas with the Board of Education. She reminded them that the Board would be discussing these policies at the regularly scheduled January 24, 2005 board meeting. She also told the public that they would take action on the policies only when they felt it was appropriate.

