

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, MAY 23, 2005**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday May 23, 2005, at approximately 7:30 p.m. at the Glenbrook High Schools Administration Building, pursuant to due notice of all members and the public.

President Torf called the meeting to order. Upon calling of the roll, the following members answered present: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffery, Matsakis, and Torf. Absent: Shein Also present: Dill-Varga, Freeman, Hales, Ptak, Riggle, Schilling, Smith, Tuttle, Wegley.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING INCLUDING REVISED MINUTES,  
DELETION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #6.2, AND THE ADDITIONS OF  
CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #6.3a AND #6.3b.**

Motion by Mr. Berzon, seconded by Mr. Hammer to approve the agenda for this meeting including revised board minutes, deletion of Consent Agenda Item #6.2, and the additions of Consent Agenda Item #6.3a and #6.3b.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffery, Matsakis, Torf

nay: none

Motion carried. 6-0

**INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO EXCEL**

Assistant Superintendent Craig Schilling presented a check in the total amount of \$1,000 to the TEAM programs at GBN and GBS to fund field trips or special events. This award was the result of his receiving the Lighthouse Award from the Association of School Business Official's Board of Directors, an award given to celebrate current best practices in school business management.

The Glenbrook North Math team and coach Stephen Goodman were also honored by the board for their third place finish at the state level of competition.

**RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS**

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

**BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

Dr. Hales reminded board members that they were welcome to attend any of the numerous end-of-the-year awards ceremonies and graduation celebrations taking place in the next two weeks.

Dr. Schilling provided an update to the board on a meeting he attended hosted by Highland Park / Deerfield High School District relative to how lease hold agreements for the proposed Navy housing would be assessed. He also indicated that he expected to receive an update on the number of naval housing units being planned for Glenview.

President Torf informed the board that she represents the board on the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) and would be bringing some ideas for possible resolutions to submit to IASB.

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE REVISED MINUTES CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #6.1, DELETION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #6.2 (RESIGNATION), AND THE ADDITION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #6.3a and #6.3b (APPOINTMENTS).**

Mrs. Torf 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 Mr. Matsakis, to approve the following items on the consent agenda with the revised minutes Consent Agenda Item #6.1, deletion of Consent Agenda Item #6.2 (resignation) and the addition of Consent Agenda Item #6.3a and #6.3b(appointments):

1.) the Open and Closed Session Minutes from the May 9, 2005 Regular Board Meeting.

2.) the increases of stipends for Edie Baerson and Kim Ptak as contained Mrs. Helander-Heiser's memorandum dated May 18, 2005.

3.) The rehire of released non-tenured teachers as contained in Mrs. Helander-Heiser's memorandum dated May 19, 2005.

4.) the appointment of the following certificated 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>
Kelli A. Hagene	Family and Consumer Science	05/18/2005	GBS	BA, Step 1
Marianne Kerr	Mathematics	05/18/2005	GBS	MA+30, Step 7 0.4 FTE
Alma J. Nicolson	English	05/18/2005	GBN	BA+15, Step 8 0.8 FTE
Gina P. Sandora	Business Ed.	05/23/2005	GBN	MA+30 Step 2
Jenifer A. Scheyer	English	05/18/2005	GBN	BA, Step 1
Lori L. Stutsman	Special Ed.	05/23/2005	GBN	MA, Step 1 0.6 FTE

5.) The rehire of released educational support staff as contained in Mrs. Helander-Heiser's memorandum dated May 18, 2005.

6.) The academic attainment of certified staff who have completed sufficient academic work to move to the next salary schedule lane starting in the 2005-2006 school year as contained in consent agenda item #6.4.

7.) the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 18926 through 19131 in the amount of \$597,118.32 as listed on the attached check register dated May 23, 2005.

8.) the issuance of the electronic wire transfers for credit union, TRS, federal taxes, employee and employer portion of FICA and Medicare taxes and state taxes, and payroll check numbers 41933 through 42267, and 42292 through 42375 totaling \$711,994.20. Vendor Payroll check numbers 42268 through 42291 and 42376 through 42386 totaled \$78,963.69. With other deductions of \$301,959.19 employees' Federal, State, and FICA/Medicare withholding taxes of \$670,915.53, TRS contributions of \$298,993.79 and direct deposit of \$2,053,792.98, the gross payroll for the month of April was \$4,037,655.69. TRS employer contribution was \$32,394.60 and employer matching FICA and MED as \$107,622.98.

9.) the acceptance of the following gifts:

Gift From	Amount or Item	School	Department
Mr. Steven Elisco	Photography Equipment valued at \$2,200.00	GBN	Visual and Broadcasting Arts
Cheryl Copenhaver	\$250.00	GBS	The Richard Goodspeed Scholarship
The Jane Pope Memorial	\$1,000.00	GBS	The Jane Pope Memorial Scholarship
The Village Presbyterian Church	\$200.00	GBN	Village Green and Gold Festival
GBS Titan Pom Booster Club	\$1,000.00	GBS	Titan Poms Scholarships
Glenview Women of Today	\$2,000.00	GBE	GBE Scholarships
AC Delco	25 engines, various tools and diagnostic equipment valued at \$70,000.00	GBS	Applied Technology (Automotive Classes)
Northbrook Historical Society	\$100.00	GBN	Music

10.) the revision of the 2004-2005 School Year Calendar establishing Tuesday June 7, 2005 as the official last day of school for students and Wednesday June 8, 2005 as the official last day of school for 10-month certified and support staff as contained in Mrs. Dill-Varga's memorandum dated May 23, 2005.

11.) the Award of Bid: Jewelry Lab Exhaust Work at GBS as contained in Kim Ptak's memorandum dated May 23, 2005.

12.) the Award of Bid: GBS-Admin Underground Fiber Site Conduit Work as contained in Kim Ptak's memorandum dated May 23, 2005.

13.) the Award of Bid: 2005-Exterior Bleachers at GBN as contained in Kim Ptak's memorandum dated May 23, 2005.

14.) The Glenbrook South Forensic League Program Trip to Philadelphia, PA - June 11-18, 2005.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffery, Matsakis, Torf

nay: none

Motion carried. 6-0.

**PRESENTATION: SERVICE LEARNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Service Learning Committee was organized in response to a district goal established as a result of the School-Community Hazing Task Force after the powder puff incident two years ago. After meeting to review and discuss servicing learning issues this year, the consensus from this committee was that a "community service" requirement requiring all students to document a certain number of hours of volunteer work in order to graduate should not be added to district graduation requirements.

Glenbrook South assistant principal, Mr. Jim Shellard, and Glenbrook North social studies instructional supervisor, Mrs. Robin Shepherd, presented information about service learning program characteristics and curricular projects underway at both high schools. They informed the board of the difference between the preferred service learning projects driven by the curriculum and community service programs, which are not. Board members expressed their affirmation of these projects and encouraged faculty to continue to find ways to integrate service learning into curricular plans.

**DISCUSSION: ELECTRICAL BID ALTERNATE - SWITCHGEAR BUILDING**

The medium voltage electrical distribution bid was presented and the base bid and contingency alternates were awarded at the May 2, 2005 board meeting. At that meeting it was decided that the switchgear building alternate warranted further discussion before approval. At the Board's request, ARCON provided a detailed cost breakdown of the switchgear building alternate, which has a total cost of \$101,000. The Board discussed the breakdown with Dr. Schilling and ARCON representatives. After this discussion and after the motion to approve the electrical bid alternate failed, they passed a motion requesting that the switchgear building alternate be put out to bid again with bid results being brought back to the June 13, 2005 board meeting.

**MOTION TO APPROVE ELECTRICAL BID ALTERNATE - SWITCHGEAR BUILDING**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Hammer, to approve the Electrical Bid Alternate - Switchgear Building as contained in Agenda Item #8.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Hammer, Torf

nay: Berzon, Jeffery, Matsakis

Motion failed. 3-3.

**MOTION TO RESUBMIT RETURNABLE ELECTRICAL BID ALTERNATE - SWITCHGEAR BUILDING**

Motion by Mr. Matsakis, seconded by Mr. Hammer, to approve the resubmission of the returnable Electrical Bid Alternate - Switchgear Building.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffery, Matsakis, Torf

nay: none

Motion carried: 6-0.

**DISCUSSION: PROPOSED BOARD POLICY REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY 7090: EARNING CREDIT TOWARDS MEETING THE GLENBROOK HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT AND BOARD POLICY 7270: CLASS RANK**

Associate Principal Brian Wegley presented the board with recommended changes to Board Policy 7090: EARNING CREDIT TOWARDS MEETING THE GLENBROOK HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS and Board Policy 7270: CLASS RANK. He informed the board that these changes would assure equity and fairness for all students in the calculations of class rank and grade point average (GPA). Essentially, the changes ensure that class rank and GPA will be defined by grades earned within our schools, that class rank will be based upon at least three semesters of credit within the district, that credit will be given for courses that meet our criteria for high expectations, and that pass-fail credit will be awarded for correspondence and/or Internet based courses in most instances.

Dr. Riggle indicated that, on June 13<sup>th</sup> he will be bringing the results of a pilot study conducted by his guidance department in conjunction with Indiana University on the impact of eliminating class rank on senior college acceptance rates, along with a recommendation to expand the pilot to other universities.

Note: See Agenda Item #9

**MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS**

President Torf suggested that the Board should consider not only celebrating the state competitions and award winners, but should find a way to publicly highlight the smaller projects that are equally commendable but sometimes go unnoticed. Board members concurred that Mrs. Freeman should design a calendar that alternates these projects with Students That Excel presentations.

In reviewing the progress and likely demise of House Bill 750, Mr. Boron expressed his concern that, in the future, the board may want to consider hiring a lobbyist whose focus is to represent the interests of District 225 and similar north shore districts with legislators downstate. Superintendent Hales indicated that ED-RED's strength was its network of relationships with state legislatures and that he believed from all reports that they were working hard to represent district interests in this matter. Dr. Schilling indicated that we should lobby our community by informing them of the potential impact of proposed legislation on the finances of local school districts.

Mr. Berzon informed the board that the Northbrook EDC was interested in a letter of support for its goals from the various taxing bodies, including District 225. Dr. Schilling will bring a draft of a letter for board review at the next meeting.

Mr. Boron requested that an update and review of communication initiatives be placed on the upcoming board agenda.

Mr. Matsakis suggested that a board reception be held for new administrators prior to the start of the next school year.

#### **REVIEW AND SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETINGS**

Agenda items for the next board meeting:

- Discussion/Action:
  - Board Policy 7090: Earning Credit Towards meeting the Glenbrook high School Graduation Requirement
  - Board Policy 7270: Class Rank
  - Board Policy 7080: Correspondence and Internet Based Courses
  - Rebid of Electrical Alternate-Switchgear Building
- Review of letter for Northbrook EDC and possible district contributions to IASB resolutions.
- Discussion related to Class Rank Study

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Hammer, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:00 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

\* Means Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffery, Matsakis, 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 REGULAR MEETING      June 13, 2005      Glenbrook Admin. Bldg.  
7:30 P.M.      1835 Landwehr Road  
Glenview, Illinois

NEXT REGULAR MEETING      June 27, 2005      Glenbrook Admin. Bldg.  
7:30 P.M.      1835 Landwehr Road  
Glenview, Illinois