

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,
BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT #225,
COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, MAY 15, 2006**

A special meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, May 15, 2006, at approximately 7:40 p.m. at the Glenbrook North High School, IMC (Instructional Materials Center) located at 2300 Shermer Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, 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, Shein, and Torf. Also present: Dill-Varga, Freund, Freeman, Hales, Helander-Heiser, Pryma, Ptak, Riggle, Schilling, Wegley, Williamson.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Berzon, to approve the agenda for this meeting.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffery, Matsakis, Shein, and Torf.

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0.

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS

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

DISCUSSION: COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS

President Torf welcomed members of the community to this special meeting focusing on "Planning Glenbrook's Future." She informed the audience that the board had set a goal: "to take stock of the school district, identify the community's perceptions and expectations of the high schools, and to lay the foundation to set a course for the district for years ahead."

She stated that because the board had called for heightened fiscal vigilance, a regular part of meetings was the reviewing of long-range budgets, cost-cutting initiatives and streamlining audit recommendations, staffing adjustments, user fee increases and other efforts to keep finances in mind.

She indicated that this evening would be a time for administrative reports summarizing activities and findings of the comprehensive planning process. She invited the audience to pose questions at the conclusion of the presentations.

Dr. Hales began with an overview of the process highlighting results from the community surveys, the intensive 3-day planning weekend at which representative stakeholders met and worked to identify objectives, the objectives which resulted, and the results of the research and activities completed to date.

He next introduced Mrs. Barbara Dill-Varga, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, who reviewed the findings of the committee working on Objective I: Maximizing Educational Opportunities for All Students. Mrs. Dill-Varga identified two challenges to be overcome: increasing numbers of students with diverse learning needs and increasing unfunded state and federal mandates. She indicated that resources to address these diverse learning needs increasingly had to be diverted from regular level programming and activity and athletic staffing levels. The committee's concern was that the "middle was being squeezed." "Our concern is that our fiscal ability to maintain quality programs and facilities to meet levels of excellence reaching in the past as well as address present and future community expectations will be difficult." She next outlined the benchmarks of The Glenbrook Vision the committee wished to uphold: 1) maintain average class size of 23 2) provide full range of course offerings and electives 3) support existing and emerging extracurricular and athletic opportunities 4) maintain and expand support services 5) maintain and expand signature programs. Her committee recommended a five year plan to provide excellence and opportunities for all including: 1) restoration of staffing levels impacted by budget reductions in past two years and to accommodate enrollment growth 2) expansion of staffing levels to meet needs of increasing numbers of students with diverse learning needs 3) addition of coaches to meet expanding needs of emerging and growing activities and athletics.

Dr. Craig Schilling, Assistant Superintendent for Business, next presented the findings of the committee who focused on "Maximizing Opportunity through Facilities and Technology." He identified challenges, facility needs and their relationship to the financial projections, particular renovation projects required at Glenbrook North and South including improvements and technology issues. He reviewed a potential timeline identified by the committee: 1) 2006: determine scope and funding, 2) 2007 design, bid, and begin projects, and 3) complete projects.

Dr. Schilling then presented the findings of the committee charged with looking at issues relative to funding the Glenbrook Vision. He reviewed: fiscal challenges, obstacles and concerns, various cost cutting interventions that had been undertaken and next steps the Board would have to take including: confirming financial parameters, educational/facility needs, and funding needs; and selecting funding options.

At the conclusion of his presentation, President Torf provided some summary comments and then invited the community to submit questions for the presenters that were addressed during the next part of the meeting. Board members also asked and answered questions. She thanked the committees for their hard work and indicated that the Board would continue to discuss these issues at subsequent board meetings. She indicated that it would be the task of the Board to " review the findings of the research, determine the options, prioritize the projects and ideals, and decide the direction in which to steer the district." She said, "our job is to find the means to sustain the excellence and breadth of opportunities in academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities for all our of our students, in the face of fiscal constraints." She invited the community to stay involved and informed and to let board members know of their vision for the future of the district. She invited them to subscribe to the new eLink225 e-mail service accessible on the district webpage.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Hammer, to move into closed session at 10:15 p.m.:

To consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline performance, or dismissal of specific employees, collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, student disciplinary cases and litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent (Section 2 (c) (1), (2) , (9) and (11) of the Open Meetings Act).

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffery, Matsakis, Shein,
and Torf.

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nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0.

The Board returned to open session at 1:05 a.m. and took no action in open session on their deliberations.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Matsakis, seconded by Mr. Boron, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1:05 a.m.

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

Motion carried.

* Means Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffery, Matsakis, Shein, and Torf.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

SECRETARY - BOARD OF EDUCATION

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

Meetings will be held in the
Board Room of the
Northfield Township High School District #225
Administration Building,
1835 Landwehr Road,
Glenview, Illinois.

Monday, May 22, 2006

7:30 p.m.

Regular Board
Meeting

Monday, June 12, 2006

7:30 p.m.

Regular Board
Meeting

Monday, June 26, 2006

7:30 p.m.

Regular Board
Meeting