

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, January 22, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, January 22, 2007, at approximately 7:36 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: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffery, Matsakis, Shein, and Torf. Absent: none. Also present: Dill-Varga, Freeman, Hales, Helander-Heiser, McCollum, Perisho, Riggle, Schilling, Tuttle, Wegley, and Williamson.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Hammer, 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.

**INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO EXCEL**

Mrs. Diane Freeman introduced Swim Coach Robin Walker from Glenbrook South and Coach Kelly Timson from Glenbrook North who presented their award winning individual state champions in swimming to the Board of Education.

**RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS**

No members from the community asked to be recognized.

**BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

Superintendent Hales informed the Board of a meeting to be held on January 24 at 7 pm to review and debrief the events surrounding the recent referendum.

Board member Berzon provided an update on what he learned at the Northbrook Economic Development Council Meeting.

Board member Skip Shein expressed his congratulations to all involved in the recent jazz fest held at Glenbrook South.

Board member Elias Matsakis and Bob Boron complimented the college counselors at both schools for their informative presentations for parents at the junior college night.

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1.) the increase in FTE as contained in the memorandum dated January 16, 2007 from Mrs. Vickey Helander-Heiser.
- 2.) the acceptance of the following gifts:

<b>Gift From</b>	<b>Amount or Item</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Department</b>
Rotary Club of Glenview-Sunrise	\$300.00	GBS	chamber singers
Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company	\$400.00	GBS	chamber singers
Sandra L. Williams	\$250.00	GBS	chamber singers
American Association of University Women	\$250.00	GBS	chamber singers
Covenant Retirement Com.	\$50.00	GBS	chamber singers
Goodspeed Memorial Scholarship	\$500.00	GBS	Scholarship fund
Mr. William M. Wadden IV	\$500.00	GBS	Dr. Wm. H. Schreiner Scholarship Fund
Various	\$7608.00	GBN	Gary Poter Scholarship
Various	\$10,192.50	GBN	E.J. Duffy Memorial Scholarship

- 3.) regular meeting minutes of January 8, 2007
- 4.) designation of individuals to accept nominating petitions for the April 17, 2007 Board of Education election as contained in the memorandum dated January 16, 2007 from Mrs. Barbara Dill-Varga.
- 5.) the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 26284 through 26508 in the amount of \$2,074,986.69 as listed on the attached checks register dated January 16, 2007

- 6.) the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Employees for the month of December in the amount of \$47,514.01 represented by checks No. 36692 through 36701, 36720 through 36807, 36924 through 36930 and 36943 through 37016.

the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Vendors for the month of December in the amount of \$109,127.22 represented by checks No. 36702 through 36719, 36808 through 36923 and 36931 through 36942. Checks issued in December voided in December: 36731. Check issued in previous months, voided in December: No. 36026, 36646, 36647, 36653, 36682, 36683, 36689.

- 7.) 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 48340 through 48490 and 48512 through 48595 totaling \$113,597.64. Vendor Payroll check numbers 48491 through 48511 and 48584 through 48594 totaled \$35,595.30. With employees' Federal, State, and FICA/Medicare withholding taxes of \$861,470.36, TRS contributions of \$392,385.26 other deductions of \$340,769.89 and direct deposit of \$3,144,380.23 the gross payroll for the month of December was \$4,852,603.38. TRS employer contribution was \$46,519.53 and employer matching FICA and MED was \$127,520.99.

- 8.) Travel Request: Yearbook Trip (New York, NY, 3/14/07-3/18/07)

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: REGARDING NEW COURSE PROPOSALS FOR 2007-2008**

Mrs. Barbara Dill-Varga introduced the two associate principals for curriculum at each building who presented an overview of the new course proposals. Board members asked questions, which were fielded by instructional supervisors and teachers present for that purpose.

Mr. Hammer asked whether students at one school could access courses at the other school and was informed that as schedules allowed, this was possible and was occurring for a handful of students.

Board members discussed with foreign language instructional supervisor Danita Fitch the logistics and wisdom of including multiple levels of a language (e.g. Japanese) in one section of students.

Board member Matsakis suggested that a briefing be given to parents of students interested in the new summer school course offering that would take students to the Black Hills relative to potential risks, medical issues, and other points of concern.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE NEW COURSE PROPOSALS FOR 2007-2008**

Motion by Mr Boron, seconded by Mr. Shein, to approve the new course proposals for 2007-2008 as presented in agenda item #7.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING FOLLOW UP ON ISSUANCE OF BONDS**

Dr. Schilling reviewed the issuance of bonds, including the final savings to the district as a result of maintaining our AAA bond ratings. He also reviewed documents with them that detailed the analysis provided by the pricing consultant before, during, and after the sale of the bonds.

The estimates of Total Debt Service for \$94M is substantially less than estimated in July of 2006:

December 11, 2006 estimate of total debt service: \$17M less, amortization two years shorter than July 2006 estimate.

January 3, 2007 estimate of total debt service: \$14.3 less, amortization one year shorter than July 2006 estimate.

Final pricing on January 11, 2007 shows total debt service \$15.38M less and one year shorter than July 2006 estimate.

Mr. Matsakis commented on the value of using the consultant as it allowed the district to conduct the issuance at an optimal point in time. Mr. Berzon complimented Dr. Schilling and his team on this process as well as the prudent fiscal management which had garnered the district the AAA bond rating with a management rating of STRONG from Standard and Poor's and Moody's Investor Services. District 225 is the only school in Illinois with the highest management rating. Based on the District's debt structure and our conservative analysis, having the natural AAA rating easily saved the District \$1.6 million.

#### **DISCUSSION REGARDING TECHNOLOGY UPDATE PLAN**

Mrs. Debbie Perisho and Mr. Jim Senft presented to the Board a plan to upgrade many facets of the technology infrastructure. Recommendations were made in the following areas: file servers, email system, service desk software, web site, desktop software, network equipment (includes wireless backbone), power and battery backup, and disk storage space. A proposed budget and timeline accompanied the set of recommendations.

Board members asked that more information be brought back for discussion relative to: the relationship of this proposal to the recent technology audit; clarification on which of these requests were true "needs versus wants"; more information and detail about the interfacing of this set of proposals with past equipment requests and the timeline for implementation. Mr. Matsakis shared his view that communication with teachers was critical. Some board members expressed their view that the proposal included good ideas and a vision for the future that addressed many of the past issues, but that they needed more information before they felt comfortable making a decision. They questioned whether it was necessary to do all of the proposal at once or whether it could be implemented in phases, particularly during a year when both buildings will be under construction.

Dr. Hales informed the board that he would call a study committee together, including two board members, to address their questions relative to the technology proposal. He and the board members would report back to the Board at the next meeting.

#### **DISCUSSION REGARDING DASHBOARD REPORTS: SPECIAL EDUCATION/TEACHING DEMOGRAPHICS AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

Mrs. Barbara Dill-Varga presented the first section of the Dashboard reports to the Board and addressed questions. She was assisted by Dr. George Tuttle, Director of Special Education, and Mrs. Vickey Helander-Heiser. Student Achievement data is largely still absent as the school report card data, including PSAE scores from last April, are still not available from the State Board of Education.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICIES - CLASS RANK REVISIONS**

Dr. Hales suggested that existing Board policies 7100, 8030, and 8160 which contained references to Class Rank should be updated to reflect the fact that Class Rank is no longer calculated in the district. Board Policy 7270 Grade Point Average had been revised a previous board meeting to reflect that deletion. Board member Boron made a few suggestions to the wording. Board members requested that these newly revised policies be put on the consent agenda at the next meeting for board approval.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING REVISED SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF VERBATIM RECORDINGS AND MINUTES FROM CLOSED SESSION**

The Board reviewed the topics of the minutes of the verbatim recordings in their semi-annual review and decided to recommend the destruction of these verbatim recordings to take place 18 months after the creation of each recording. They excluded from this recommendation the closed session meetings of September 11, 2006 and September 26, 2006.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION FOR DESTRUCTION OF VERBATIM CLOSED SESSION RECORDINGS 18 MONTHS AFTER CREATION OF EACH TAPE**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Matsakis, to approve making a recommendation for the destruction eighteen months after their creation of verbatim recordings of closed session meetings as presented in agenda item #12 with the exception of the recordings of the closed session meetings on September 11, 2006 and September 26, 2006.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0.

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Hammer, to move into closed session at approximately 12:10 a.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, other matters relating to an individual student, namely a determination of a student's residency within the district (Section 2 (c) (1), (2), (9), (10) and (11) of the Open Meetings Act).

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0.

The Board returned to open session at approximately 1:30 a.m.

#### **ACTION TAKEN REGARDING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

##### **MOTION TO UPHOLD THE DECISION OF THE HEARING OFFICER RELATED TO STUDENT DISCIPLINARY CASE # 07-01**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Hammer to uphold the decision of the hearing officer related to student disciplinary case #07-01

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0.

#### **REVIEW AND SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETING**

Dr. Hales would convene a subcommittee to review details relative to the technology proposal and would bring a report back to the February 12, 2007 meeting.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

Board Member Steve Hammer requested that agendas and calendars for subcommittee meetings (e.g. Facilities, Finance) be shared in a more timely fashion to solicit input from other board members.

Mr. Jeffery shared an idea that certain vendors could be approached who might donate equipment to newly constructed kitchens in exchange for naming rights.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Hammer, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1:33 p.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:

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PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

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SECRETARY - BOARD OF EDUCATION

Future Board Meeting Dates:

Monday, February 12, 2007	7:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
Monday, February 26, 2007	7:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting