

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, March 12, 2007**

A special meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, March 12, 2007, at approximately 7:35 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, Shein, Torf. Absent: Jeffery, Matsakis, Shein. Also present: Buresh, Dill-Varga, Etherton, Freeman, Hales, Pranske, Ptak, Riggle, Ritter, Siena, Tuttle, Wegley, and Williamson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Berzon to approve the agenda for this meeting including the addition of consent agenda item #6.3a (resignation), the modifications made to consent agenda item #6.7, and the switching of the order of agenda item #8 and agenda item #9.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Shein, Torf.

nay: none

Motion carried. 4-0.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO EXCEL

Not all participants were able to make this evening's meeting, so this item was postponed until next Board meeting in April.

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS

President Torf asked if any community visitors wished to be recognized to speak to the Board. Six separate Glenbrook North parents and one Glenbrook North graduate shared with the Board their high regard for the special education department, its teachers, and its programming. Many shared individual stories about their children and the progress they had made. These parents attributed this success to the high quality of the compassionate teaching staff and the full continuum of program configurations/course offerings, which had been customized to meet individual student needs. Many cited that their students were inspired to consider pursuing similar careers as teachers of

special education. Dr. Hales indicated that the topic of Special Education on the evening's agenda was to provide an informational session for the Board. Typically two or three times each year, the Board has a Focus on Education topical meeting to keep abreast of curricular issues.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Dr. Hales informed the Board that it would be necessary to move the April 23rd Board meeting to the 30th because of the timing involved in bids for the construction projects. This change would be brought to them for approval. He also indicated that orientation for Board candidates would begin on March 15 with informational sessions at GBN and GBS. Dr. Hales also confirmed with Board members as to their participation at the various high school graduation ceremonies: Glenbrook North (Mr. Berzon, Mr. Boron, Mr. Hammer), Glenbrook South (Mr. Shein), and Glenbrook Evening High School (Mr. Boron).

Mr. Boron reported on a meeting he had attended to learn about the status on the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act. He commented on the apparent lack of leadership at the state level regarding this issue. He updated the Board on his attendance at a recent meeting of the Northbrook Community Relations Committee. He also complimented all the musicians and faculty/staff involved in the recent Jazz Fest and Clinic held at Mundelein High School and the Techny Festival.

(Mr. Matsakis arrived at 7:49 p.m.)

Mr. Matsakis also offered praise for the phenomenal collaboration between North and South in order to put on the Techny Festival.

Mr. Berzon reminded the Board about the March IASB Spring dinner featuring former Board member Tom Shaer who was a featured speaker.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA as modified

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Hammer to approve the following items on the consent agenda, excluding item #6.8 (Release of Non-Tenured Teachers & Part-Time Teachers) and #6.9 (Rehire of Non-Tenured Teachers and Granting of Tenure) which were removed for discussion to closed session, including the modifications to item #6.7 (minutes) and #6.16 (calendar for meetings of BOE for 2007-2008).

- 1.) No appointments
- 2.) the acceptance of the following gifts:

Gift From	Amount or Item	School	Department	Account
Illinois Tool Works, Inc.	\$600.00	GBS	SCIENCE	#830860
St. Catherine Laboure School	\$50.00	GBS	NINE	#830765
Sunset Foods	\$250.00	GBN	MUSIC	#820925

3.) the resignations of the following certificated staff:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Straube, Linda D.	Teacher Librarian in IMC	End of 2006-2007 School Year	GBN

4.) the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Employees the month of February in the amount of \$32,610.1 represented by checks No. 37301 through 37312, 37337 through 37412, 37550 through 37558, 37605 through 37680 and 37682 through 37691. the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Vendors for the month of February in the amount of \$100,857.16 represented by checks No. through 37313 through 37336, 37413 through 37549, 37559 through 37604 and 37681 and 37692 through 37715. Checks issued in February voided in February: 37546. Check issued in previous months, voided in February: No. 37268,37062,30928,36899.

5.) the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 26910 through 27057 in the amount of \$1,244,229.76 as listed on the attached checks register dated March 6, 2007.

6.) 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 48832 through 48960, 48981 through 49031. Total checks issued were \$82,990.42. Vendor Payroll check numbers 48961 through 48980, and 49032 thru 49042 totaled \$34,006.15. With employees' Federal, State, and FICA/Medicare withholding taxes of \$725,375.95, TRS contributions of \$341,169.42 other deductions of \$325,737.07 and direct deposit of \$2,850,729.44, the gross payroll for the month of January was \$4,326,002.30. TRS employer contribution was \$40,739.28 and employer matching FICA and MED was \$116,689.18.

7.) the Open and Closed Session Minutes from the February 26th, 2007 Regular Board Meeting.

8.) The release of Non-Tenured Teachers and Part-Time teachers contained in Mrs. Helander-Heiser's memorandum dated March 7, 2007.

9.) The rehire of Non-Tenured Teachers and granting of tenure contained in Mrs. Helander-Heiser's memorandum dated March 7, 2007.

10.) Certified FTE as contained in Mrs. Dill-Varga's memorandum dated February 20, 2007.

11.) Award of Science Casework bid as contained in Mrs. Ptak's memorandum dated March 12, 2007.

12.) 2007/2008 Building Projects as contained in Mrs. Ptak's memorandum dated March 12, 2007.

13.) 2007/2008 Capital Outlay Requests as contained in Mrs. Ptak's memorandum dated March 12, 2007.

14.) Revisions to 2007-2008 School Year Calendar and 2008-2009 School Year Calendar as contained in Mrs. Dill-Varga's memorandum dated February 20, 2007.

15.) Authorization to release 2007/2008 Purchase orders as contained in Mrs. Ptak's memorandum dated March 12, 2007.

16.) Calendar for meetings of the Board of Education as contained in Mrs. Dill-Varga's memorandum dated March 7, 2007.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Matsakis, Torf

nay: none

Motion carried. 5-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: ADOPTION OF A TENTATIVE AMENDED 2007/2007 BUDGET

Mrs. Hillarie Siena reminded the Board that the Illinois School Code requires that the Board of Education adopt a Tentative Budget, publish notice of same, make it available for public inspection for a period of not less than 30 days, and hold

a public hearing prior to adoption. The Budget must be adopted in final form no later than September 25, 2006. The Board may amend the budget from time to time by the same procedure as is provided for in the original adoption of the budget. The original 2006-2007 budget, as adopted last September, does not reflect bond proceeds, restructuring of debt, or reclassification of qualifying expenditures related to projects approved through the referendum. She reviewed a memo with the board of a summary schedule of adjustments to the budget, as well as the official amended budget form to be filed with the Illinois State Board of Education. She also informed the Board that a public hearing would be held on April 30, 2007, followed by the adoption of the final amended budget on May 14, 2007. She addressed questions from the Board which followed.

(See agenda item #7)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF A TENTATIVE AMENDED 2006-2007 BUDGET

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Berzon to approve the adoption of the 2006-2007 tentative amended budget as presented, the direction that copies be made available for public inspection for a period of not less than 30 days beginning on or before March 15, 2007; the holding of a public hearing on said amended budget on April 30, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., and the direction to the secretary to have inserted in the local newspaper the attached notice of said availability for inspection.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Matsakis, Torf

nay: none

Motion carried. 5-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: PROPOSED BAND TRIP - ROME, ITALY, DEC. 26, 2007 - JAN 2, 2008

Dr. Riggle provided the Board with background on a proposed Glenbrook North Band Trip to Rome, Italy from December 26, 2007 through January 2, 2008. He indicated that he was seeking tentative Board consensus to move forward in the planning process and that a formal presentation of the trip would come in mid-April when approval would be sought. This early consensus was necessary to focus research on questions and concerns the Board might have and to allow the music department to move forward with parents and students to see if there was enough interest in the trip to warrant the development of the program. Mr. Chapman,

Glenbrook North Band director spoke to comparative details between this trip and previous trips undertaken by the music department. Board consensus, excepting Mr. Boron who abstained, was to allow the planning process to move forward with a detailed proposal brought back in April.

See agenda item #9

DISCUSSION: FOCUS ON EDUCATION: SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESENTATION

Dr. George Tuttle, Director of Special Education, provided the Board with an overview and brief history of special education law and procedures. He introduced the instructional supervisors from Glenbrook North (Eric Etherton) and Glenbrook South (Carol Buresh) who assisted him in presenting on a variety of topics including: types of meetings and evaluation processes, assistive technologies, eligibility determinations and processes, role of parents, potential areas and reasons for disagreements in placement issues, and professional development needs and issues. Each instructional supervisor introduced the many special education teachers from their departments who also attended this evening.

Dr. Tuttle also presented and interpreted the results from a survey administered to all parents which revealed a high degree of affirmation for a program offering beneficial services from a caring and skilled staff focused on fostering student success. While many spoke positively about the timely communications, there were some parents who identified communication as an area needing improvement which the Board agreed should be an area to address. They requested that Dr. Tuttle report back next fall on progress made in this area. Board members complimented the administrators on the fine presentation and thanked the teachers for all of their efforts in working with their students.

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

Board member Boron reviewed with board members the appropriate uses for email as a communication tool.

Board member Matsakis suggested that a transition meeting be organized by April 30 with the future member of the Finance committee.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Matsakis, to move into closed session at approximately 10:50 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, 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, Matsakis, Torf

Nay: none

Motion carried. 5-0.

The Board returned to open session at 11:33 p.m.

ACTION REGARDING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

MOTION TO APPROVE AS WRITTEN CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #8 AND #9, REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION IN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Hammer, seconded by Mr. Matsakis, to approve as written consent agenda items #8 and #9, removed for discussion in closed session

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Matsakis, Torf

Nay: none

Motion carried. 5-0

MOTION TO ACCEPT SEPARATION AGREEMENT FOR EMPLOYEE #07-5

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Matsakis, to accept the separation agreement for employee #07-5 as determined in closed session.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Matsakis, Torf

Nay: none

Motion carried. 5-0

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Matsakis, seconded by Mr. Berzon,
to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:40 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

* means Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Matsakis, 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 (unless otherwise noted) of the
Northfield Township High School District #225
Administration Building,
1835 Landwehr Road,
Glenview, Illinois.

Monday, April 9, 2007 7:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Monday, April 30, 2007 7:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting