

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, January 14, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, January 14, 2008, 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 (present by phone), Boron, Hammer, Jeffrey, Shein, Taub, and Torf. Absent: none. Also present: Buresh, Compobasso, Davison, Dill-Varga, Etherton, Fitch, Freeman, Gale, Gartner, Hales, Helander-Heiser, Jozwik, Kornick, Koller, LeBlanc, Levine-Kelly, Levine-Wissing, McCollum, Pieper, Riggle, Rockrohr, Rylander, Schilling, Sheperd, Sirvatka, Solis, Wegley, and Williamson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING including additional consent items #6.1a, #6.3a, and revisions to item #7

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Hammer to approve the agenda for this meeting including additions of consent agenda items #6.1a, #6.3a, and revisions to item #7.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffrey, Shein, Taub, and Torf.

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO EXCEL

Mrs. Diane Freeman introduced Glenbrook South Assistant Principal for Student Activities, Jim Shellard, who presented the students involved in the 2007 GBS Canned Food Drive. This all-school community service project yielded a record 131,000 cans of food for local and Chicago charities.

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS

No community visitors asked to be recognized.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Dr. Schilling, Assistant Superintendent/Business Affairs, provided the Board with the following update on the bond sale. He

informed the Board that the \$15.5 million Glenbrook High School District bond sale took place on January 9, 2008. The result of the sale is again good news for taxpayers as the final pricing yielded a debt service that is approximately \$1 million less than projected in the 2006 referendum. Combined with the January 2007 bond sale debt savings of \$15.3 million, the total cost of debt service is \$16.3 million less than the July 2006 referendum estimate. Dr. Craig Schilling commented, "The right timing, the right strategy and very favorable rates resulted in the best deal possible. Taxpayers will continue to pay less than predicted for the referendum and the tax rate will remain at or below the projected 8.5 cents. The tax rate should remain steady over the life of the bonds, also good news for taxpayers." Triple-A bond ratings from Standard & Poor's and Moody's proved especially valuable. In preparation for the sale, Glenbrook reapplied and received the triple-A bond ratings from both agencies in December. Due to the sub-prime mortgage market problems and ensuing impact on bond insurance companies, investors were looking for the "best" bonds available to bolster their portfolios, putting the Glenbrook triple-A rated bonds in even higher demand. Among the reasons provided by Standard & Poors for the bond rating were: high wealth and income levels, excellent financial management, strong financial operations and reserve levels. Bond consultant, Austin Tobin, with Delphis Hanover Corp. consulted with the district on this bond sale. William Blair & Company was the underwriter for the sale. In answer to board member questions, Dr. Schilling indicated that only 21 school districts in the United States have an AAA bond rating; of that number 5 or 6 are in Illinois. No other district has this highest financial rating in the state of Illinois.

President Torf announced that Senator Susan Garrett donated a check for nearly \$6,000 to NSSSED for scholarships for qualified students.

Board member Hammer reported on the survey results from NSSSED graduates. He also provided a status report on the facility plans from NSSSED. Dr. Hales informed the Board that NSSSED would be inviting Board members to tour the existing facilities in the near future.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA including the additions of consent agenda item #6.1a and #6.3.

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Shein to approve the following items on the consent agenda including the additions of consent agenda items #6.1a and items #6.3.

Dr. Schilling informed the Board that the additional vendor bills will help the district meet its arbitrage requirements, saving the district nearly \$500,000.

- 1.) the appointment of the following educational support staff contained in Mrs. Helander-Heiser's memorandum dated January 9, 2008.

APPOINTMENTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Kurz, Kevin (New Position)	Instructional Assistant	1.2.08	GBN
Snoreck, Julie (Repl. A. Schattner)	Instructional Assistant	01.07.08	GBN

1a.) an increase in FTE as contained in Mrs. Helander-Heiser's memorandum dated January 14, 2008.

- 2.) the resignation of the following educational support staff contained in Mrs. Helander-Heiser's memorandum dated January 9, 2008.

Personnel - Resignations

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Schattner, Anna	Instructional Assistant	01.06.08	GBN
Weisman, Jeffrey	Instructional Assistant	12.14.07	GBS

3.) the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 30251 through 30476 in the amount of \$2,222,494.22 as listed on the attached checks register dated January 14, 2008

the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 30151 through 30248 in the amount of \$719,041.81 as listed on the attached checks register dated January 14, 2008

- 3a.) the issuance of Vendor Bills - Special Arbitrage Supplement as contained in Mrs. Ptak's memorandum dated January 14, 2008.

4.) the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Employees the month of December in the amount of \$50,231.38 represented by

checks No. 43739 through 43760, 43853 through 43874, 43881 through 43917 and 43986 through 43995. Checks issued in December voided in December: 43809. Check issued in previous months, voided in December: No.43114, 43232, 43540, and 43690.

5.) 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 51199 through 51363 and 51317 thru 51428. Total checks issued were \$114,038.31. Vendor Payroll check numbers 51364 through 51383 and 51429 thru 51437 totaled \$32,781.39. With employees' Federal, State, and FICA/Medicare withholding taxes of \$901,992.02, TRS contributions of \$412,639.08 other deductions of \$352,089.29 and direct deposit of \$3,297,010.91, the gross payroll for the month of December was \$5,077,769.61. TRS employer contribution was \$55,992.84 and employer matching FICA and MED was \$38,677.81.

6.) the Open and Closed Session Minutes from the December 10, 2008 Regular Board Meeting.

7.) the Board of Education Approval of the GBS Debate Calendar Modification as contained in consent agenda Item #6.8

8.) the acceptance of the following gifts:

Gift From	Amount or Item	School	Department
Friendship League of Northbrook	\$150.00	GBN	MUSIC
Northbrook Woman's Club	\$200.00	GBN	MUSIC
The University Guild	\$200.00	GBN	MUSIC
Covenant Village of Northbrook	\$150.00	GBN	MUSIC
Northbrook Park District	\$150.00	GBN	MUSIC
Rotary Club, Northbrook	\$250.00	GBN	MUSIC
Skokie Country Club	\$2,500.00	GBN	MUSIC
Rolling Green Country Club	\$3,000.00	GBN	MUSIC
North Suburban Branch of the Chicago Dental Society	\$250.00	GBS	CHAMBER SINGERS #830195
Covenant Village of Northbrook	\$150.00	GBS	CHAMBER SINGERS #830195
Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company	\$400.00	GBS	CHAMBER SINGERS #830195
Glenview Public Library	\$250.00	GBS	CHAMBER SINGERS #830195
Classic Residence by Hyatt	\$250.00	GBS	CHAMBER SINGERS

Gift From	Amount or Item	School	Department
			#830195
O'Keefe Lyons & Hynes, LLC	\$400.00	GBS	CHAMBER SINGERS #830195
John P. Calamos/Mae F. Calamos – Household Acct.	\$1000.00	GBS	CHAMBER SINGERS #830195
Rotary Club of Glenview Sunrise Charitable Foundation	\$350.00	GBS	CHAMBER SINGERS #830195
American Assc. of University Women	\$250.00	GBS	CHAMBER SINGERS #830195
Thomas C. Nelson	\$1000.00	GBS	WM. H. SCHREINER SCHOLARSHIP FUND #830858
Bob, Karen & Jenny McGee	\$5000.00	GBS	GBS MUSIC DEPARTMENT #364410
Bob, Karen & Jenny McGee	\$5000.00	GBS	GBS INSTRUMENTAL LEAGUE
Convergence Education Foundation	\$5000.00	GBS	SCIENCE #830860 – (BUILDING ELECTRIC CAR W/AUTOS)
Margaret & Donald Nichols	\$500.00	GBS	GBS MUSIC DEPARTMENT #364410

9.) the Board of Education Approval of GBE faculty contracts/salary structure for Spring 2008 as contained in consent agenda Item #6.9

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffrey, Shein, Taub, and Torf.

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0.

(See agenda consent agenda items #6.1a and #6.3a)

DISCUSSION/ACTION: REVISION TO BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURES 8010 – STUDENTS ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO GLENBROOK HIGH SCHOOLS

Dr. Craig Schilling presented the Board with proposed revisions to **Board Policy and Procedures 8010: Student Eligibility for Admission to the Glenbrook High Schools.** These changes have been reviewed by legal counsel and deal with tuition charges for students moving into the district or situations when special circumstances exist. The procedural changes deal with required documentation for renters and students living with other families.

Board members discussed these changes; consensus was to approve this board policy at the next board meeting in February when the policy would be placed on the consent agenda.

(See agenda item #7 - revised version)

DISCUSSION/ACTION: EDUCATIONAL PLANNING PROCESS - CURRICULUM REPORTS

Assistant Superintendent, Barb Dill-Varga, reminded the Board of the process and procedures for the review of curriculum conducted on 20% of the curriculum each year. She provided highlights from the building reports and together with assistant principals for curriculum, Rosanne Williamson (Glenbrook North) and Robert McCollum (Glenbrook South), and a full complement of instructional supervisors from each building, addressed board questions on these reports.

(See agenda item # 8)

DISCUSSION/ACTION: NEW COURSE PROPOSALS FOR 2008-2009

Assistant Superintendent, Barb Dill-Varga, introduced assistant principals for curriculum, Rosanne Williamson (Glenbrook North) and Robert McCollum (Glenbrook South), who provided the Board with an overview of the new course proposals. These proposals were reviewed by building and district administrative teams. Mrs. Dill-Varga requested that the Board approve these proposals this evening, if possible, so that hiring, scheduling, and sectioning processes can continue in an expeditious manner. Board members dialogued with instructional supervisors, who provided answers to their questions and consensus was to approve the new courses.

MOTION TO APPROVE NEW COURSE PROPOSALS AS DETAILED IN AGENDA ITEM #9

Motion by Mr. Hammer, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey to approve the new course proposals as detailed in agenda item # 9

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffrey, Shein, Taub, and Torf.

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0

(See agenda item # 9)

DISCUSSION/ACTION: REQUEST TO COMMEMORATE THE NEW GBN STUDENT CENTER

In keeping with Board Policy 5040, Principal Mike Riggle shared a proposal requesting that the Board approve the commemoration of the new GBN Student Center to be constructed the summer of 2008 as the "E.J. Duffy Student Center" in honor of Dr. E.J. Duffy, who served as Principal of Glenbrook North from 1969 to 1992.

MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST TO COMMEMORATE THE NEW GBN STUDENT CENTER IN HONOR OF E.J. DUFFY

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Berzon, to approve the request to commemorate the new GBN Student Center in honor of E. J. Duffy

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffrey, Shein, Taub, and Torf.

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0

(See agenda item # 10)

DISCUSSION/ACTION: APPROVAL OF ALTERNATE FOR WOOD FLOOR - GLENBROOK NORTH MUSIC (Alternate E-1)

Assistant Superintendent Schilling recommended that the Board accept Alternate E-1 for the band and orchestra floor at Glenbrook North from Midwest Floor Covering at a price of \$46,459. He reminded the Board that at the November 12, 2007 board meeting, the board discussed an alternate for a wood floor in lieu of the a sheet vinyl floor, due to the acoustical advantages of a wood floor in terms of musical performance and

the importance of having a rehearsal space that matched the performance space. At that time Board consensus was to choose the hardwood flooring. Since that meeting, ARCON and Nicholas Brothers researched green alternatives in part to address board interest in these solutions. They identified alternatives including bamboo flooring and reclaimed wood flooring. Bamboo flooring would provide the same acoustical advantages and is a much less expensive alternative at \$33,825. The Board needs to approve the Alternate E-1 for the hardwood at \$46,459 since this is what was bid. A credit would then be negotiated to substitute bamboo for the hardwood. The Board had some questions about the durability of the bamboo flooring which will be investigated by Dr. Schilling, but they were in favor of approving the alternate.

(See agenda item # 11)

MOTION TO APPROVE ALTERNATE E-1 FOR WOOD FLOOR AT GLENBROOK NORTH FOR \$46,459

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Taub, to approve Alternate E-1 for Wood Floor at Glenbrook North for \$46,459 (hardwood flooring).

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffrey, Shein, Taub, and Torf.

nay:

Motion carried. 7-0

DISCUSSION/ACTION: SPANISH STUDENT FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Principal Brian Wegley requested that the Board approve a proposed student exchange program between Glenbrook South High School and Instituto de ensenanza secundaria Gabriel Miro and Institutotde ensennanza secundaria Thader in Orihuela, Spain. Students from Spain would visit during Homecoming week of 2008, and Glenbrook students would visit Spain during spring break of 2009. This is a repeat of a similar exchange that occurred in recent years. The students would need to be excused from the first two days of school after spring break.

MOTION TO APPROVE SPANISH STUDENT FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAM AT GLENBROOK SOUTH

Motion by Mr. Hammer, seconded by Mr. Shein, to approve the Glenbrook South Spanish Student Foreign Exchange Program as detailed in agenda item #12.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffrey, Shein, Taub, and Torf.

nay:

Motion carried. 7-0

(See agenda item #12)

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

Mr. Taub volunteered to represent the Board at the Glenbrook Evening High School graduation ceremony in January.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Berzon, to move into closed session at approximately 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, 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, Jeffrey, Shein, Taub, and Torf.

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0

The Board returned to open session at 10:50 p.m.

ACTION REGARDING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION REQUIRING A MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR CERTIFIED STAFF MEMBER # 01-14-08-01 as detailed in closed session.

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Hammer to approve the resolution requiring a medical examination for certified staff member #01-14-08-01 as detailed in closed session.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffrey, Shein, Taub, and Torf.

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS PART TWO

Dr. Hales updated the Board on the legal fee cost sharing related to the Fort Sheridan impact aid efforts. Dr. Hales discussed with the Board District 225's share of the legal fees to support the lobbying efforts for this initiative. District 225's share as presently stated is \$14,307.95. Board consensus was to pay the district's share but to negotiate for an amount that is proportionate based on the district's recovery of dollars from the impact aid.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Jeffrey, seconded by Mr. Taub, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:05 p.m.

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

Motion carried. 7-0.

* means Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffrey, Shein, Taub, and Torf.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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, February 11, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
Monday, February 25, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting