

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, April 14, 2008, at approximately 7:38 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, Shein, Taub, and Torf Absent: Hammer, Jeffrey. Also present: Davison, Dill-Varga, Fitch, Gartner, Hales, Helander-Heiser, Koller, Levine-Kelly, Levine-Wissing, McCollum, Riggle, Rockrohr, Rylander, Schilling, Sheperd, Sirvatka, Wegley, and Williamson.

APPROVAL OF 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, Shein, Taub, Torf

nay: none

Motion carried. 5-0.

(Board member Jeffrey arrived at 7:50 p.m.)

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO EXCEL

Off-campus instructional supervisor Doug Strong introduced off-campus teachers Stephanie Stielow and Lisa Harper (psychologist) who received an award for the Glenbrook Off-Campus Independence Class. This award was the NSSED Association of Parents and Staff (APS) Best Practice Award. The award recognizes this outstanding program that promotes understanding and inclusion of students with special needs.

Superintendent Dave Hales and Glenbrook South principal Brian Wegley introduced the Glenbrook South music department, recipients of the 2008 National Grammy Signature School. This program recognizes top U.S. public high schools that are making an outstanding commitment to music education during an academic school year. As the National GRAMMY Signature School, GBS music department will receive a \$10,000 award. In attendance were: instructional supervisor Marty Sirvatka, and instructors Michael

Fogarty, Cindy Franz, Stevi Marks, Carl Meyer, Kristin Wagner,
and Greg Wojcik.

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS

No members of the community asked to be recognized.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

(Mr. Hammer arrived at 8:10 p.m.)

Dr. Hales provided the Board with information about the Glenbrook Family Party for school district staff and their families, held on Sunday, April 13, 2008. He expressed his thanks to all committee members and peer group leaders who organized and supervised the party, which was a great success. He expressed hope that it would be the start of a wonderful Glenbrook tradition.

Board member Berzon reported on the National Association of School Board Conference he attended recently, sharing details with board members about items of interest.

President Torf reported that many board members took the tour of the NSSED facilities in preparation for consideration of a future proposal addressing needs for improvement of their facilities.

President Torf shared some items from IASB (Illinois Association of School Boards) regarding a leadership program for board members.

Board member Hammer praised the presentation at Glenbrook North on mental health he recently attended.

President Torf asked for information about the special leave requests on the consent agenda. Director of Human Resources Vicky Helander-Heiser reviewed the parameters and requirements necessary to accommodate the requests of teachers. Dr. Hales indicated that some changes might be coming through the negotiations process.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1.) 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>
Guenin, Megan E.	Special Ed Teacher	04.07.08	GBN	MA/Step 1
Witty, Jean P.	Science Teacher	04.07.08	GBN	MA + 60/Step 7

the rehire of the GBN certified staff as contained in Mrs. Helander-Heiser's memorandum dated April 8, 2008.

the rehire of the GBS certified staff as contained in Mrs. Helander-Heiser's memorandum dated April 8, 2008.

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

APPOINTMENTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Aloy, Nicolette (Repl. E. Levchenko)	Clerical	03.17.08	GBS	\$15.42
DeLa Pax, Angel (Repl. C. Kostyra)	Clerical	03.10.08	ADM	\$14.25
Starcevich, Diana	Clerical	03.31.08	GBS	\$15.42
Transfers:				
Murray, Ann(Repl. M. Kossock)	Clerical	07.01.08	GBN	\$23.15

2.) the resignation of the following educational support staff contained in Mrs. Helander-Heiser's memorandum dated March 8, 2006.

Personnel - Resignations

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Benitez- Ludwig, Marlene	Clerical	03.31.08	GBS

the resignation of the following certified staff contained

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Odiotti, Virna	English Teacher	End of 2007-08 school year	GBN

3.) the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 31352 through 31557 in the amount of \$313,676.38 as listed on the attached checks register dated March 19, 2008

the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 31559 through 31808 in the amount of \$2,514,048.50 as listed on the attached checks register dated April 14, 2008

4.) the Open and Closed Session Minutes from the March 10, 2008 Regular Board Meeting.

5.) the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Employees the month of March in the amount of \$35,173.40 represented by checks No. 44459 through 44516, 44562 through 44573, 44616 through 44695 and 44727, the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Vendors for the month of March in the amount of \$156,049.74 represented by checks No. 44517 through 44561, 44574 through 44615, 44696 through 44726. Checks issued in March voided in March: None. Check issued in previous months, voided in March: No. 43870 and 44384.

6.) the acceptance of the following gifts:

Gift From	Amount or Item	School	Department	Account
Ms. Loretta Finlay	\$50.00	GBN	SCHOLARSHIP	820360

7.) the Board of Education Approval of Special Leave Requests for 2008-09 school year as contained in consent agenda Item #6.7

8.) the Board of Education Approval of Audit Firm as contained in consent agenda Item #6.8

9.) the Board of Education Approval of IHSA membership as contained in consent agenda Item #6.9

10.) the Board of Education Approval of GBN - 2008 ICTM State Math Contest at U of I (April 25-26, 2008) as contained in consent agenda Item #6.10

11.) the Board of Education Approval of Academic Attainment as contained in consent agenda Item #6.11

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried: 7-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS FOR 2008-2009

Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services Barb Dill-Varga introduced associate principals Bob McCollum (Glenbrook South) and Rosanne Williamson (Glenbrook North) who presented their new textbook proposals and addressed questions from the Board. She reminded the Board that this was the next step in the district educational planning process, as new courses had been approved last January. She also reminded the Board that a few textbooks might be brought in July as a result of ongoing curriculum work, especially in the summer.

Mr. McCollum explained that web assign, an online electronic resource providing homework experiences, would function much like an electronic workbook. Mr. Jeff Rylander explained that about 80 textbooks in math and science were synched with Web Assign. It also provided opportunities for teacher written questions to be accumulated in a bank, to which students would have 24/7 access to questions and be able to receive immediate feedback. Instructors will also be able to log into a grade book and get immediate feedback on how students performed on the exercises. Students without internet access at home can access the homework and complete the assignments in a window of time either throughout the school day from various labs or using public library internet access. 96% of Glenbrook students report that they have internet access from home and teachers open labs before and after school for student access. Students will also be able to print out their work to use as a study guide. Dr. Schilling suggested that the Glenbrook Evening High School's evening hours may also help to provide an opportunity for students to access the lab, if the district provides staff assistance to man the labs.

Foreign language instructional supervisor Ann Koller and associate principal Rosanne Williamson provided information about the *Tell Me More* online resource to be used in the foreign language courses.

Mr. McCollum also spoke about the books designated for the summer reading program beginning at Glenbrook South with incoming freshman this next summer.

Board member Boron expressed his appreciation for the obvious attempts to select textbooks that would lower overall course costs.

MOTION TO APPROVE NEW TEXTBOOK PROPOSALS

Motion by Mr. Berzon, seconded by Mr. Boron to approve the New textbook proposals for the 2008-09 school year as delineated in agenda item #7

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0.

(See agenda item # 7)

DISCUSSION/ACTION: TEACHERS/STAFF RETIREMENTS

Director of Human Resources Vickey Helander-Heiser provided the Board with information about the teachers and staff requesting approval. The Board expressed regret at the retirements of so many wonderful employees, but consensus was to approve the requested retirements as detailed in agenda item #8.

(See agenda item #8)

MOTION TO APPROVE TEACHER/STAFF RETIREMENTS

Motion by Mr. Shein, seconded by Mr. Taub to approve agenda item #8 regarding approval of Teacher/Staff Retirements.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0.

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

- Summary of Ed-RED upcoming events was shared

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Hammer, to move into closed session at approximately 9 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, Jeffery, Matsakis, Shein and Taub.

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0.

The Board returned to open session at 10:25 p.m.

ACTION REGARDING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

MOTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR EMPLOYEE #04-14-08-01 AS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SSESSION

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey, to approve settlement agreement for employee #04-14-08-01 as detailed in closed session.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0.

**MOTION TO APPROVE STATEMENT OF COMPLETION FOR
HEALTH/LIFESAFETY AMENDMENT/PROJECT**

Motion to approve statement of completion for health/life safety amendment/project #06267 for the Glenbrook South HS building as required under Section 2-3.12 of the School Code of Illinois, including the compliance with Part 185, 175, and 180 of the Fitness Center portion.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Hammer, seconded by Mr. Taub, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:30 p.m.

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

Motion carried. 7-0.

* means Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffery, Matsakis, Shein and Taub.

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 28, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting CANCELLED
Monday, May 5, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting ADDED
Monday, May 12, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting