

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, MAY 5, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, May 5, 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: Boron, Hammer, Jeffery, Shein, Taub, and Torf. Absent: Berzon. Also present: Dill-Varga, Freeman, Hales, Helander-Heiser, Horine, Pryma, Ptak, Riggle, Schilling, Senft, Sly, Sly, Wegley, and Whipple.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Hammer to approve the agenda for this meeting including the additions of consent agenda items # 5.1, 5.6 and 5.7

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried. 6-0.

**RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS**

President Torf suggested that community visitors be allowed to speak after the report on the technology plan to allow them to respond directly to that presentation.

**BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

Glenbrook South principal Brian Wegley expressed his excitement and thanks to the Board for the new Fitness Center, which opened today at Glenbrook South. He updated the Board on the upcoming construction to related physical education, health, and drivers education classrooms.

Dr. Hales informed the Board about Senior Citizen Night at the District musical, which provided opportunities for nearly 150 senior citizens to enjoy *Thoroughly Modern Millie*.

Board member Boron updated the Board on his participation at the facilities committee meeting and noted the upcoming site visits.

Dr. Hales expressed his pleasure at visiting classroom teachers this past quarter.

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA with the additions of consent agenda items #5.1 and #5.7 but not including consent agenda #5.6 (sabbatical) which will be discussed and voted on separately**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Hammer to approve the following items on the consent agenda including the additions of consent agenda items #5.1 and #5.7 but not including consent agenda item #5.6 which will be held for discussion and a separate vote

1.) the appointment of the following educational support staff contained in Mrs. Helander-Heiser's memorandum dated April 30, 2008.

**APPOINTMENTS**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Davtio, Jeanne (Repl. M. Benitez-Ludwig)	Clerical	04.21.08	GBS
Dobin, Mikhail (Repl. R. Diaz)	Custodian	04.21.08	GBN
Transfers Timpe, Debbie	Clerical	07.01.08	ADM

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>
Santa, Francisco	Principal	04.30.08	GBE	MA+30/Step 13 plus 2% administrative increment

Finan, John L	Associate Principal	04.30.08	GBN	MA + 30/Step 14 plus 30% administrative increment
Hoover, James B.	Social Studies Teacher	04.30.08	GBN	MA/Step 1

- 2.) the resignation of the following educational support staff contained in Mrs. Helander-Heiser's memorandum dated April 30, 2008.

**Personnel - Resignations**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Burtley- Robinson, Desiree	Paraprofessional	04.15.08	GBS

3.) the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 31825 through 32046 in the amount of \$405,111.73 as listed on the attached checks register dated April 22, 2008 and \$1,152,707.42 as listed on the ACH summary for total amount approved of \$1,557,819.15

4.) the Open and Closed Session Minutes from the April 14, 2008 Regular Board Meeting.

5.) the Board of Education Approval of Additional Special leaves for 2008-09 school year as contained in consent agenda Item #5.5

6.) this item was pulled off consent and discussed and voted on separately

7.) the Board of Education Approval acceptance of gifts as contained in consent agenda Item #5.7

8.) the Board of Education Approval of the release of support staff as contained in consent agenda item # 5.8

9.) the Board of Education Approval of the GBS Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference, Reno, Nevada 5/7/08-5/11/08 as contained in consent agenda item # 5.9

10.) the Board of Education Approval of the GBS National Leadership Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada 6/14/08-6/21/08 as contained in consent agenda item # 5.10

11.) the Board of Education Approval of the Resolution Intervention in Property Tax Assessment Proceedings as contained in consent agenda item # 5.10

12.) 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 51943 through 52146 and 52166 through 52250. Total checks issued were \$144,131.67. Vendor Payroll check numbers 52147 through 52165, and 52241 thru 52249 totaled \$30,763.42. With employees' Federal, State, and FICA/Medicare withholding taxes of \$792,691.55, TRS contributions of \$366,494.60 other deductions of \$340,251.55 and direct deposit of \$3,023,700.28, the gross payroll for the month of February was \$4,516,256.20. TRS employer contribution was \$53,782.25 and employer matching FICA and MED was \$125,840.59.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried. 6-0.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: SABBATICAL REQUEST FOR 2008-09 (consent agenda item #5.6 held for this discussion and vote)**

Board member Hammer expressed interest in the proposal. Principal Riggle reviewed the details of the program, as the proposal was somewhat late in coming due to the opportunity, which presented itself for the teacher. Board consensus was to put it on the consent agenda at the next board meeting on May 12, 2008.

Upon calling of the roll:

Aye: Baron, Boron, Hammer, Jeffrey, Sheen, Tub, and Turf.

Nay: none

Motion carried. 6-0.

(See consent agenda item # 5.6 -sabbatical request)

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: TECHNOLOGY REPORT**

Dr. Craig Schilling, assistant superintendent for business, and Mr. Marcus Them, director of technology presented the Board with a comprehensive technology plan framed as "Innovations with Restrictions 2008/09." As expressed in this plan, the vision of the district is to create an effective technology ecosystem -

consisting of network infrastructure personal computing hardware, software and support services - which would provide 21st Century technology enabled classrooms, computer labs, as well as other learning/teaching and work environments. These recommendations directly impact educational activities and address key concerns voiced by staff in recent years.

These recommendations provide for:

- 1) reliable and consistent technology access to the network and Internet to expand the learning environment,
- 2) a foundation for additional services, such as security, Voice, video distribution, online learning and collaboration and communication services,
- 3) remote access to relevant district data systems for staff and students,
- 4) standardized hardware and software for maximum compatibility, ease of use and equity,
- 5) efficient and reliable computer systems for administrative and educational tasks,
- 6) effective technology support services, and network bandwidth, storage capacity, and
- 7) computer capability so technology is not an obstacle but an enabler in the classrooms and labs.

This plan includes desktop / notebook standardization by moving all teaching faculty to Apple notebook computers that provide dual operating system capabilities that will operate in a new wireless environment. Also upgraded will be the storage area network systems, backup systems, internet bandwidth, network equipment, and servers. Many of these recommendations can be implemented by the start of the 2008/09 school year. Important, too, are careful timelines to provide teachers with needed professional development and training.

Dr. Craig Schilling, assistant superintendent, provided a review of the events during the last year related to technology emphasizing the steps and review processes through which the district had moved to get to the present proposal.

Mr. Brian Wegley, principal at Glenbrook South High School, shared his impressions about the plan that "is pointing us where we are going. It puts the right tool -and multiple tools---in teachers' hands." Glenbrook North Principal Mike Riggle shared his use of this Mac book with its dual boot platform of MAC and PC-- and how it enabled him to operate seamlessly and creatively. He identified it as a real movement forward with the primary focus on instruction and the classroom. He identified that training would be very important and that staff development would be enhanced under the leadership of instructional technology leaders, Ryan Bretag and David Jakes. He noted that the goal is

to distribute these new notebook computers to teaching faculty by December 1, 2008.

One group at each school piloted this new laptop and teachers, introduced by GEA representatives and GBS social studies teacher Matt Whipple, spoke about their experiences with it. They emphasized that this plan "removes the handcuffs and eliminates difficult choice that no longer has to be made between the mac and pc." Instead teachers can focus on choosing the best tools to support assignments and classroom learning. They expressed additional thanks to Network Manager Jim Senft for "quietly working on network issues," as well as to Barb Dill-Varga for collecting the data and facilitating the platform committee that preceded this proposal. Matt Whipple expressed, "We share and embrace the vision that is being called Innovations Without Restrictions" and commented that it had positively impacted the teacher negotiations process. He acknowledged that the GEA "knows that opportunity brings responsibility. We know that a plan like this is not just a one-way street." He spoke of working with the district and technology administrators to help identify the competencies teachers will need to acquire to appropriately use this technology.

President Torf commented favorably on the power of the teachers' endorsement of this proposal

District instructional technology leaders David Jakes and Ryan Bretag made a brief presentation to the board to demonstrate the flexibilities inherent in the dual platform laptop. Dr. Schilling and Director of Technology, Marcus Thimm, reviewed a timeline for implementation of this plan and related financial implications for the Board. Board members were extremely positive, though some concern was expressed by Mr. Boron regarding the ambitious timelines and the need for ongoing training for teachers. Mr. Shein also expressed some concern about some of the server/network issues, but in general, the Board was in favor of the plan. Mr. Boron said, "This is the first time I've seen the vision. Technology has been a dirty word, but now I feel that we've turned the corner. I see where we're at and where we're going. It seems like a wise course."

Consensus was to bring the plan back to the Board for a vote at the May 12, 2008 meeting.

**RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS**

No community visitors asked to be recognized.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR AND REVIEW DRAFT OF THE 2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey, to approve the revisions to the 2008-09 school year calendar and approve the 2009-10 school year calendar as detailed in agenda item #7

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried. 6-0.

**MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS**

None

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Taub, to move into closed session at approximately 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.

**Motion carried.**

The Board returned to open session at p.m.

**ACTION REGARDING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MDRC FOR THE  
EXPULSION OF STUDENT #05-05-08-01 THROUGH MAY 1, 2010 UNDER  
THE CONDITIONS DETAILED IN CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey, to support the recommendation of the MDRC for the expulsion of student #05-05-08-01 through May 1, 2010 under the conditions detailed in closed session.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried. 6-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Hammer, seconded by Mr. Taub, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:30 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

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

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

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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, May 12, 2008

7:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, June 9, 2008

7:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting