

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING,
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, October 13, 2009**

A special meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, October 13, 2009, at approximately 7:37 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, Shein, Regalbuto, Taub, Wolfson

Absent: Martin

Also present: Caliendo, Freeman, Pryma, Riggle, Siena, Wegley, Williamson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Wolfson to approve the agenda for this meeting with the change of moving closed session to agenda item #4.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Hammer, Shein, Regalbuto, Taub, Wolfson

nay:

Motion carried. 6-0

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Dr. Regalbuto, seconded by Mr. Wolfson, to move into closed session at approximately 7:39 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: Boron, Hammer, Shein, Regalbuto, Taub, Wolfson

Nay:

Motion carried. 6-0

The Board returned to open session at 8:49 p.m.

ACTION REGARDING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Wolfson to accept the recommendation regarding the expulsion of student #10-13-09-01 through the full second semester of school year 2010-2011.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Hammer, Shein, Regalbuto, Taub, Wolfson

Nay:

Motion carried. 6-0

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Hammer to extend the suspension of student #10-13-09-02 through October 27, 2009.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Hammer, Shein, Regalbuto, Taub, Wolfson

Nay:

Motion carried. 6-0

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Hammer to extend the suspension of student #10-13-09-03 through October 27, 2009.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Hammer, Shein, Regalbuto, Taub, Wolfson

Nay:

Motion carried. 6-0

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS

None

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Superintendent Riggle reported that Glenbrook South had a very nice homecoming week. Dr. Riggle stated that the village of Glenview has kept the tradition of the homecoming parade alive in that the parade route impacts businesses in downtown Glenview. These merchants and the school work well together. The same type of activities will take place this week at GBN.

Dr. Riggle mentioned that GBN Driver Education instructor, Kevin Wright, noticed a problem with an unconscious driver at an intersection on Milwaukee Avenue during behind the wheel instruction time. Mr. Wright intervened, as nobody had stopped to help. Mr. Wright was a good Samaritan who made a difference in the well being of this individual.

Dr. Regalbuto relayed her positive experience in viewing the GBS homecoming parade. She reported that a number of small children were in attendance enjoying the event.

Mr. Hammer commented on the addition of the permanent display of student art at GBN. Dr. Riggle stated that Mr. Pryma and the GBN art teachers should be proud of this collection as well as the new banners in the GBN lobby.

Mr. Boron reported on his visit to Evening High School. He visited with GBE principal, Mr. Santa, and spent some time in a computer class. He stated that this program is reclaiming students' lives. GBE students are just as proud of their school as students at GBN and GBS.

Mr. Taub provided a positive report on the recent GBS barbeque before the New Trier football game.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Wolfson, seconded by Dr. Regalbuto to approve consent agenda items 5.1-5.12.

1.) the appointment of the following educational support staff contained in memorandum dated October 8, 2009.

APPOINTMENTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Olson, Ellyce (Repl. J. Panzer)	Clerical	10.12.09	GBN

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Taylor, Dawn (New Position)	Instructional Assistant	10.01.09	OCC

2.) No Resignations

3.) the differentials as indicated attached consent agenda item #5.3

4.) the FOIA request as contained in consent agenda item # 5.4

5.) the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 39059 through 39336 in the amount of \$533,515.40 as listed on the attached checks register dated September 10 and September 23, 2009

the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 39337 through 39607 in the amount of \$887,833.40 as listed on the attached checks register dated October 1 and October 6, 2009 for a total of \$887,833.40

6.) the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Employees the month of September in the amount of \$53,158.16 represented by checks No. 1775 through 1859, 1924 through 1960 and 1963 through 2001. the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Vendors for the month of September in the amount of \$195,872.50 represented by checks No. 1739 through 1774, 1860 through 1923, 1961 through 1962, and 2002 through 2040. Checks issued in September voided in September: 1813, 2021, 2023. Check issued in previous months, voided in September: n/a.

7.) the Open Minutes from the September 21st Regular Board Meeting, the communications meeting from September 23rd and October 7, 2009 and the Facility Committee Meeting on September 29, 2009.

8.) the Board of Education Approval of academic attainment as contained in consent agenda Item #5.8

9.) the Board of Education Approval of the resolution authorizing intervention in property tax assessment proceedings as contained in consent agenda Item #5.9

10.) the Board of Education Approval of the IL High School Theatre Festival as contained in consent agenda Item #5.10

11.) the acceptance of the following gifts:

Gift From	Amount or Item	School	Department
Alice J Goodspeed	\$800.00	GBS	SCHOLARSHIP

12.) the Board of Education Approval of GBS Journalism Trip as contained in consent agenda Item #6.10

Dr. Riggle explained the FOIA request in response to a question regarding the need to report-out the details of the request. There is no requirement to report on the request. Dr. Riggle stated that the request came in on September 17 and was responded to on September 21. The request was for a copy of the 2009 ACT college readiness letter for the district and each high school.

Mr. Boron commented on item 5.12, the GBS Journalism Trip, in terms of the information being confusing as outlined on the field trip form. The cost to the student is unclear. The portion of the trip that students are responsible for is consistent with Board policy in that students are paying at least 25% of the cost of the trip. Consensus was that the field trip form should be more clear in the future as to the total cost and the source of the funds.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Hammer, Shein, Regalbuto, Taub, Wolfson

nay: none

Motion carried. 6-0

DISCUSSION/ACTION: DASHBOARDS - STUDENTS, SPED AND TEACHER DEMOGRAPHICS

Dr. Riggle introduced the dashboard demographic information mentioning that special education data needed to be reworked and will be presented at the October 26 Board Meeting.

Dr. Williamson provided a brief overview of student demographic data highlighting a significant increase in enrollment at both schools over the past ten years. Diversity of the student population at GBS has also increased. Even with these changes, it was noted that both schools recently posted their highest composite ACT scores in school history.

Dr. Caliendo provided an overview of teacher demographic information. He noted that as years of experience decreased, the number of teachers holding advanced degrees has increased. We are hiring better educated teachers.

Dr. Riggle stated that we want to keep new teachers in the district and many stay because of the positive working atmosphere. The new Glenbrook Foundation Grants may be a good incentive for teachers to stay in the district, as well.

Concerns were raised regarding the expense of hiring teachers with more advanced degrees, especially with the potential negative impact of the current economy on district property tax revenues.

Dr. Riggle stated that we do have to watch our distribution, but don't think we need to take action to make any changes at this time. Mrs. Siena stated that each lane on the teacher salary schedule is capped, so only cost of living percentage applies at some point. The formula is tied to our revenue stream and CPI. Our funding formula is very conservative. Dr. Riggle stated that we look at an average salary level each year in general of BA + 15 and 5 years experience. Dr. Riggle mentioned that the contract defines maximum student loads per teacher. This is a very complex issue. We want quality people teaching our students and strive to find the best and the brightest. We don't want teacher turnover. Every student deserves a top flight teacher in every class.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: CARDIAC ARREST SCREENING

Dr. Riggle introduced this item explaining that prior to last school year we lost one of our students to a cardiac arrest situation. In reviewing procedures in a proactive manner, the principals learned of the Max Schewitz Foundation that conducts free voluntary EKG screening in schools and provides families with information if a concern is identified. The family then follows-up with their primary care physician. This reduces the chances of any student being in a cardiac arrest situation.

Mr. Pryma explained that GBN students would be invited to participate in this voluntary screening through PE classes. The Schewitz Foundation takes a streamlined approach in conducting screenings and typically finds 1% of those screened have some abnormality. At GBN that would be 21 students and perhaps one of the 21 might have some issue that needs to be addressed. Screenings will be conducted at

GBN on December 9 & 10 and at GBS on November 18 & 19. Both Libertyville High School and District 113 have had positive responses to this program. It takes 160 parent volunteers to support this effort.

It was suggested that marching band students should be added to the list of student groups participating in the screenings. It was also suggested that the consent form needs to be adjusted for students who are 18 years old to be in compliance under HIPA. A discussion of the best means to communicate this information to parents took place, insuring that there is an understanding of what is involved in EKG testing.

The Schewitz Foundation conducts major fundraising in the summer and asks participating school districts to help with fundraising efforts. There is an implied responsibility to give back through fundraising. Both schools will explore efforts to assist with fundraising during the summer of 2010.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: H1N1 VACCINATION PROGRAMS

Dr. Riggle explained that the district falls under the Cook County Public Health program of voluntary vaccination for school children. The Cook County Health Department is asking schools to enter into an agreement regarding using schools to support county-wide efforts to immunize children. Dr. Riggle mentioned that there have been many different decisions in the local area with regard to schools' involvement in this program. District 28 has agreed to provide their facility for evening and weekend vaccinations, but will not provide these during the school day. District 34 is still discussing this initiative. Some districts to the west and the south are providing an avenue for this administration through the schools. Dr. Riggle stated that this is not a good fit for us at this time. Village officials and the district will help partner with the community to provide facility support or communication regarding vaccinations. At this time the concern is that the proposed structure of utilizing the schools to administer vaccinations during the school day opens the district up to liability. The H1N1 vaccination program is not being administered in the same method in DuPage and Will Counties.

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

Mr. Hammer requested an update on the learning center in at GBN in response to a recent *Torch* article. Mr. Pryma described the new Academic Learning Center (ARC) as a facility to support the new Response to Intervention (RtI) initiative at the school. The students have missed the convenience of computer access that the

former computer lab provided, but assured the Board that computer access for students has been improved with the addition of mobile laptop carts. Net Books are also available in the IMC for student check-out.

Mr. Pryma indicated that there are 9 different labs where students may print out work. He did state that this change caught some students off guard. Mr. Pryma mentioned that he is hoping for the same energy as Titan Learning Center at GBS. In trying to be more "green" the school is looking to minimize printing.

Mr. Shein suggested the district move forward carefully in selecting a new e-mail system. Recently there was an issue with loss of data stored externally in that Snow Leopard users lost data that was not recoverable. He emphasized the importance of archiving e-mail and not being at risk of losing data housed externally.

Review and summary of Board meeting

The GBN homecoming parade is Friday beginning at 4:00 p.m. starting from the Sunset Foods parking lot.

There was discussion of the format of the field trip information. The format of outlining expenses should be clearer.

Dashboard data will come back on October 26th to clarify some of the special education demographics.

Cardiac screenings will be conducted on November 18 & 19 at GBS and on December 9 & 10 at GBN. Not many pediatricians screen students for cardiac problems.

Mr. Wolfson reminded the Board that on Sunday, October 18, GBS will host a gym and swim from 1:00-4:00 including tours of the new facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Wolfson, seconded by Mr. Taub, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:18 p.m.

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

Motion carried. 6-0

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, October 26, 2009	7:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2009	7:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting