

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, January 10, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, January 10, 2011, at approximately 7:00 p.m. at Glenbrook South High School Student Activity Center, pursuant to due notice to all members and the public.

The president called the meeting to order. Upon calling of the roll, the following members answered present:

Boron, Martin, Regalbuto, Shein, Taub, Wolfson

Absent: Hammer

Also present: Caliendo, Fitch, Frandson, Gartner, Geddeis, Koller, Kornick, Levine-Kelly, Levine-Wissing, Muir, Pryma, Riggle, M. Rockrohr, Sheperd, Siena, Pearson, Wegley, Williamson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Taub to approve the agenda for this meeting.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO EXCEL

Dr. Riggle introduced GBN and GBS "state finalists" in music. Students were selected by the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA). Students represented all musical performance areas: band, choir and orchestra.

Mr. Marty Sirvatka, GBS Instructional Supervisor of Music, explained that students participated in auditions in the fall with top scoring students eligible for state competition. At the state event, students work with guest conductors from across the country. Students introduced themselves and described their musical area.

Dr. Riggle asked students to introduce their parents.

Mr. Boron asked if any seniors will be majoring in music in college. A couple of students indicated that they will be majoring in music.

Dr. Riggle asked how many of the students plan to make music part of their life. All students indicated that they will continue to make music part of their lives.

Mr. Taub asked students if music has helped them in math. Some students indicated that music has helped their math abilities.

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS

None.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Dr. Riggle mentioned that the first half of the year Board meetings were held at GBS. The schedule changes on January 24 with meetings through the end of June held at the Glenbrook North library.

Dr. Riggle recognized that the filing for candidates for Board election was over as of December 20. Incumbents were the only ones to file for the open seats. A lottery was held for position on the ballot. Incumbent Board members Boron, Shein and Taub will appear in alphabetical order. Dr. Riggle stated it is nice recognition of the community for the good work of the Board and their work on behalf of the district.

Mr. Pryma mentioned that GBN students performed the *Putnam County Spelling Bee* at the *Theater Festival* competition at U of I. They were selected by their peers to perform. He suggested that students may want to share their success at an upcoming Board meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Boron requested that consent agenda item 6.7, the Summer School Policy be pulled for discussion. He questioned the waiver of fees for students with free or reduced income levels for required courses only. He suggested striking from the policy, *if the educational need of the student requires summer school attendance*. He stated that this policy sets a different standard for students with free or reduced income levels.

Dr. Riggle stated that school code requires that summer school be cost neutral, so we may not be able to meet the cost neutral requirement if we open this up for all courses. Dr. Riggle

suggested tabling this policy until the January 24 meeting so that more research can be done.

Mrs. Siena stated that the current policy allows the building to extend free or reduced on a case by case basis.

Mr. Boron stated if this restriction can be removed from the policy, he believes we should remove it.

Dr. Riggle stated that the sentence can be interpreted broadly, as it is written.

Dr. Regalbuto asked about out-of-district students who are low income.

Dr. Riggle stated in the last sentence of the policy that this only applies to in-district students.

The summer school policy was tabled until the next meeting. Dr. Riggle will review the policy in light of state code and speak to the district's attorney.

Mr. Martin asked for clarification of consent agenda item 6.8. He asked how salary figures are determined. Dr. Caliendo indicated that these are determined by contract. Mr. Martin also asked how it is determined that additional staffing is needed. Dr. Caliendo indicated this is based upon student need.

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Wolfson to approve the following items on the consent agenda, excluding consent agenda item 6.7.

- 1.) a. no appointments of certificated staff
- 1.) b. the appointment of the following educational support staff contained in the assistant superintendent for human resources memorandum dated January 5, 2011.

APPOINTMENTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Hawke, Anita (New Position)	Instructional Assistant	01.03.11	GBN

- 2.) a. no certified resignations
- b. no educational support resignations

- 3.) the Board of Education review of the FOIA request contained in consent agenda item #6.3.
- 4.) the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 46052 through 46211 in the amount of \$792,908.29 as listed on the attached checks register dated January 5, 2011.
the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 45853 through 46051 in the amount of \$448,597.73 as listed on the attached checks register dated December 15, 2010.
- 5.) the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Employees for the month of December in the amount of \$54,270.79 represented by checks No. 5780 through 5870, 5924 through 5988 and 6027. the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Vendors for the month of December in the amount of \$113,749.91 represented by checks No. 5874 through 5923 & 5989 through 6026. Checks issued in December voided in December: N/A. Check issued in previous months, voided in December: No.5632, 5764, 5779.
- 6.) the Open and Closed Session Minutes from the December 13, 2010 Regular Board Meeting, the Open and Closed Session Minutes from the December 13, 2010 Special Board Meeting, and the Minutes from the December 14, 2010 Facility committee Meeting.
- 8.)the GBE Faculty contracts/salary structure for spring 2010 as contained in consent agenda item # 6.8.
- 9.)the Board of FTE Increase as contained in consent agenda item # 6.9.
- 10.)the acceptance of the following gifts:

Gift From	Amount or Item	School	Department	Account
Sunset Ridge County Club	1100.00	GBN	FINE ARTS	820730
Eye Care Ltd	250.00	GBN	FINE ARTS	820730
Skokie Country Club	2500.00	GBN	FINE ARTS	820730
Robert Hudson	250.00	GBN	EARL YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP	820360
David Young	200.00	GBN	EARL YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP	820360
John McCormick	300.00	GBN	EARL YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP	820360

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: NEW COURSE PROPOSALS

Dr. Williamson provided a general overview of new courses and mentioned that course name changes were also included as an informational item to the Board.

Ms. Frandson provided an overview of GBN new courses. Four new courses are proposed by GBN: *Anatomy and Physiology: Body Systems; Intensified Algebra 163 GTA; Sports and Society; and Modern Hebrew 273 Honors, 363 & 373 Honors.*

Mr. Boron expressed concern about the anatomy and physiology class taking a field trip to a cadaver lab. He asked if the school psychologist been brought in to consult with classes. He asked if all of the students can handle this type of field trip, and if this is part of the current anatomy and physiology course.

Ms. Rockrohr, GBN I.S. of Science, indicated that the current class has a field trip to the cadaver lab next week. She stated that she can definitely bring in school social workers or psychologists to consult on this activity.

Dr. Riggle asked about the type of information provided to parents.

Ms. Rockrohr indicated that a handout from Oakton Community College regarding visiting the cadaver lab was provided. She mentioned that students from the GBN Medical Club are also visiting the cadaver lab. Ms. Rockrohr stated that students are not pressured into going on the trip and there is a way of opting out, if needed.

Dr. Riggle stated that it is sometimes difficult for students to opt out.

Mr. Boron suggested that there is enough preparation so that students are open to opting out of the trip. Ms. Rockrohr stated that Dr. Witty and Dr. Fiala both create classrooms that are open to students' concerns and that grades are not impacted if students opt out.

Mr. Boron stated that he is less concerned about the student grade than the student reaction.

Dr. Riggle shared his experience in visiting the exhibit on the human body, *Body Works.*

Dr. Regalbuto stated that the cadaver lab is governed by a different set of ethics than an exhibit such as *Body Works*.

Mr. Shein asked how the proposed anatomy and physiology class, that seems to be a high level course, can be targeted for everybody from "G-level" on up.

Ms. Rockrohr stated that anatomy and physiology is a different kind of science with more memorization and the study of diseases. Students don't need to pull in math as they would in chemistry or physics. She stated that it is a regular-level class with projects that are student-directed. Rubrics are provided for assessing student work, but students are given a choice in level of projects.

Mr. Muir, Associate Principal for Curriculum and Instruction at GBS reviewed eight new courses: *Engineering Design and Fabrication; American Culture and the Graphic Novel; Reading Enrichment; Media Collage; Precalculus 563; Mathematics Enrichment; Mandarin Chinese 463/473; Advanced Placement Mandarin Chinese 583*.

Mr. Martin asked if some courses are being dropped.

Mr. Muir explained that with the addition of a new course, a shift in enrollment from one class to the next may occur.

Dr. Riggle stated that the math class at GBN may require more FTE, so GBN will have to decide how to find the FTE to staff this and may have to make decisions in some other areas. The district has calculated FTE on the same formula, regardless of new course proposals.

Mr. Martin asked about communication between the schools. He asked if a reading class is good for GBS, why isn't GBN proposing a reading class. Ms. Frandson indicated that Reading Skill Development already exists at GBN.

Summer courses proposed by either school are accessible to all students across the district.

Dr. Riggle suggested that Board members contact him if there are questions in the next two weeks about any of the new courses.

Mr. Wegley stated that the new course proposals are a culmination of a lot of work.

Mr. Boron indicated that he is always impressed with the creativity of the staff in the new courses proposed.

Mr. Taub asked about the reordering of science courses at GBN. Ms. Rockrohr stated that the Physics First for freshmen has worked out very well.

(See attached Agenda Item #7)

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

Dr. Riggle stated that January 31 is the annual ED-RED dinner. Mr. Boron, Mr. Hammer and Dr. Riggle plan to attend. If other Board members have an interest they should let Dr. Riggle know. Registration must be submitted by January 21st. The dinner is at the Chicago Marriott O'Hare. The evening will start with a reception at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Taub expressed interest. Dr. Regalbutto will check her calendar and get back to Dr. Riggle.

Dr. Riggle provided an update of Board committee assignments. He stated that he is looking for a Technology Committee meeting with a tentative date of January 27 from 7:30-9:00 a.m. He will follow-up with an email. At the Technology Committee meeting an update will be provided on initiatives. The district will be looking at the budget moving into the spring time.

Dr. Riggle would also like to have a Policy Committee meeting. He has completed work on a Food Allergy Management Policy.

Mr. Wolfson asked about upcoming Finance Committee meetings. Mrs. Siena indicated that the next Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled for February 10 at 7:30 a.m.

REVIEW AND SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETING

President Shein reviewed the following:

The Summer School Policy was pulled from the consent agenda and will be brought back at the January 24 meeting.

The Board completed a first review of new courses.

Assignments for committees were distributed.

Music program students were recognized by the Board.

AGENDA FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Mr. Martin stated that there is not much for the next Board Meeting Agenda. Dr. Riggle stated that he will add some items.

Mr. Boron asked if the district is waiting for a Facilities Committee meeting until after bids for summer work come in. Dr. Riggle indicated that this was correct and there is plenty of time for the committee to convene.

Dr. Riggle stated that we just conducted a walk-through for custodial services at 1835 and 3801. Ms. Ptak will provide timelines for upcoming bids.

The next Board meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 24 in the GBN library. This is a change of venue.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Dr. Regalbuto to move into closed session at approximately 8:04 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; 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. (Section 2(c) (1), (2), (5), (9), (10) and (11) of the Open Meeting Act.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

Nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

The Board returned to open session at 9:14 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Wolfson, seconded by Dr. Regalbuto to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:15 p.m.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

* Boron, Martin, Regalbuto, Shein, Taub, Wolfson

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

SECRETARY - BOARD OF EDUCATION

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

Upcoming meetings will be held at
Glenbrook **North** High School
Library
2300 Shermer Road
Northbrook, IL 60062

Monday, January 24, 2011 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
(GBN Library)