

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, May 2, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, May 2, 2011, at approximately 7:04 p.m. at Glenbrook North High School Library, 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, Martin(departed 8:45 p.m.), Regalbuto, Shein, Taub, Wolfson

Absent: Hammer

Also present: Caliendo, Geddeis, Jakes, Muir, Pryma, Riggle, Siena, Thimm, 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

Ms. Geddeis introduced members of the GBS yearbook editorial board for their achievement in winning the Golden Crown Award. Professional journalists judged the publication on a number of factors. The yearbook was also awarded the Pacemaker recognition. This represents the highest level of achievement. Only twenty yearbooks have ever won both the Golden Crown and the Pacemaker in the same year.

Ms. Field, GBS yearbook advisor, stated that the yearbook has won the Pacemaker and Silver and Golden Crown awards in the past.

Mr. Martin asked about the difference between the Golden and Silver Crown award. Ms. Field indicated that it is fairly subjective at that point.

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Dr. Regalbuto asked the students how many hours they put in on the yearbook. Students stated that they stay countless hours after school.

Mr. Wolfson asked what students plan to study in college. One student indicated that she may study design in college.

Principal Wegley stated that students follow a process to insure that it is a book for all students at GBS.

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS

None.

ADOPTION OF ELECTION RESOLUTION

Dr. Williamson stated that the official election results have been certified by the Cook County Clerk and must be adopted by the Board.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE ELECTION RESOLUTION

Motion by Mr. Wolfson, seconded by Mr. Martin, to adopt the election resolution.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay:

Motion carried 6-0.

RECOGNITION OF OATH STATEMENT SIGNED BY NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Riggle stated that all recently elected Board members have submitted a signed, notarized oath of office as now required by law. Board Policy 2010 calls for a notarized statement. Dr. Riggle verified that all recently elected Board members submitted their oath of office in accordance with Board Policy 2010.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

Motion by Mr. Taub, seconded by Mr. Wolfson to adjourn the meeting, sine die, at approximately 7:18 p.m.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

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

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MOTION TO ESTABLISH CHAIRMAN PRO TEM

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Dr. Regalbuto to appoint Superintendent Mike Riggle as Chairperson Pro Tem until the President of the Board is elected.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay:

Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION TO ESTABLISH SECRETARY PRO TEM

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Wolfson to appoint Rosanne Williamson as Secretary Pro Tem of the Board.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay:

Motion carried 6-0.

The chairperson pro tem called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Upon calling of the roll, the following members answered present:

Boron, Martin, Regalbuto, Shein, Taub, Wolfson

Absent: Hammer

Also present: Caliendo, Geddeis, Jakes, Muir, Pryma, Riggle, Siena, Wegley, Williamson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

Motion by Dr. Regalbuto, seconded by Mr. Shein 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.

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS

None.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION - PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

The chairperson declared that the nominations were open for the office of President of the Board of Education.

Motion by Mr. Boron, second by Mr. Wolfson to nominate Mr. Skip Shein for President of the Board of Education for the term of one year from May 2, 2011 to May 16, 2012. The chairperson asked if there were any other nominations for the office of President. Hearing none, the chairperson declared the nominations for the office of President closed. The chairperson asked for a vote on the nomination of Mr. Skip Shein for President of the Board of Education, May 2, 2011 through May 16, 2012.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Martin, Regalbuto, Taub, Wolfson

nay: none

abstain: Shein

Motion carried 5-0-1.

President Skip Shein assumed the function of the President for the remainder of the meeting.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION - VICE PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

The President declared that nominations were open for the office of Vice President of the Board of Education.

Motion by Mr. Wolfson, seconded by Dr. Regalbuto to nominate Mr. Bob Boron for Vice president of the Board of Education for the term of one year from May 2, 2011 through May 16, 2012.

The president asked if there were any other nominations for the office of Vice President. Hearing none, the president declared the nominations for the office of Vice President closed. The President asked for a vote on the nomination of for Vice President of the Board of Education.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Martin, Regalbuto, Shein, Taub, Wolfson

nay: none

abstain: Boron

Motion carried 5-0-1.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT - SECRETARY - BOARD OF EDUCATION

The president asked if there were any nominations for Board Secretary. Motion by Mr. Boron, second by Mr. Wolfson to nominate Rosanne Williamson as Board Secretary for the term of one year from May 2, 2011 through May 16, 2012.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

ESTABLISHMENT OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES & TIME

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Taub, that the regular meetings of the Board of Education shall be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. with meetings held at the Student Activities Center at Glenbrook South High School (4000 West Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL) starting in July 2011 through the first meeting in January 2012 and meetings held at the Glenbrook North High School (2300 Shermer Road, Northbrook, IL) Library starting with the second meeting in January 2012 through June 2012, unless indicated otherwise on the meetings document.

The Board reviewed and discussed meeting dates established through June 30, 2012.

Dr. Regalbuto asked about back-to-back meeting dates in March 2012.

Dr. Riggle explained that these meeting are placed this way because of staffing needs. The Board can always cancel a meeting.

Mr. Wolfson asked if the July 11 meeting was needed. Dr. Riggle stated that we can determine if we need this meeting in June.

Mrs. Siena stated that the July meeting would not be used for a preliminary look at the tentative budget.

Mr. Taub asked about Board meeting space at the district office.

Dr. Riggle stated there would not be space until some of the current tenants' leases are up.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES

Superintendent Riggle informed the Board of the number of appointments that needed to be filled on the following committees: Facilities, Technology, Finance, NSSED, Glenbrook Education Foundation, ED-RED, IASB Representative, OCC, Spokesperson, Scholarship Committees (GBN and GBS). Dr. Riggle presented a brief description of these positions and after discussion of some of the options, he asked that Board members be ready to make final commitments at the next meeting.

Dr. Riggle stated that normally we take a look at the membership of these committees. He suggested that the Communications Committee not meet given that a plan has been developed and the Board will receive regular updates regarding progress. There is not a large budget associated with this effort. Dr. Riggle made this suggestion because the Board's efforts would be focused in collective bargaining. He stated that he would leave it up to the Board to discuss and decide.

Mr. Taub stated that he would like to see the communication plan through as far as the efforts that have been made. Much is in the works, but he would like to see it to fruition.

Board members debated the need to maintain the Communication Committee.

Mr. Shein stated that the direction will be to not have a Communication Committee, but the Board will receive regular and timely updates with regard to the Communication Plan implementation.

Mr. Shein stated that he will cover the Alliance for Lifelong Learning.

Board consensus was to keep current committee assignments with the addition of a superintendent's advisory committee for the purposes of negotiations. Mr. Taub and Mr. Boron will serve on this advisory group.

Mr. Taub requested scholarship applications because he will be out-of-town. He will need these before May 13.

Dr. Riggle asked which Board members would attend the GBN and GBS Awards programs. Dr. Regalbuto, Mr. Boron and Mr. Shein will attend.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Dr. Regalbuto, seconded by Mr. Wolfson to approve the following items on the consent agenda

- 1.) a. the appointment of the following certificated staff as recommended by the assistant superintendent for human resources

APPOINTMENTS

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>POSITION</u> | <u>EFFECTIVE</u> | <u>SCHOOL</u> | <u>SALARY</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|---|
| Ludolph, Amy | Science | 08/22/11 | GBN | MA, Step 7/183 days 1.0 FTE |
| Serling, Jill | Science | 8/22/11 | GBN | BA, Step 3, 183 days .75FTE |
| Campbell, Mike | Mathematics | 8/22/11 | GBN | MA+30, Step 17, 183 days 1.0 FTE |

- b. no appointments of educational support staff

- 2.) a. the resignations of the following certificated staff:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>POSITION</u> | <u>EFFECTIVE</u> | <u>SCHOOL</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Beckway, Gregory | Teacher | 6/20/11 | GBE |

- b. no resignations of educational support staff

- 3.) no FOIA
- 4.) no Vendor Bills

- 5.) no Imprest
- 6.) Voice Over IP Contract as contained in consent agenda item #18.6.
- 7.) Special Education Staffing 2011-2012 as contained in consent agenda item #18.7.
- 8.) Certified Special Leave Requests as contained in consent agenda item #18.8.
- 9.) Speech/I.E. National Tournament as contained in consent agenda item #18.9.
- 10.) Glenbrook North Theatre Tour, NY, NY as contained in consent agenda item #18.10.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: GBS TRUCK BID

Dr. Ptak distributed memos relative to both truck bids. Bids were opened earlier that day. The truck came in below the estimate.

Dr. Riggle explained that the Board must first reject the GBS truck bid opened on April 13 and then approve the GBS truck bid opened on May 2. Dr. Riggle stated that because the Board discussed this item at the previous Board meeting he was requesting action. The Ford rebate will expire May 6.

MOTION TO REJECT GBS TRUCK BID

Motion by Mr. Wolfson, seconded by Mr. Taub to reject the GBS truck bid opened on April 13, item #1 on the revised memo.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE GBS TRUCK BID

Motion by Mr. Wolfson, seconded by Mr. Taub to approve the GBS truck bid opened on May 2, item #2 on the revised memo.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: GBN TRUCK BID

Dr. Riggle explained that the Board should also reject the April 13 GBN truck bid. Dr. Ptak explained because of the small cost difference between a $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton truck and a one-ton truck, a one-ton truck was now wanted.

MOTION TO REJECT GBN TRUCK BID

Motion by Mr. Wolfson, seconded by Mr. Taub to reject the GBN truck bid for a $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton truck opened on April 13, 2011.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE GBN TRUCK BID

Motion by Mr. Wolfson, seconded by Dr. Regalbuto to approve the GBN truck bid opened on May 2, for a one-ton truck.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: POST-HIGH SCHOOL FOLLOW-UP

Dr. Riggle stated that the November of 2005 Comprehensive Planning Process spoke to the need for a post-graduate follow-up study. The district researched services for this study, but

found companies were expensive and the administration was not impressed with the level information that would be reported.

The District recently began gathering data from the National Student Clearinghouse *Student Tracker* for high schools. As the non-profit National Clearinghouse data emerges we will be more comfortable providing more information about college graduation rates over time.

Dr. Riggle spoke to the limitations of the Clearinghouse data.

Mr. Boyle, GBN College Counselor, reviewed statistics provided to the Board in context.

Mr. Boyle stated that the schools do a wonderful job preparing students for college, but the administration wanted to know how students are doing once they get to college.

Mr. Taub suggested that the Glenbrook Foundation could help with students in financial need who do not persist in college for this reason.

Mr. Wolfson stated that the Glenbrook Foundation cannot afford to support four years of college at this time.

Mr. Boyle stated that there are some need-based scholarships available and families' needs have increased.

Ms. LePage, GBS College Counselor, introduced a survey of graduates conducted using *Naviance*. She reviewed the qualitative results and described how the schools use *Naviance* as a college and career planning tool.

Mr. Martin asked if comparison data from other schools is available.

Dr. Williamson stated that the National Student Clearinghouse does not provide state or local comparative data. Student achievement data is available on school report cards so that comparisons can be made between schools in this context; however, data are not readily available regarding college retention for other schools in the area.

Mr. Martin suggested that the College Counselors ask for data from surrounding schools.

Dr. Williamson stated that not all surrounding schools are using National Clearinghouse *Student Tracker* for high schools.

Dr. Regalbuto commented regarding the many college planning services offered by the high schools. There is a lot that parents take for granted.

Mr. Shein asked the College Counselors if they were familiar with the movie, *The Race to Nowhere*. He asked for their thoughts about AP's and their importance in getting into a top college.

Ms. LePage responded that it is not one more great class or one more great grade that gets students into a top college, it is what they bring to that campus based upon their entire academic record and other high school or community organizations that they are involved in.

Mr. Boyle stated that it is a balancing act with AP's. If we want students to remain competitive, they may need to make some choices.

Principal Wegley spoke to the pressure that some students feel in obtaining entrance into a very competitive school.

Dr. Riggle stated that the Board needs to recognize that both schools have focused on helping students find balance.

Dr. Riggle stated that the number of Ivy League acceptances in comparison to AP courses taken is difficult to determine because not all students who are Ivy League eligible apply to Ivy League schools. The focus of our schools has been on finding the best fit for the student. We have to be careful of our comparisons. Our students are showing tremendous success. *The Race to Nowhere* speaks to the idea that students should focus on the proper fit for college and that is what we have been doing for a long time.

Mr. Martin asked if the schools keep some kind of record of selective college acceptance rates for our students.

Mr. Boyle responded that it is not so much about trying to get into the most selective school, it is about finding the best fit of schools for the student. The college counseling program is structured about the process.

Mr. Martin asked if we have data regarding students who apply to and are accepted into selective colleges. Mr. Martin stated that it is important to know what we are getting. What kinds of colleges are our students going to? Over time have our students tended to go to more selective colleges?

Mr. Shein stated that it is difficult to rate colleges.

Mr. Boron stated that it is not the right question. The question is, are the students happy where they are at and are they

progressing where they are at? To say what is a good school depends on the student you are talking about. Do we define a good school in terms of reputation as reported in *US News and World Report*. It is a different question than are they going to good schools.

Dr. Regalbuto stated that the University of Illinois has the top civil engineering department in the country, but U of I is not an Ivy League school.

Dr. Riggle stated that this is the first time that the district has looked at this type of data. It certainly raises some good philosophical underpinnings. As time goes on we will see more about how our students are achieving an undergraduate degree, over what period of time and overall completion rates.

Mr. Taub asked if students are choosing fields of study that they can make a living in or are they more focused on their interests.

Mr. Boyle stated that he hasn't seen too much change in career choice for the purpose of making a living. There may be issues with the ability or willingness of the family to pay, but he hasn't seen a trend among our students.

Mr. Taub reported anecdotally regarding experiences of students who graduated from GBN.

Mr. Shein asked the College Counselors to consider feedback from parents going forward.

Mr. Shein stated in terms of what is a quality school, he would give four different answers for four different students, based upon the choices of his own children.

Dr. Riggle stated that there is a difference between acceptance and commitment. We know where the students are accepted, but where they choose to go from the variety of colleges that accepted them is typically based on the best fit.

Dr. Riggle stated that we can provide Board members access through passwords to *Naviance*. Reports are not generated by student name, but reports indicate the number of students going to various places.

Mr. Boyle expressed concern about sharing the "top ten" popular schools because this shifts the focus away from the best fit for a particular student. Our school profile shows where our students go.

Mr. Taub asked about the average applications per student.

Ms. LePage stated for GBS the average is 5.6.

Mr. Boyle stated for GBN the average is 5.4-5.5 applications per student.

Mr. Martin asked about the cost to apply to college.

Mr. Boyle stated that the average cost to apply is \$50.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: DISTRICT 225 TECHNOLOGY ACCESS STUDY

Dr. Riggle stated that Mr. Wegley led a district effort regarding a study of student technology access.

Mr. Wegley provided an overview of the technology access survey results. He thanked the many individuals who contributed to the survey and data analysis.

One finding that Mr. Wegley reported showed that some students have difficulty with computer access during the school day.

Mr. Wolfson asked how this was possible.

Mr. Wegley stated that not all students have regular or daily access. Mr. Wegley provided several reasons for this, primarily having to do with the availability of computer labs for "drop-ins" compared to times when teachers have reserved labs for entire classes.

One of the questions dealt with access to a computer in the home and if that computer is shared with one or more individuals.

Dr. Regalubuto stated if you share with a sibling that is different than sharing with a parent.

Mr. Wegley stated that a one-to-one computer initiative will solve all of these problems.

Dr. Riggle stated that we have had hurdles to cross with netbooks. These are good for looking up information on the Internet, but not good for lengthy assignments.

Dr. Regalubuto raised the problem with student access to printers.

Dr. Riggle stated that there is a concern with how students use the resources of the school such as printing-off papers.

Mr. Wegley stated that there should be less reliance on printers going forward.

Mr. Taub asked about the buyback price for the new computers.

Mr. Thimm stated that it would be fair market value.

Mr. Wolfson stated that the Glenbrook Foundation is looking to help in this area.

Mr. Wegley reported that laptops and iPads were preferred by students.

Mr. Wegley summarized that there is a lot of support for technology access. He reviewed short-term and long-term solutions to some of the technology gaps. Parent education programs will help with some of the gaps.

Mr. Boron stated that we have talked about leaving computer labs open later at the schools, where do we stand?

Mr. Wegley stated that the GBS library is open until 4:30 p.m., GBN is open until 3:45 p.m. One of the problems with staying open much later is the cost of transportation to get students home. This can be included as part of a solution.

Mr. Boron stated that a small percentage of students signed up for the bus compared to lack of access as shown in the survey. There is a far greater percentage without access. The cost is really the cost of lab supervision.

Mr. Wegley stated that this could be looked at that without transportation.

Dr. Riggle stated that we need to determine how the community will use a lab that is open in the evening. If students would not be coming back to school, where do they go for access? Dr. Riggle described the advantages of moving to a virtual desktop. The district has to consider solutions within range on price point.

Dr. Riggle suggested that regardless of what the district does, we need to partner more with other entities in the community.

Dr. Riggle stated that one-to-one computing is an expensive proposition. We have to think about support for the devices. In our area we have seen some efforts with netbooks over the past year. Netbooks will not solve any problems for us.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR CLOSING DATE

Dr. Williamson explained that the Board must approve the 2010-2011 school year closing date, removing unused emergency days

from the calendar. The finalized calendar must be submitted to the state by the end of the school year. She asked that the Board approve this calendar so that the district can submit the final calendar to the Illinois State Board of Education.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR CLOSING DATE

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Wolfson to approve the 2010-2011 school year closing date.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Regalbuto, Shein, Taub, Wolfson

nay: none

Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Boron, 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 5-0.

* Boron, 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

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Monday, May 16, 2011 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting