

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, JULY 14, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, July 14, 2014, at approximately 7:00 p.m. at Glenbrook South High School Student Center, 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, Doughty, Hanley, Martin, Shein, Taub, Wilkas

Also present: Bretag, Geallis, Geddeis, Muir, Pryma, Ptak, Riggle, Siena, Swanson, Wegley, Williamson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

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

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Doughty, Hanley, Martin, Shein, Taub, Wilkas

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS

None.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

None.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mrs. Wilkas to approve the following items on consent with the revised document for item #5.1.b. and revised Board Policy 6090.

The administration reviewed the recommendation to increase the compensation rate for substitute teachers.

1. Appointments

a) Certified

the appointment of the following certificated staff as recommended by the assistant superintendent for human resources

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Rosenstein, Daniel	Social Studies	08.25.14	GBS	BA, Step 1, 1.0 FTE

b) Support Staff

the appointment of the following educational support staff contained in the assistant superintendent for human resources memorandum

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Kennedy, Joanne (new position)	IMC Para	08.25.14	GBS	\$15.93
Nevin, Rosa (repl. Cindy Slater)	SPED Dept. Sec.	08.11.14	GBS	\$18.46
Shipp, Megan (repl. Anthony Catsaros)	Asst. Ath. Trainer	08.04.14	GBS	\$28.85
Weiner, Justin (repl. Matt Haggis)	Dean's IA	08.25.14	GBN	\$18.41

2. Resignations - none

3. FOIA

the Board of Education review of the FOIA request contained in consent agenda item #5.3.

4. Vendor Bills

the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 63323 through 63523 in the amount of \$879,262.75 as listed on the attached checks register dated June 17 and 24, 2014.

5. Imprest

the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Employees for the month of June in the amount of \$41,953.72 represented by checks

No. 16693 through 16738, 16770 through 16817, 16844 through 16880, 16897 through 16918, and 16940 through 16944. the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Vendors for the month of June in the amount of \$319,361.24 represented by checks No. 6739 through 16768, 16769, 16818 through 16843, 16881 through 16895, 16896, 16919 through 16938, 16939, 16945 through 16948. Checks issued in June voided in June: N/A. Check issued in previous months, voided in June: N/A.

6. Payroll - none

7. Minutes

- June 30, 2014 Special Board Meeting
- June 30, 2014 Special Closed Board Meeting

8. Substitute Teacher Compensation

9. Board Policies & Procedures

- Policy & Procedures 4070 - Tax-Sheltered Annuities
- Policy 5015 - Visitors
- Policy 6080 - Tobacco Use Prohibited
- Policy 6090 - Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco
- Policy 7060 - Advanced Placement Program and Examinations

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Doughty, Hanley, Martin, Shein, Taub, Wilkas

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: APPROVAL OF LENOVO CHROMEBOOK INSURANCE

Dr. Riggle reviewed the self-insurance option.

Dr. Ptak noted that in addition to the cost savings, fixing the devices in-house is a more efficient process. She reviewed the benefits of self-insurance.

In response to a board member's question, Dr. Ptak noted that the escalating insurance fee will be communicated to parents. Parents must sign an agreement.

Dr. Ptak reviewed last year's third party insurance plan.

Dr. Ptak stated that all students are charged a deductible or for a replacement regardless of their ability to pay.

Dr. Ptak explained that Beck's does not have a background in repairing the Chromebooks, but Beck's employees are currently in training to be certified.

Mr. Bretag reviewed his experiences with the Chromebook breakage from last school year.

Dr. Ptak reviewed past insurance plan discussions and the final decision the Board made regarding the district subsidizing the cost of insurance.

Board members discussed different possibilities related to the escalating deductible per incident.

Mrs. Siena stated that we need to consider that this escalating deductible is also for free/reduced students, so it is important to be aware of this in terms of cost.

Dr. Riggle stated that this item will be on the consent agenda for the next Board meeting.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: APPROVAL OF THREE-YEAR COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Dr. Riggle stated that Ms. Geddeis made some small revisions to the proposed Three-year Communications Plan following the June 30 meeting.

Ms. Geddeis answered clarifying questions regarding the communications plan.

In response to a board member's question Ms. Geddeis stated that staying on top of the constantly changing technologies will be the biggest challenge.

Dr. Riggle stated that we have put good systems in place, and we now need to refine our systems, such as our website.

Mr. Martin stepped out of the meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE THREE-YEAR COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mrs. Wilkas to approve the three-year communications plan.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Doughty, Hanley, Shein, Taub, Wilkas

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: AWARD OF BID FOR CLEANING SERVICE

Dr. Riggle reviewed the administration's recommendation.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AWARD OF BID FOR CLEANING SERVICE

Motion by Mrs. Hanley, seconded by Mr. Doughty to award bid for cleaning services.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Doughty, Hanley, Shein, Taub, Wilkas

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS FOR 2014-2015

Mr. Martin returned to the meeting.

Dr. Williamson explained the reason for bringing these additional textbooks at this time of year.

Mr. Muir and Ms. Sue Levine-Kelley reviewed the suggested textbook adoptions which are based on extensive curriculum review.

The administration answered clarifying questions regarding the textbook adoptions.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: DISTRICT INITIATIVES 2014-2015

Dr. Riggle stated that the district initiatives were introduced at the June 30 meeting.

Dr. Riggle reviewed suggested changes.

The Board discussed:

- Adding homework as one of the district initiatives.
- Waiting for GBS to have one year on the block schedule and the students having their own computers (1:1 initiative).
- The amount and type of homework is a community concern.
- What is the appropriate amount of homework?

- Projects/homework being due following breaks.
- What homework is intended to accomplish.
- Guidelines for teachers to evaluate what their assignments are to accomplish.
- Gathering preliminary research on what other districts do regarding homework.
- Stress/Balance research.
- Possible tools/processes to determine the waves of homework between courses.

In response to Board discussion, Dr. Pryma reviewed the conversations that administrators and teachers have throughout the year regarding homework. He noted that student engagement has touched on this topic. He stated that the schools are sensitive to the topic of homework.

Dr. Riggle stated that he will review the topic of homework and bring back the administration's suggested framework to add as an initiative under student wellness.

Dr. Riggle stated that the administration will review the initiatives and the Board's suggestions and return an amended list to the Board at the July 28 meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

In response to a board member's question, Dr. Riggle stated that we do not have any students who pay tuition to come to our schools. He reviewed the residency policy.

Dr. Riggle stated that the administration contacted Quest, who is already working on signage for healthy choice for food as we are currently doing for soft drinks.

Ms. Siena reminded the Board that there is a finance committee meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 7:30 a.m. at Glenbrook South in room 128.

The board complemented Mrs. Siena on her response to a community member's question regarding their tax bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mrs. Hanley to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:47 p.m.

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

Motion carried 7-0.

* Boron, Doughty, Hanley, Martin, Shein, Taub, Wilkas

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

SECRETARY - BOARD OF EDUCATION

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

Upcoming meetings will be held at
Glenbrook South High School
Student Center
4000 W. Lake Avenue
Glenview, IL 60026

Tuesday, July 22, 2014	7:30 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting (GBS Room 128)
Monday, July 28, 2014	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting (GBS Student Center)