

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, OCTOBER 27, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, October 27, 2014, at approximately 7:02 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: Geallis, Geddeis, Pryma, Ptak, Riggle, Siena, Wegley, Williamson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Doughty 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.

**STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO EXCEL**

Ms. Geddeis recognized the Glenbrook North High School Senior Class Board for their 2014 community service project. More than 60 members of the Senior Class Board came together in September to make 100 blankets for pediatric cancer patients receiving treatment at Glenbrook Hospital. Not only did the students make each blanket by hand, but they also utilized 300 yards of donated fabrics and raised an additional \$2,000 which they used to purchase stuffed animals and coloring books for these children as well.

Mr. Sean O'Grady, Glenbrook Hospital President, presented an award of appreciation on behalf of the hospital and stated how important this project is to their patients. He stated the gifts are going to good use. Mr. O'Grady read a thank you letter from one of the families who received a blanket.

The representative group of students from the Senior Class Board introduced themselves as well as the sponsors Ms. Jones and Ms. Frank.

In response to a board member's question the students explained how the idea came about.

The Board and Dr. Riggle thanked the students for serving the community and making the school proud.

#### **RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS**

*Pamela Pearl*

Ms. Pearl asked about the new construction in the area and if that was included in the capacity study.

Ms. Pearl stated that she is concerned because her children are not in high school yet but would like to be able to put this issue to bed. She suggested that the Board use a threshold to make enrollment decisions. She is hoping to have her anxiety relieved sooner rather than later.

Dr. Riggle stated that the one development by the train station is actually part of district 34 and not served by district 225. He stated that the Grove has been announced by the village and is supposed to be elder housing. He does not believe that this was part of Dr. McKibben's projections because it is not expected to have school age children.

*Art Wulf, Northbrook*

Mr. Wulf stated that he saw in the paper that we ended the fiscal year with 65% of total expenditures in our reserve fund. He stated that he was part of the Board in the past and stated his opinions on the budget and the reserves. Mr. Wulf stated that the Board needs to gain fiscal control of salaries and benefits and exercise fiscal responsibility.

Mr. Wulf stated that there were enrollment issues 15 years ago. He stated that when time comes to make decisions on enrollment he implores the Board to make hard decisions based on economics and not emotion. He stated that enrollment is one of the most contentious issues that the Board will face.

*Robert Lashley, Glenview*

Mr. Lashley stated that he has twins at Springman who will hopefully attend GBS. He stated that he thinks that we are moving too fast. He stated that based on the census numbers of

the Glen enrollment numbers are down. Mr. Lashley stated his concern that we don't jump the gun and would rather wait to get actual enrollment numbers.

*Amy and Gary Abraham, Glenview*

Ms. Abraham stated that she moved into this community based on the education she wanted for her children. She stated that she does not feel that it is fair to take that away from the families.

Ms. Abraham questioned why choice is not being discussed.

Dr. Riggle explained that the Board does not respond to questions from the public.

Mr. Abraham stated that he believes that there is no need to rush a decision. He stated that this is a community and not a business. He chose his house for the schools. He hopes that there is further debate before the Board makes a decision.

Ms. Abraham stated that she feels that the only families that are concerned are those from Springman and Winkleman schools and wonders why. She stated that her child can walk to GBS, so for the green of the planet why would we put them on a bus?

The Board president stated that they are aware of how emotional this topic is, he stated that the Board/administration will take it's time to do the right thing.

#### **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

Dr. Riggle distributed Triple I conference paperwork to Board members.

Dr. Riggle stated that last week was Principal Appreciation Week and October is National Principals' Month, he congratulated both principals.

Dr. Riggle informed the Board about an issue with GBN sanitary sewers and gave them an update on the progress being made. Dr. Riggle answered some clarifying questions from Board members.

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Dr. Riggle pulled item 6.8 and handed out a corrected document that contained the correct format and suggested changes.

Dr. Riggle also asked that consent agenda item 6.10 be pulled for discussion.

The Board discussed consent agenda item #6.10 Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Property Tax Assessment Proceedings which included:

- Time limits.
- Monetary limits.
- The Board's desire to be kept informed of appeals.
- The pros and cons of proposed changes.

Dr. Riggle reviewed the current process.

Mrs. Siena explained the uniqueness of each property tax assessment proceeding. She stated that putting limits could be problematic.

Dr. Riggle stated that this item will be brought back at the next meeting.

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mrs. Wilkas to approve the following items on the consent agenda with amended 6.8 and excluding 6.10.

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>
Wolf, Yvonne	World Languages	08.25.14	GBS	MA, Step 1, .4FTE

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>
Collazo, Antonio	Maintenance	11.17.14	GBN	\$26.07
Nolan, Patrick	IA Weight Rm. Supervisor	10.16.14	GBS	\$19.67
Redfern,	PT Library	10.29.14	GBS	\$16.70

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## 2. Resignations

## a) Certified

the resignations/termination of the following certificated staff:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Sheperd, Robin	Social Studies Instructional Supervisor	End of the 2014-2015 school year	Will resume her position as a teacher in the Social Studies Dept. for the 2015- 2016 school year

## b) Support Staff

the resignation/termination of the following educational support staff

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>School</u>
Wargaski, Debbie	SPED IA	10.29.14	GBS - TR

## 3. FOIA - none

## 4. Vendor Bills

the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 64833 through 65105 and in the amount of \$651,169.57 as listed on the attached checks register dated October 21, 2014.

## 5. Payroll

the issuance of checks and electronic wire transfers for net payroll earnings, payroll taxes, pension contributions, insurance and other payroll liabilities.

September Totals:

Check Register: \$ 287,315.52

Direct Deposit Register ACH: \$3,624,456.13

Wire Transfer (EFT) Register: \$2,172,219.17

## 6. Imprest - none

## 7. Minutes

- October 13, 2014 Regular Board Meeting
- October 13, 2014 Closed Board Meeting

8. Board Policy and/or Procedures Policy & Procedures - 8420 - Student Attendance

9. Library Per Capita Grant

10. Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Property Tax Assessment Proceedings - pulled

11. Special Leave Request

12. GBS Girl's Lacrosse Tour

13. Gifts

Gift From	Amount or Item	School	Department	Account
Meatheads, Northbrook, IL	11 Burger Certificates	GBN	ENGLISH - ARC	N/A
Sweet Tomatoes, Glenview, IL	2 Meal Certificates	GBN	ENGLISH - ARC	N/A
Chipotle, Glenview, IL	10 Burrito Certificates	GBN	ENGLISH - ARC	N/A

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: CAPACITY REVIEW AND ENROLLMENT FORECAST**

Dr. Riggle stated that we have a completed capacity review.

Dr. Ptak presented the district's enrollment projections and Dr. McKibben's revised 10-year forecast.

Dr. Craig Schilling reviewed the utilization study which validated the 2013 findings. He noted that for flexibility in scheduling the desired operational utilization for block scheduling is 92%. He reviewed the reasoning for this decision.

In response to a board member's question the administration and Dr. Schilling:

- Gave examples of single use rooms.
- Answered clarifying questions regarding specialty needs rooms.

A board member discussed the option of reducing scheduling flexibility and curriculum choices.

Dr. Schilling:

- Reviewed the projected utilization findings using Dr. McKibben's 10 years enrollment forecast.
- Answered clarifying questions from the Board.
- Reviewed the capacity findings.

The administration stated that the presentation will be posted on the website tomorrow.

Dr. Wegley spoke to the GBS condition. He stated that the administration is focusing on long term needs.

Dr. Wegley:

- Explained the Project Lead the Way Program.
- Answered clarifying questions from Board members.
- Reviewed the needs of GBS.
- Reviewed the process of bringing future needs to the Board.
- Reviewed temporary changes needed to meet capacity levels.
- Stated that the needs are based on current classroom size.
- Stated that we can meet the educational needs of the students and the community.
- Stated that he has had positive experiences with science mobile classrooms.
- Stated that we are having the right conversations to make sure the students get a high quality experience.
- Stated that capacities will be constantly reviewed.

Board members:

- Asked about specialty rooms.
- Asked clarifying questions.
- Discussed equity.
- Discussed the philosophy of students being able to take the classes they would like to take.
- Asked about extracurricular programs.
- Asked about temporary facilities/mobiles.
- Discussed maxed out capacities and making sure that students have a quality experience.
- Discussed the uncertainty of what the future will bring.
- Discussed the importance of students' opportunities.

- Discussed the monetary cost of continuing the high quality educational experience for our students.

In response to a board member's question, Dr. Riggle stated that we will have an update next spring on extracurricular capacities.

In response to a board member's question Dr. Schilling reviewed some rooms that are single usage that would not make sense to get rid of and stated that the administration will get the Board a list of single room usage.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: BOARD POLICY 7340 PRIVATE MUSIC  
INSTRUCTION ON SCHOOL PREMISES**

Dr. Riggle provided the policy history and the rationale for the policy being reviewed at this time. He explained that additional work needs to be done on this policy.

The Board and the administration discussed philosophies and legalities of the policy.

Dr. Riggle stated that he will bring back a revised document in the future.

**MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS**

Dr. Riggle gave an update on two teachers' health issues.

Dr. Riggle updated the Board on the Mission Hills property development.

Dr. Riggle suggested that at the next Board meeting we bring the community a decision on boundaries.

The board discussed putting enrollment on the next agenda.

The recommendation from the administration is that there is no need for boundary changes at this time.

Board members discussed having recognition of community visitors after certain topics, to allow the public to hear the discussion before having to speak on that topic.

Dr. Riggle asked if the Board would like to review the policy regarding allowing students to transfer schools.

Board members discussed reviewing the transfer policy.



Dr. Riggle will include the transfer policy in the next packet for the Board to review.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mrs. Hanley to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:57 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:

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PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

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SECRETARY - BOARD OF EDUCATION

**UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:**

Thurs., November 6, 2014	7:30 a.m.	Finance Committee Mtg. (GBS Room 128)
Mon., November 10, 2014	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting (GBS Student Center)
Mon., November 24, 2014	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting (GBS Student Center)