

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, JANUARY 26, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, January 26, 2015, at approximately 7:00 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, Doughty, Hanley, Martin, Shein, Taub, Wilkas

Also present: Frandson, Geallis, Geddeis, Muir, Pryma, Riggle, Siena, Swanson (arrived at 8:34 p.m.), 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, Doughty, Hanley, Martin, Shein, Taub, Wilkas

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO EXCEL

Ms. Geddeis recognized GBS senior Laruen Ribordy for her participation in the SC14 Student Cluster Competition. Lauren was the only high school student to compete in this invite-only event, and further, she is the only female high school student to have ever participated in the SC14. Lauren developed a club at GBS for girls who are interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math).

Ms. Ribordy thanked her teachers for their support both in the STEM program and mathematics.

Ms. Ribordy explained how she got interested in STEM and her plans for the future.

Board members and Dr. Riggle congratulated her, thanked her for her being a role model and wished her luck.

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 the consent agenda including the additional item for 6.1a

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>
Dr. Maria J. Vlahos	Instructional Supervisor for Mathematics	08.06.15	GBN	MA+60, 203 days plus 2%
Mr. Scott Williams	Instructional Supervisor for Social Studies	08.06.15	GBN	MA+30, Step 21

b. Support Staff - none

2. Resignation

a. Certified - none

b. Support Staff - none

3. FOIA

the Board of Education review of the FOIA request contained in consent agenda item #6.3.

4. Vendor Bills

the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 65973 through 66173 in the amount of \$975,324.93 as listed on the attached checks register dated January 26, 2015.

5. Payroll

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

December Totals:

Check Register: \$ 172,868.63
Direct Deposit Register ACH: \$4,238,629.38
Wire Transfer (EFT) Register: \$2,438,877.55

6. Imprest - none

7. Minutes

the Open and Closed Session Minutes from the January 12, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

8. New Course Proposals

the Board of Education Approval of New Course Proposals as contained in consent agenda item # 6.8.

9. FTE Adjustments

the Board of Education Approval of FTE Adjustments as contained in consent agenda item # 6.9.

10. GBN Band Trip

the Board of Education Approval of the GBN Band Trip as contained in consent agenda item # 6.9.

11. Gifts

the acceptance of the following gifts:

Gift From	Amount of Item	School	Department	Account
Berkshire Hathaway/Koenig Rubloff	\$1,500.00	GBS	Habitat for Humanity SLP-161	184324
Square One Education Network	\$1,500.00	GBS	Engineering Club	830860
Susan J. Young-McCormick Barrington, IL	\$300.00	GBN	EARL YOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	820360
Sarah Hudson Barrington, IL	\$450.00	GBN	EARL YOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	820360
David & Barbara Young Conover, WI	\$250.00	GBN	EARL YOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	820360
Buchanan Energy Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance	\$500.00	GBN	SCIENCE	276410

12. Special Leave Request

the Board of Education Approval of Special Leaves as contained in consent agenda item # 6.12.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: PROGRAM REVIEW - PEER GROUP

Dr. Williamson stated that the Peer Group program is being reviewed as part of district initiatives. She introduced the group and stated that the focus of the presentation is as an overview of the district-wide program.

Ms. Margaret Sullivan thanked the Board for allowing them to present this evening and showed a short video. She presented information regarding the history, mission, current structure, opportunities and challenges facing Peer Group.

Ms. Sullivan recognized Jim Lacivita and stated that without him this program would not exist. This is the 40th anniversary of the program.

Peer Group teachers and current Peer Leaders answered questions from the Board.

Board members shared their personal family experiences in the program. They stated that the lessons taught in this program are lifelong skills.

Dr. Riggle stated that Ms. Sullivan is retiring at the end of the year after 28 years of leading the program. He stated that she has left her fingerprints in the program and thanked her for her work.

In response to Dr. Riggle's question Mr. Lacivita stated that he was pleased to see the quality of the student leaders and staff who are gifted, talented and committed.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: CURRICULUM REPORTS

Dr. Williamson stated that the annual curriculum reports are generated by the departments based on Board Policy guidelines.

Mr. Muir gave an overview of the findings at GBS. He stated that the three main factors that influenced the curriculum were:

1. Transition to the block
2. Common Core standards
3. Backward Design Process

In response to a board member's question the administration stated that the different learning standards do not conflict with one another, but complement one another.

- The administration answered clarifying questions regarding:
- Loss of instructional time
 - AP Curriculum changes based on College Board changes.

In response to a board member's question Mrs. Siena stated that the specific safety issue, related to a potential future art class, was not discussed with SSCRMP, but it could be.

Mr. Muir explained that the backward design instructional model is an ongoing process and not one that occurs only once every five years. He stated that is why there are not a lot of specific recommendations.

In response to a board member's question, Mr. Muir stated that moving to the block has gone very well. He stated that most of the concerns were more logistical than instructional. He stated that instructional concerns are discussed weekly.

A few Instructional Supervisors shared their experiences with moving to the block schedule and the curriculum pace.

In response to a board member's question the administration stated that the curriculum is similar at the two schools, but the focus may be different. They explained that the classes are not exactly the same, but the students are being equally prepared to succeed in the future.

The administration answered questions regarding how often the Instructional Supervisors meet.

Ms. Frandson gave an overview of the findings at GBN. She stated that the main factors that influenced the curriculum were:

- Standards (depending on the department)
- Higher order thinking skills (focusing on analyzing, creating, producing and critical thinking).
- Project Lead the Way

The administration answered clarifying questions from board members.

Dr. Riggle stated that GBS's move to the block schedule allows the administration to review the differences in classes at the two schools. The administration is working on pathways to allow students the same experiences at both schools in order to minimize equity concerns.

Dr. Williamson thanked the instructional supervisors for coming to the meeting and their hard work on the reports. Dr. Riggle expressed the administration's desire that the schools collaborate in order to ensure best practice and students' success.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: STUDENT TRANSPORTATION FEE

Dr. Riggle stated that there are different options to discuss regarding transportation fees and provided some background on the topic.

The administration explained:

- The process used to identify student transportation needs and the potential impact to the bus transportation fee.
- This is the final year of the District's contract for transportation and how changes in fees may affect the future bid process.
- The projected district shortfall of \$54,474 (based on projected ridership)
- The factors that need to be considered in the decision making process including maintaining a stable level of ridership, student parking, and safety issues.

Mrs. Siena answered clarifying questions regarding the cost of transportation and how the fee is calculated.

Board members discussed the pros and cons of different transportation fee structures including, but not limited to:

- Step increases.
- Increasing the cost of parking stickers to cover the shortfall
- Different fee amounts

Dr. Riggle stated that it is not the district's practice to subsidize transportation. He noted that what we do now would only be temporary.

The Board decided on a \$25 increase in student fees. Action will be taken on this item at the next board meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

Dr. Riggle handed out a revised document for FTE adjustments. He reviewed the reasoning for the changes.

MOTION TO APPROVE ADJUSTED FTE ADJUSTMENTS

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mrs. Wilkas to approve the FTE Adjustment with the addition of Catherine O'Dwyer.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

In response to a board member's question Mrs. Siena stated that a wellness update will be presented at the Finance Committee meeting.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mrs. Hanley to move into closed session at approximately 9:09 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity 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, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. (Section 2(c) (1) and (11) of the Open Meeting Act).

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

The Board returned to open session at 10:09 p.m.

ACTION REGARDING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mrs. Hanley that the suspension for Arturo Lopez be without pay.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Hanley, seconded by Mr. Doughty to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:10 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:

Monday, February 9, 2015	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting (GBN Library)
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