

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, MAY 18, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, May 18, 2015, at approximately 7:06 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, Shein, Taub, Wilkas

Absent: Martin

Also present: Catalano, Geallis, Geddeis, Pearson (7:38 p.m.), Pryma, Riggle, S. Rockrohr, Shellard, Siena, Swanson, Tarjan, 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, Shein, Taub, Wilkas

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO EXCEL

Ms. Geddeis recognized the GBN Varsity and Junior Varsity debaters for their outstanding performances at the state level and asked the students to introduce themselves.

Coach Michael Greenstein thanked the administration, the Board, the parents and the students, for their support because without them this achievement would not be possible.

In response to a board member's question the seniors stated what college they are planning to attend and if they planned on continuing in debate.

In response to a board member's question the students stated that the secret to their success is based on their work ethic, their passion and support from both their family and their coaches.

Dr. Riggle stated that he applauds the students for their effort and recognized the stress they are under based on the past success of the team. He wished them luck at nationals.

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS

None.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Mrs. Hanley stated that the deadline for the Memory book for Mr. Pryma is Tuesday, May 26th.

Dr. Riggle stated that both proms were very nice events and thanked Drs. Shellard and Tarjan for their good work.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Taub to approve the following items on the consent agenda with the additional 6.1a appointment for Associate Principal at GBN Ryan Bretag.

1. Appointments
 - a) Certified

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Ms. Lauren Gruber	Librarian	08.20.15	GBS	MA+30, step 10, 1.0 FTE
Ms. Elizabeth Schimmel	Career and Technical Education Teacher	08.20.15	GBS	MA, Step 5, .7FTE
Ms. Erin McBride	Science Teacher	08.20.15	GBS	MA, Step 1, .625 FTE
Mr. Matthew Fastert	PE Teacher	08.20.15	GBN	MA, Step 1, .6 FTE
Ms. Jennifer Smurlo	Psychologist	08.20.15	GBS	MA+60, Step 6, 1.0 FTE
Mrs. Anne Lesch	Counselor	08.20.15	GBS	MA+60, Step 1, 1.0 FTE

b) Support Staff

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Asquini, Michael (Repl. Dean Krock)	Assistant Plant Operator	07.01.15	GBS	\$33.13 (FY14-15) (FY15-16 TBD)

2. Resignations/Terminations

- a) Certified - none
- b) Support Staff - none

3. FOIA - none

4. Vendor Bills

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Attached register dated</u>
Vendor Checks Nos. 67468 through 67710	\$1,517,757.96	May 12-13, 2015

5. Payroll

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

April Totals:

Check Register: \$ 215,607.02

Direct Deposit Register ACH: \$3,841,054.27

Wire Transfer (EFT) Register: \$2,182,351.45

6. Imprest

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Represented by checks Numbers</u>
Reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Employees for the month of April	\$34,429.88	19339 - 19365 19386 - 19423 19453 19455 - 19481
Reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Vendors for the month of April	\$249,277.28	19366 - 19385 19424 - 19451 19452 - 19454 19482 - 19495 19496
Checks issued in May voided in April		none
Check issued in previous months, voided in April:		none

7. Minutes
 - May 4, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
 - May 4, 2015 Closed Board Meeting
8. 2014-2015 School Year Closing Date
9. FCCLA National Competition
10. Certified Rehires

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: LONG-RANGE ROOF ASSESSMENT

Dr. Ptak stated that last fall we discussed the intent to conduct an inspection of our existing roofs in June of 2015 to re-establish a ten-year plan for replacement and repair.

Dr. Ptak reviewed roofing contractors and architectural firms and based on the bids received the administration is recommending the Hutchinson Design Group. The Hutchinson Group has received outstanding endorsements from a variety of school districts in our area.

In response to the Boards' questions Dr. Ptak:

- Stated that an architect is not needed for repair work and explained the process.
- Answered clarifying questions regarding the assessment, the budget and the cost.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH HUTCHINSON FOR LONG-RANGE ROOF ASSESSMENT

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Taub to approve the contract with Hutchinson for long-range roof assessment.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: UPDATE ON ENROLLMENT RELATIVE TO
ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETES**

Dr. Riggle stated that as part of our enrollment and capacity study, the administration has prepared an update on the participation numbers in athletics and activities in both schools.

Dr. Riggle gave a brief summary of the administration's recommendations.

The administration answered clarifying questions regarding being at capacity for student activities and athletics.

The administration discussed possible solutions to the facility constraints including a black box theatre which could be used as a multi-functional space for approximately 200-300 people.

In response to board members' questions the administration:

- Expressed concern regarding facility space for practice.
- Stated they do not see any changes in participation because of the block schedule.
- Explained the unfunded clubs.
- Stated that no new sports are being considered.
- Stated that they are not looking to fill additional coaching positions or add facilities until we know more about how the expected legislative changes will affect our revenue.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: FOUNDATIONAL HOMEWORK STUDY

Dr. Riggle stated that as part of the district initiatives for student wellness, a foundational study of homework was conducted. The scope of the work for this year was to "include a review of current homework research, the philosophy and purpose of homework and a review of current practices in area high schools."

Dr. Williamson presented a brief summary of the homework study. She explained that the research has many competing findings and one can find research to prove whatever you believe in homework. She stated that the teachers are excited about the homework study because they want to make sure that homework is a valuable learning tool.

Dr. Williamson reviewed the next steps and recommendations for 2015-2016.

In response to a board member's question we do not currently have a "policy" on homework.

Dr. Riggle stated that more targeted discussions on what is "good" homework and what might be shy of that. Homework is a dynamic and fluid topic that needs to be based on student learning.

A board member suggested focus groups with parent groups and students as well.

Dr. Riggle stated that it is very important to keep our teachers in the middle of the conversations so that they will be invested in the results.

In response to a board member's question Dr. Williamson stated that she will follow up to see if she has a breakdown of numbers requested from the High School Survey for Student Engagement.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: FY 16 SPECIAL EDUCATION FTE
RECOMMENDATION**

Dr. Riggle stated that the special education articulation has reached a completion point and based on increased enrollment and the documented special services that must be provided to next year's students, Mrs. Pearson has submitted a request for a 1.6 FTE increase in special education staffing across the district.

Ms. Pearson reviewed the rationale and breakdown for the FTE request including:

- +.6 FTE (GBS)
- +.4 FTE (GBN)
- +.6 FTE (GBOC/District)
- 1.6 Additional FTE

Ms. Pearson answered clarifying questions from board members.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY 16 SPECIAL EDUCATION FTE
RECOMMENDATION**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mrs. Hanley to approve the FY 16 special education FTE recommendation.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

None

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mrs. Hanley to move into closed session at approximately 8:27 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; 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; student disciplinary cases. (Section 2(c) (1), (2) and (9) of the Open Meeting Act).

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

The Board returned to open session at 9:56 p.m.

MOTION REGARDING STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mrs. Wilkas regarding student 05-18-15-01 that the appeal of the previous decision be denied.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Doughty, seconded by Mr. Taub to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:57 p.m.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

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

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

SECRETARY - BOARD OF EDUCATION

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

Monday, June 8, 2015	7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting (GBN Library)
Monday, June 22, 2015	6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting (GBN Library)