

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, AUGUST 8, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, August 8, 2016, at approximately 7:00 p.m. at Glenbrook District Office Public Meeting Room 100A, 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, Kim, Martin, Shein, Taub

Absent: Hanley

Also present: Fagel, Geallis, Geddeis, Gravel, Hennessey (William Blair, Co), Ptak, Riggle, Swanson, 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, Kim, Martin, Shein, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

**STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO EXCEL**

None.

**RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS**

**David Hochberg, Northbrook**

Mr. Hochberg

- Will have a GBN freshman next year
- Expressed concern that not all of our community's resources are being used.
- Stated that there are a growing number of people dying of heroin overdoses in the northern suburbs.
- Wants drug sniffing dogs in the schools like at Buffalo Grove and Stevenson High Schools.
- Noted that we have the same financial resources as those schools and wants to know why we don't have K-9 services.

- Stated that currently there are no deterrents in place.
- Stated that there is a challenge in the area that has been addressed by Representative Bob Dold who recently passed Lali's Law. (Lali's law provides a grant that helps increase access to Naloxone that can counteract the effects of a heroin overdose.)
- Cares about the school and the community and wants to protect our students.

### **Chris Suffet, Northbrook**

Ms. Suffet stated:

- Concern about the availability of marijuana and Adderall that are being distributed in our schools.
- She has spoken with the police department and said they would be there if asked, but that they have not been asked.
- Her belief is that the dogs would be a good deterrent.
- Has personally seen students with bongos in the parking lot.
- She knows the topic of drug sniffing dogs has been brought up at two previous board meetings and the discussion was shut down.
- She wants to have a dialogue to deter drugs in our schools.
- We have lost the war against drugs and wants to rally the community to do something about it.

### **Jose Rodriguez, Glenview**

Mr. Rodriguez

- Has been a Glenview resident since 1994.
- Has two children who graduated from GBS.
- Believes both GBN and GBS are tremendous schools and have prepared his children well.
- Feels that the district falls short in the area of drugs.
- Has a current junior.
- Explained that heroin was being sold out of one of the homes in the area and one of students died.
- Stated that marijuana is being smoked openly on the streets.
- Our students are walking by houses that sell drugs on the way to school that sell drugs.
- Wants the school board to step up and take a more serious look at the problem.

### **Tracy Adlin, Northbrook**

Ms. Adlin

- Suggested the community google PJ Newburg (the parent of a Glenbrook grad) to read the horror stories about heroin.
- Has three school aged children, but none in high school yet.
- Stated that one of her children asked her if she will have to take the bus to high school and when asked why she was asking the child told her because that is where the drugs are sold.
- Wants to know what we (the community) are going to do about it.

### **Chris Izenstark, Northbrook**

- Has a senior, a freshman and a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader.

- Was a hospital pharmacist at Lutheran General.
- Stated that the drug problem is everywhere:
  - Medicine cabinets are rifled through.
  - Some parents do drugs too – so they have a casual attitude on drugs.
  - Commented that students are taking Adderall to help with taking tests.
  - Students leave school, smoke pot and then come back to school.
- Does not want a police state at the schools.
- Suggested doing some random drug testing.
- Wants a deterrent – students are not afraid right now.
- The community needs the school’s help.
- This is an important topic.

**Celia Bullock, Northbrook**

- Has an incoming Junior.
- Shared a story about how easy it was for her son to buy a marijuana brownie in the lunchroom at school.
- Questioned the supervision in the lunch room.

Mr. Shein, the board president explained that this topic is not on the agenda. He assured the community that the safety of students is of the utmost importance to the Board and the administration. Mr. Shein explained the topic of drugs is discussed on a yearly basis and the Board is aware of the challenges. He explained that the Board will discuss the topic at a future meeting.

In response to the community’s questions:

- Mr. Shein stated that our agendas are published and we do not currently have a date that this topic will be discussed
- Dr. Riggle stated the issue is a community issue
- Dr. Riggle stated that the Board will need time to discuss the issue
- Dr. Riggle explained that numerous changes have been made to the discipline policies over the years and there are additional laws that will affect our current policy
- Need time to gather data
- Talk to stake holders
- Need a process
- Want to be transparent
- Need the process to be effective
- Stated that the D225 Glenbrook update comes out the Wednesday after the board meeting to update the community on topics discussed at the board meetings
- Tonight was just time for the community to address the Board, now the Board and the administration need to discuss where to go with what was presented to them

Mr. Shein thanked the community for taking the time to come and share their thoughts and concerns.

**BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

Dr. Riggle stated that he went to a gala for Hands of Peace, an organization that originated in Glenview 13 years ago that seeks host families who are willing to open their homes and their hearts to a visitor from the Middle East. Hands of Peace is an organization that empowers young

people to be leaders of change to pursue peace, equality, freedom and justice. He noted that although the Glenbrooks do not sponsor the program, our students play a small role in supporting it. Dr. Riggle explained that 85 of our students went through the program this summer. The program teaches team-building and leadership skills, helps the participants learn about different cultures and religions, guides them in learning about the Middle East conflict from different points of view, and encourages them to take action to incorporate peace-building into their personal lives.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION: \$15,000,000 LIFE SAFETY AMENDMENT UPDATE**

Dr. Ptak reviewed the process of how projects were submitted to the ROE and reviewed by ISBE.

Dr. Ptak reviewed projects that were denied and explained why they were rejected. She explained that these projects will be reviewed and as necessary brought to the Board through the capital outlay process in the spring.

In response to board members' questions the administration explained:

- The contingency increase and how it will be spent
- We have 3 years to spend the life safety money received
- The ISBE appeal process

Dr. Riggle will pursue options on appealing denied projects with our legislators.

The administration explained that one project on the list requires a public hearing (according to state code) and action by the Board to pass a resolution in order to include it on the list. Advertisement of the project and action by the Board is required because the project is not part of a physical building.

In response to a board member's question Dr. Ptak explained that for the last 3 years, a drainage pipe that runs under the GBS track has expanded during the winter freeze, causing two areas of the track to rise or "heave," introducing a potential safety concern for runners. This is not a condition that should be ignored, since it will eventually lead to significant damage to the track surface that will be more costly to repair.

### **CONDUCT OF PUBLIC HEARING AUTHORIZING LIFE SAFETY REPAIRS**

Mr. Shein declared the public hearing authorizing life safety repairs open at approximately 7:49 p.m. and asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to comment.

No members of the public commented on the life safety repairs.

Mr. Shein asked the Board Secretary if there was any written testimony.

Dr. Williamson confirmed no written testimony was received.

Mr. Shein declared the public hearing closed at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Taub to adjourn the Hearing at approximately 7:50 p.m.

aye: Boron, Doughty, Kim, Martin, Shein, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LIFE SAFETY REPAIRS**

Dr. Riggle explained that this was discussed as part of the previous agenda item.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LIFE SAFETY REPAIRS**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the resolution authorizing life safety repairs.

aye: Boron, Doughty, Kim, Martin, Shein, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

**CONDUCT OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD TO ISSUE \$15,000,000 SCHOOL FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY BONDS:**

Mr. Shein declared the public hearing concerning the intent of the Board to issue \$15,000,000 in school fire prevention and safety bonds open at approximately 7:53 p.m. and asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to comment.

No members of the public commented on the issuance of \$15,000,000 in school fire prevention and safety bonds.

Mr. Shein asked the Board Secretary if there was any written testimony.

Dr. Williamson confirmed no written testimony was received.

Mr. Shein declared the public hearing closed at approximately 7:54 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Doughty to adjourn the Hearing at approximately 7:55 p.m.

aye: Boron, Doughty, Kim, Martin, Shein, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: UPDATE ON FINANCING OPTIONS**

Dr. Riggle stated that the financial landscape has changed since our last update in June.

Dr. Gravel noted that he provided an updated presentation in response to some questions from Board members.

Dr. Gravel explained the process.

In response to board members' questions, the administration and Ms. Hennessey:

- Explained callable bonds
- Reviewed breakeven options
- Answered clarifying questions regarding the amount on a future resolution
- Explained that you would need to go to referendum in order to use the outstanding debt service amount for a different use e.g. black box theatres.

Elizabeth Hennessey of William Blair, Co. provided the Board with an update on financing options. Ms. Hennessey:

- Provided a Market Update
  - Reviewed Historical Interest Rates
  - District Historical Equalized Assessed Value (EAV)
- Reviewed Existing Debt
  - Outstanding Debt
  - Statutory Debt Limit
  - Currently Outstanding Debt Service
- Explained Option for Refunding Existing Debt
  - Current Refunding Series 2007A and B Bonds Dec. 2016 – 6 million savings
  - Advantages of a Current Refunding
- Discussed Options of Issuing New Money Limited Bonds
  - Non-Referendum Limited Bonds
  - Options for New Money Life Safety Limited Bonds
  - \$14.5M Limited Bond Nov. 2016 with Refunding

In response to a board members' questions the administration:

- Explained why the difference between the \$14.5 million bond issue and the \$15 million in projects.
- Noted that we have contingency monies in the capital fund.
- Answered clarifying questions regarding how we will pay for projects
- Stated that the bond transaction will happen before the election

Dr. Riggle asked for a Board representative to participate in the bond rating agency meeting to speak about the district to our credit raters on September 9th. Ms. Hennessey noted that it would be an all-day commitment.

Mr. Shein stated he would be available to represent the district.

Ms. Hennessey noted that a designated Board delegate would also need to be available in October when bonds are made available for public bidding.

Dr. Gravel noted that in order to position the district to get the best rate we need to complete the audit process before the rating decision. The business office staff is working diligently to complete everything in time.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: REVIEW OF PARAMETERS FOR THE REFUNDING OF EXISTING BONDS AND THE ISSUANCE OF NEW LIFE SAFETY BONDS**

Dr. Riggle explained that this item was explained during the previous discussion.

**INFO ITEM**

Dr. Riggle stated that Governor Rauner recently signed into law a new piece of legislation that regulated travel expenses for school districts. He stated that we will need to review our current policies to make sure that we are in compliance.

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Doughty to approve the following items on the consent agenda with suggested changes to the Business Incubator Program Liability and Agreement Forms.

A board member asked to receive additional information on FOIA responses going forward.

- 1. Appointments
  - a) Certified

Name	Position-School	FTE	Salary	Start Date
Paul Castelli	Special Education Teacher – GBOC	1.0	MA, Step 6	08.18.16

- b) Support Staff

Name	Building Position	Calendar FTE Start Date	Schedule Salary	Hourly Wage
Ketchum, Nataylia	GBS English IA	186.5 .67 08.18.16	IA-2/Step 3 \$24,469	\$18.92

- 2. Resignations/Terminations
  - a) Certified - none
  - b) Support Staff

Name	Position	Effective	School
Lasky, Scott	Dean's IA	06.10.16	GBN

3. FOIA - none

4. Vendor Bills

Description	Amount	Attached register dated
Vendor Checks Nos. 73299 through 73455	\$2,167,563.91	August 2, 2016

5. Payroll - none

6. Imprest

Description	Amount	Represented by checks Numbers
Reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Employees for the month of July	\$13,449.11	23024 - 23049 23070 - 23081 23138 - 23144
Reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Vendors for the month of July	\$285,459.37	23050-23068 23069 23082-23099 23100-23137 23145-23152 23153
Checks issued in July voided in July		N/A
Check issued in previous months, voided in July:		23065

7. Minutes

- July 25, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
- July 25, 2016 Regular Closed Board Meeting

8. Entrepreneurship: Business Incubator Program Liability and Agreement Forms

9. Debate Calendars

10. Intergovernmental Agreement for Library Services - Northbrook Public Library

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Doughty, Kim, Martin, Shein, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.



### **DISCUSSION/ACTION: WEBSITE REDESIGN PROPOSAL**

Ms. Geddeis stated that as part of the three-year communication plan approved in 2014 a website audit and redesign was slated for the 2016-2017 school year.

In response to board members' questions the administration clarified:

- The maintenance agreement
- Content
- Proposal details
- Geotechnology
- District staffing for website content
- Ability to view website from cell phone

Dr. Riggle provided the history of the website that was intended to evolve over time to meet the needs of users and take advantage of emerging technologies. He explained why we were unable to move forward with the present website.

The administration explained that the district has made a significant stride forward by engaging American Eagle to host the website externally and take over basic maintenance responsibilities.

### **MOTION WEBSITE REDESIGN PROPOSAL**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Doughty to approve the American Eagle service agreement.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Doughty, Kim, Martin, Shein, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

### **MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS**

The Board and the administration discussed the comments from the community regarding what the district can do to help with the drug issue in the community.

The administration:

- Noted that some of the items that the community mentioned are not part of our jurisdiction.
- Stated they would like to gather stakeholders to gather input i.e.; village, police, elementary districts
- Discussed the importance of gathering pertinent data
- Mentioned that the Glenview/Northbrook Coalition for Youth received a \$100,000 grant to strengthen community collaboration and prevent youth substance abuse
- Shared information received from focus groups regarding student wellness

The Board and the administration discussed:

- Articulating what we are doing to the community
- Needing both a short and long term plan
- Importance of a deliberative process
- Creating a vision
- Pros and cons of drug searches
- Dogs in the schools
- There are some community expectations that we are going to meet and some we will not
- This is a community problem, not just a school problem
- The importance of being responsible when spending our constituents' money
- Bringing together the appropriate stakeholders
- Needing a plan and a timeline from the administration and then the Board will provide feedback
- Creating an agenda item for the Board to discuss the priority of this topic
- Wanting to make the school as safe as possible for our students
- Wanting to keep drugs out of the school
- Educating the community on what the district is already doing and managing community expectations

Dr. Riggle stated that at the next meeting he will provide the Board with a list of the issues that need to be discussed in the context of the work to be done next year. He explained that there is a discipline policy that needs to be put in place by September 15 on restorative discipline. He explained that there is some education that needs to take place.

### **REVIEW AND SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETING**

Next board meetings:

Mon., August 22, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Mtg. (District Office Public Mtg. Rm. 100A)
Wed., September 14, 2016	7:30 a.m.	Facility Committee Mtg. (District Office Prof. Dev. Rm. 100B)

### **CLOSED SESSION**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Taub to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:38 p.m.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

\* Boron, Doughty, Kim, Martin, Shein, Taub

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

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SECRETARY - BOARD OF EDUCATION