

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, March 9, 2009**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, March 9, 2009, at approximately 7:35 p.m. at the Glenbrook High Schools Administration Building, 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: Berzon, Boron, Shein, Taub, and Torf. Absent: Hammer, Jeffery. Also present: Dill-Varga, Field, Finan, Freeman, Freund, Helander-Heiser, Pryma, Ptak, Riggle, Schilling, Wegley, Shellard,

**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: Berzon, Boron, Shein, Taub, and Torf.

nay: none

Motion carried. 5-0.

(Mr. Hammer arrived at 7:42 p.m.)

**INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO EXCEL**

The Board recognized champion swimmers from Glenbrook North and Glenbrook South High Schools. Coach Jessica Roby presented Jonathan Roby who placed second in state in diving. From Glenbrook South, Coaches Kelly Timson and Keith MacDonald presented their state champions in 50 yard freestyle and 200 yard freestyle relay, the latter which also broke the 1996 National Record.

**RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS**

A Northbrook resident voiced his opinion about the current procedure used by both high schools to select participants for the Glenbrook College Fair in April.

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

Superintendent Riggle reported on his attendance at a very successful Techy Concert and extended his congratulations to those involved in preparing students for this event. He provided details from the Safety and Security Symposium hosted by SSCRMP and held in the District 211 offices, highlighting safety and security suggestions the district will consider implementing. He next updated the board on the North Shore Academy high school building project meeting. He reported that a majority of the district's faculty and staff attended a District Institute Day on March 2 focused on instructional technology, to the benefit of all.

Superintendent Riggle reported that Glenbrook North had recently received recognition as a Smart Technologies Signature School due to their innovative use of SmartBoards. This award positions the high school to receive new technologies to pilot. Additionally, Glenbrook North also received an Academic Excellence Award from the state of Illinois because for the third straight year. Finally, he advised the Board that prospective board members running for election in April received their first orientation session from building level administrators.

Board member Boron shared his experiences as a chaperone on the Glenbrook Symphony Orchestra trip to Orlando. He shared highlights and triumphs of the orchestra's performances and expressed appreciation for faculty members' organizational skills in facilitating all that goes into such a trip.

(Mr. Jeffery arrived at 8:10 p.m.)

Board member Jeffrey informed the Board that the next meeting of the Glenbrook Foundation would be March 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Board President Torf informed the Board about her attendance at the last Northfield Township Board President's meeting. She encouraged future 225 board presidents to continue the networking opportunities this group presents.

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

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Taub to approve the following items on the consent agenda.

1.) the appointment of the following educational support staff contained in Mrs. Helander-Heiser's memorandum dated March 4, 2009.

**APPOINTMENTS**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Kus, Alice (Repl. D. Timpe)	Clerical	03.02.09	ADM

- 2.) the resignation of the following educational support staff contained in Mrs. Helander-Heiser's memorandum dated March 4, 2009.

**Personnel - Resignations**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Lsdkoedki, Anna	Instructional Assistant	03.06.09	GBOC

- 3.) the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 36431 through 36642 in the amount of \$587,116.59 as listed on the attached checks register dated February 26 and March 24 and ACH transactions in the amount of \$575,250.56 for a total approved amount of \$\$1,162,367.15.

- 4.) the Open and Closed Session Minutes from the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Regular Board Meeting.

- 5.) the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Employees the month of February in the amount of \$47,279.18 represented by checks No. 47825 through 47958, 102 through 138, 158 through 170, & 205 through 207. the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Vendors for the month of February in the amount of \$165,077.84 represented by checks No. 47824, 47959 through 47996, 100,101,139 through 154, 155, \$ 177 through 204. Checks issued in February voided in February: 47872 & 47914. Check issued in previous months, voided in February: No. 45733, 46117, 46202 & 47739.

- 6.) the issuance of the electronic wire transfers for credit union, TRS, federal taxes, employee and employer portion of FICA and Medicare taxes and state taxes, and payroll check numbers 54863 through 55022 and 55037 thru 55116. Total checks issued were \$115,044.33. Vendor Payroll check numbers 55023 through 55036, and 55117 thru 55125 totaled \$30,252.03. With employees' Federal, State, and FICA/Medicare withholding taxes of \$799,489.57, TRS contributions of \$374,326.10 other deductions of \$347,908.66 and direct deposit of \$3,100,034.36 the gross payroll for the month of March was \$4,736,803.02. TRS employer

contribution was \$50,532.38 and employer matching FICA and MED was \$127,395.16.

7.) the Board of Education Approval of the Release of Non-Tenured Teachers as contained in edited version of consent agenda Item #6.6,

8.) the Board of Education Approval of the Rehire of Non-Tenured and Part-Time Teachers as contained in consent agenda Item #6.8

9.) the Board of Education Approval of the Authorization to release 2009/10 Purchase Orders as contained in consent agenda Item #6.9

10.) the Board of Education Approval of the GBS Etruscan Yearbook Trip, April 16-19, 2009 to Phoenix, AZ as contained in consent agenda Item #6.10

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffery, Shein, Taub, and Torf.

nay: none

**Motion carried. 7-0.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: GBN MAIN ATHLETIC FIELD**

Mrs. Kim Ptak presented the Board with a recommendation to approve the installation of a new natural grass field at Glenbrook North at an estimated cost of \$300,000. Due to poor drainage, poor soil, lack of crown and POA (infiltration of grass type not suitable for athletic contests) the main field at GBN is no longer playable. She reviewed two other options and invited board discussion and question.

Board members discussed the advantages of a turf field, in particular that it was a long term solution for the maximizing of the use of a field for numerous student athletic activities,

Board members discussed the concerns including: the cost, the lack of funding for such a project, the timeline necessary to obtain permits and clearances, and the need to consider the current state of the economy. The Board discussed that future possibilities to finance this type of project might include community partnerships or contributions from the recently formed Glenbrook Foundation. Dr. Schilling reminded the Board that policy discussions need to occur about corporate sponsorships and

naming rights before that particular kind of arrangement could be considered.

President Torf reminded all that the discussion in future needed to include the fact that any artificial fields added at North would also need to include Glenbrook South, to maximize opportunities for *all* district students.

Board consensus was to support the current recommendation as the only feasible solution at present. Dr. Schilling stated that he did not need the Board to take a vote on this proposal at present as the project would be brought back for a vote when bids were completed.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: 2009/10 BUILDING PROJECTS AND CAPITAL OUTLAY**

Mrs. Kim Ptak recommended that the Board approve the building projects and capital outlay for Glenbrook North and Glenbrook South. She reminded the Board that as part of the development of each building's operating budgets (their discretionary funds for the building), they compile a list of building projects they wish to complete. Additionally, as part of the budgeting process, capital outlay requests are submitted for Board approval each year. Capital outlay includes single items that are \$2,500 or more. Building administrators addressed questions from the Board on the items detailed in agenda item #8. One board member suggested that a long range plan for instrument replacement be considered.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUILDING PROJECTS AND CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR GLENBROOK NORTH AND GLENBROOK SOUTH (AGENDA ITEM #7)**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Berzon, to approve the building projects and capital outlay as detailed in agenda item #8.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffery, Shein, Taub, and Torf.

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: GBS SOLAR PANELS**

Mrs. Kim Ptak presented the Board with a proposal to approve the installation of solar panels at Glenbrook South in the amount of \$460,000 of which \$245,000 will be paid for with grant money,

leaving a balance for the district to pay of \$215,000. She reminded the Board of their previous approval to approve \$47,000 to prepare the pool roof for the future solar panels. She informed the Board that the district had received word they had received two grants through the Clean Energy Act to be spent between now and October of 2009. It is estimated that within 13 years the district will see a payback on energy savings.

Dr. Schilling asked that the Board approve this project with language in the motion to include any possibilities of funding we might be able to acquire through stimulus funding from the federal government.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffery, Shein, Taub, and Torf.

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0.

**MOTION TO APPROVE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS FOR GLENBROOK SOUTH (AGENDA ITEM #9)**

Motion by Mr. Berzon, seconded by Mr. Shein, to approve the recommendation to install solar panels at Glenbrook South in the amount of \$460,000, of which approximately \$245,000 will be paid for with grant money, leaving a balance for the district to pay of \$215,000, noting any future capital funding from the governmental "stimulus" legislation will be targeted to reimburse the district's investment in this project.

Upon calling of the roll:

Aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffery, Shein, Taub, and Torf.

Nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0.

(See agenda item # 9)

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: FINANCIAL UPDATE AND ANNUAL REPORT**

Dr. Schilling presented a draft of a document entitled, Annual Financial Update. He provided the Board with details about: current and future budget projection including a financial outlook through 2015. He provided a summary of significant local, state, and national events and their probable effects on

the district's finances. He also provides a summary of the referendum's positive effects on major initiatives (facilities and FTE). The board thanked him for his concise and informative presentation.

The Board discussed their vision for how to use this document. Board consensus was to create a document that begins with a focus on the educational and student achievement issues. The School Report Card was felt to be a dry document that did not capture well the important educational story of the Glenbrooks and so was not sufficient in and of itself to carry the message to our community of the excellence in our educational programs. Board members wanted the financial details to be placed second with appropriate links to show how they supported or made possible the educational opportunities for all.

Superintendent Riggle thanked Dr. Schilling for his efforts and indicated that he would be working with Mrs. Dill-Varga on these suggestions, bringing a second draft back to the Board in April.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS**

1. Board member Shein asked for clarification on a recent FOIA issue.
2. Board member Hammer asked for an update on the Glenbrook South pool construction.

#### **MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Hammer, to move into closed session at approximately 10:05 p.m. To consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline performance, or dismissal of specific employees, 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 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, other matters relating to an individual student, namely a determination of a student's residency within the district (Section 2 (c) (1), (2), (9), (10) and (11) of the Open Meetings Act).

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffery, Shein, Taub, and Torf.

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0.

The Board returned to open session at 11:25 p.m.

**ACTION REGARDING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO AMEND A RESOLUTION OF THE DISTRICT AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR A LEASE AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2.95M GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX LEASE CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2009, BY AND FOR THE DISTRICT AND TO REQUEST THAT NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL TRUSTEES APPROVE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY CALLED FOR IN LEASE AGREEMENT**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Berzon, to approve the RESOLUTION of Township High School District Number 225, Cook county, Illinois, amending a resolution of the District authorizing and providing for a lease agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$2,950,000 General Obligation and Limited Tax Lease Certificates, Series 2009, by and for the District and to request that Northfield Township School Trustees approve the acquisition of properties called for in lease agreement.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffery, Shein, Taub, and Torf.

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Hammer, seconded by Mr. Taub, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:27 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

\* means Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffery, Shein, Taub, and Torf.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

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SECRETARY - BOARD OF EDUCATION

**UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:**

Meetings will be held in the  
Board Room (unless otherwise noted) of the  
Northfield Township High School District #225  
Administration Building,  
1835 Landwehr Road,  
Glenview, Illinois.

Monday, April 13, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
Monday, May 4, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Special Board Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting