

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, September 27, 2021, 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:

Doughty (by zoom), Glowacki, O'Hara, Seguin, Shein, Sztainberg

Absent: Taub (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)

Also present: Geallis, Gravel, Johns, Markey, Swanson, Williamson

**Approval of Agenda for this Meeting**

Motion by Dr. Sztainberg, seconded by Mr. O'Hara to approve the agenda for this meeting.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Doughty (by zoom), Glowacki, O'Hara, Seguin, Shein, Sztainberg

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0

**Recognition of Community Visitors**

Mr. Taub arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Community members commented on:

- Testing
  - Of all unvaccinated staff and students
  - Mandatory for all students after school breaks
- Online option for all students
- Continuing mitigation strategies
- Glenbrook High School Dist. 225 being ranked second in the nation and second in Illinois for best public high school districts
- The Mental Health First Aid program training students received
- Allowing nurses to make clinical judgments
- Preparing our schools for an increase in COVID cases

## **Board and Superintendent Reports**

The administration:

- Shared an overview of community comments that were received via email
- Discussed outbreaks at the schools
- Highlighted a GBN 1997 alumni, Alexander Rubinow who won an Emmy for his editing on “Deadliest Catch”
- Provided an update on COVID Response
- Outlined Learning Supports at each of the schools
- Shared highlights of meetings and events at the schools and in the community

In response to a board member’s questions:

- The principals stated they have not heard that students have had a hard time getting tutoring
- Provided an update on how tutoring for quarantined students is going
- Stated the Mental Health First Aid program was made part of the curriculum at GBN
- Noted that our EL programs incorporate all subjects

Board members would like:

- To see a plan for lunch in cold weather
- Information on mental health training
- To rethink more testing
- To continue to review how we can support our students through online resources

## **Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items**

Motion by Dr. Sztainberg, seconded by Mr. O’Hara to approve the following items on the consent agenda minus item N (Facility Rental Agreements with GBN Feeder Basketball):

- A. Appointments
  - a. Certified
  - b. Support Staff
- B. Resignations/Terminations
  - a. Certified
  - b. Support Staff
- C. FOIA
- D. Approval of Accounts Payable Bills
- E. Approval of Payroll Disbursements
- F. Approval of Revolving Fund Reimbursement
- G. Minutes
  - a. September 3, 2021, Special Board Meeting

- b. September 3, 2021, Special Closed Board Meeting
  - c. September 13, 2021, Regular Board Meeting
  - d. September 13, 2021, Regular Closed Board Meeting
- H. Gifts
  - I. 2021-22 Certified Staff FTE Adjustments
  - J. Resolution for the Honorable Dismissal of Educational Support Personnel
  - K. Summer School Report
  - L. Request of Approval for Professional Leave Expenses - Sarah Ward, Executive Functioning
  - M. Request of Approval for Professional Leave Expenses – Jo Boaler One-Day Session (online)
  - N. ~~Facility Rental Agreements with GBN Feeder Basketball~~ - Not Approved

aye: Doughty (by zoom), Glowacki, O’Hara, Seguin, Shein, Sztainberg, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

**Authorization of School Maintenance Grant Application**

The administration:

- Stated the State of Illinois has approved a School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG) providing a dollar-for-dollar matching grant up to \$50,000 exclusively for the maintenance or upkeep of buildings and structures for educational purposes
- Recommended the Board authorize them to apply for the grant

In response to board members’ questions, the administration:

- Stated there are not any cons to the grant
- Provided an explanation of how previous School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG) monies were spent
- Explained the application process

**Approval of Authorization of School Maintenance Grant Application**

Motion by Dr. Sztainberg, seconded by Mr. O’Hara to authorize District administration to apply for a School Maintenance Grant for \$50,000 through the State of Illinois.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Doughty (by zoom), Glowacki, O’Hara, Seguin, Shein, Sztainberg, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

## **Adoption of the Final FY Budget**

The administration:

- Outlined the process
- Stated that we had a successful budget year and ended in the positive
- Highlighted items of note
- Will be sharing an amended budget to include grants soon
- Plans on scheduling a Finance Committee Meeting before the next scheduled board meeting

In response to board members' questions, the administration:

- Commented that as previously requested, the percentage of the budget that benefits represent has been added to the budget on page 62
- Stated the Budget in Brief user-friendly document of district spending will be shared with the community after the Board approves the budget
- Discussed possibly creating a Budget in Brief for the Tentative Budget which can be discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting
- Provided clarification on state and federal categorical payments
- Explained the history of bonds and noted that the district is on track to be debt-free on December 1, 2027
- Explained how accounts payable bills (expenses) are reflected in the budget

## **Approval of Adoption of the Final FY Budget**

Motion by Dr. Sztainberg, seconded by Mr. Shein to approve the budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Doughty (by zoom), Glowacki, O'Hara, Seguin, Shein, Sztainberg, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

## **Review and Summary of Board Meeting**

The board vice-president summarized what happened at the meeting and shared future meeting dates.

## **Possible Topics for Future Board Meetings**

Future Regular Meeting Dates:

**Tuesday**, October 12, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting

**Monday**, October 25, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting

**Motion to Move into Closed Session**

Motion by Dr. Sztainberg, seconded by Mr. O’Hara to move into closed session at approximately 8:50 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; 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), (2), and (11) of the Open Meeting Act).

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Doughty (by zoom), Glowacki, O’Hara, Seguin, Shein, Sztainberg, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Doughty left the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 9:11 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Taub, seconded by Mr. O’Hara to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:13 p.m.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

\* Glowacki, O’Hara, Seguin, Shein, Sztainberg, Taub

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

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SECRETARY - BOARD OF EDUCATION