

**GLENBROOK HIGH SCHOOLS
Regular Board Meeting January 24, 2011
District Business Office**

**TO: Dr. Mike Riggle
Hillary Siena**

FROM: Kimberly Ptak

DATE: January 24, 2011

RE: DISCUSSION/ACTION: APPROVAL OF GBN SCUBA EQUIPMENT

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of a Mako Air Compressor to be used to fill the scuba tanks at GBN from AirOne at a price of \$14,900. A five-year extended warranty is included in this price. The current Mako compressor is no longer operational.

Background

Scuba diving has been part of the PE curriculum at Glenbrook North for over 25 years. Please see the attached information provided by John Finan, Associate Principal for Operations, and Bob Pieper, Instructional Supervisor for PE, which provides a detailed background of the scuba diving program.

Purchase and Funding

The air compressor manufacturer Mako is considered the leader in the field and is the brand used by the majority of fire departments and contiguous districts in the area. AirCo is the exclusive dealer of Mako in the State of Illinois. The original price quoted was \$18,000, a 17% discount was negotiated and the price brought down to \$14,900. We do not need to bid this since the price is below the \$20,000 bidding requirement and there is one exclusive dealer in the state.

A second quote was received from a different manufacturer, Bauer, in the amount of \$13,707. Although this is a lower cost, it only has an 18 month warranty. In addition, as stated above, the Mako unit is more predominately used in the industry. The useful life expectancy of both products is 15 years.

Since this was an unexpected and unbudgeted cost, building contingency money will be used.