

GLENBROOK HIGH SCHOOLS
Office of the Superintendent
Glenview - Northbrook, Illinois

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Mike Riggle

Re: Committee Appointments and Member Representatives

Date: May 2, 2011

Below you will find written descriptions of current Board committees to be filled at the May 2 meeting. Please give consideration to the committee and representative area list below and hopefully we can determine assignments for these committees at our meeting on Monday.

Thank you for your consideration of this important work.

Communications Committee was formed at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year as a vehicle to address concerns regarding district communications both internally and externally, as well as develop a communication plan for the district. Last year the committee was served by Bob Boron, Steve Hammer and Joel Taub. It is my recommendation that the board consider dissolving this committee to allow more time for both the board and administration to focus more attention on collective bargaining activities. We now have a three year plan that will be incorporated into the district initiatives with progress benchmarked regularly for board review. This area does not require significant financial oversight and there will be a decreased need for committee meetings.

ED-RED is a lobbying group that represents our best interests and those of similar districts in the area. There are fall and spring meetings attended by a large number of school board members and superintendents. We traditionally are represented by one board member who has no real commitment, but would represent us should a need arise. There is an opportunity for further involvement on ED-RED committees.

Facilities Committee normally meets two to four times per year. The committee reviews proposals and provides direction to the administration in shaping proposals for board consideration. Current representatives are Bob Boron, Scott Martin and Skip Shein.

Finance Committee normally meets twice per year. The committee will help the administration in preparing the tentative budget and reviewing district financial issues and recommendations for consideration by the board. Last year the board was represented by Jeff Wolfson and Joel Taub. This is a good committee for board members who have extensive background in finance.

Glenbrook High School Foundation This foundation requires the participation of one board member and the superintendent who serve as trustees. They actively participate in foundation activities and decision making, but are not allowed to hold office in the organization. The purpose is to serve as a liaison and solidify the connection between the Glenbrook High School Foundation and the District 225 school board. Jeff Wolfson is a current trustee who has served the board in that capacity.

Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Representative represents the district board at the state level. This position was held by Board President Skip Shein.

Northbrook Economic Development Commission In the past a District 225 board member served as a representative to the Northbrook Economic Development Commission and is a voting member of that body. Meetings normally are held once a month and are attended by members of the business staff. The best scenario is that the representative would be also a member of the finance committee. Joel Taub served as the board's representative to NEDC.

NSSSED Meetings of the Northern Suburban Special Education District are held normally once a month and this board member would be a voting member of the Governing Board of NSSSED and represent our district in all matters regarding the operation of the special education consortium. The position is currently held by Steve Hammer.

Oakton Community College – Alliance for Lifelong Learning ALL provides adult education for community residents in the surrounding area. A representative from the District 225 Board is one of the Governing Board members to aid in the decision making of this body. The next meeting of the ALL Governing Board is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11 at 4:00 p.m. at Oakton Community College, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, IL. The Board is currently represented by Jeff Wolfson. The District 225 superintendent serves as an Executive Board member and will be in attendance at the meeting.

Technology Committee Similar to the Facility and Finance Committees, the Technology Committee meets approximately twice a year to review technology initiatives and helps the administration shape the vision and corresponding budget for technology in the district. The board is currently represented by Steve Hammer, Monica Regalbuto and Skip Shein.