

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, September 8, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, September 8, 2008, at approximately 7:34 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, Hammer, Jeffery, Shein, Torf, and Taub. Absent: none. Also present: Dill-Varga, Freeman, Helander-Heiser, Pryma, Riggle, Schilling, Siena, Tuttle, and Wegley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Shein, to approve the agenda for this meeting.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO EXCEL

Mrs. Diane Freeman introduced Glenbrook North varsity football coach Bob Pieper and representative members of the football team who voluntarily laid the sod for the GBN stadium saving the district over \$60,000.

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS

No visitors asked to be recognized.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Dr. Riggle informed the Board about the sudden loss of Glenbrook North soccer player Jenny Snyder who collapsed during a club soccer game just prior to the start of school. He provided details about how the school was dealing with the crisis and both Dr. Riggle and the Board expressed sympathy for the family during this difficult time.

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Dr. Riggle informed the Board about the successful in-service and legal review for administrators provided by school attorney Alan Sraga that was well received. He congratulated principals Wegley and Pryma on a successful opening of school in the face of many challenges due to construction and technology initiatives; he noted good progress on both of those fronts. He complimented all involved in the Glenbrook North-South family cookout and football game. He shared with the board a solution brought forward from the business office in response to a family's concern about access to seeing the balance on a student's lunch account. Now families can check that balance and take action if necessary to add funds to the account. He also informed the Board that administrators would be gathering price comparison information on textbook pricing to continue the monitoring of costs; averages for every grade level will be provided, as 2008 costs will be viewed in light of those from 2007. He reminded the board that though colleges are beginning to look at open source textbooks, this path has not been well developed for high school materials to date. He next congratulated Glenbrook South on the successful opening of the Titan Learning Center. Brian Wegley provided the Board with some quick details about the numbers of students seeking help from trained student and staff tutors. Dr. Riggle reminded the Board that this center became possible due to the promises met by the referendum funding which provided extra FTE for at risk programming. Glenbrook North also has two centers, one for Reading/Writing and one for Math to address its at risk needs.

President Torf reminded the board about the upcoming Triple I conference November 21-23 as well as the legislative dinner on October 20. She also extended congratulations to Diane Freeman on the recent Connections publication, which laid out foundational information about NCLB. She also requested some information about how the differential stipends had been calculated; Dr. Schilling promised that more would be coming on this as a review of the entire differential schedule was slated as a result of the negotiations process last spring.

Board member Berzon complimented students and staff for the excellent camaraderie and decorum at the Glenbrook North-South football game.

Board member Boron asked if the SASI contract had been reviewed as requested at the last board meeting. Dr. Schilling promised to include that information at the next meeting. Mr. Boron asked several questions about the Debate program travel schedule and funding sources, expressing concern that it appeared the itinerary of events had grown.

Both principals expressed confidence that sponsors were living within existing budgets supplemented by fundraising efforts. Board member Taub reinforced the need to support signature programs such as this that had brought national recognition to the Glenbrooks; he requested information about the cost per student in this program over the last three years as principals indicated growth had occurred in the numbers of students being served. More detailed information about the Debate program budget and trips will be brought to a future board meeting in October.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Hammer, seconded by Mr. Boron 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 September 3, 2008.

APPOINTMENTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Anderson, Jonathan (Repl. B. Peterson)	Instructional Assistant	08/25/08	GBN
Ciaccio, John (Repl. H. Weiss)	10-Month Custodian	08/12/08	GBS
Daniels, Darlene (Repl. P. Hemesath)	Paraprofessional	08/25/08	GBN
Duerig, Joan (Repl. J. Duerig)	Instructional Assistant	08/25/08	OCC
Dunn, Deborah (New Position)	Instructional Assistant	08/25/08	GBN
Keady, Michael (Repl. J. Ossey)	Paraprofessional	08/25/08	GBN
Kim, Jerry (Repl. I. Jeon)	Instructional Assistant	08/25/08	GBN
Kim, Tiffany (Repl. D. Siegel)	Instructional Assistant	08/25/08	GBN
Lugiai, Robert (Repl. R. Anderson)	10-Month Custodian	08/11/08	GBS
McKenna, Jamie (Repl. E. Rudolfi)	Clerical	08/28/08	GBN
Marushka, Lydia (New Position)	Instructional Assistant	08/25/08	GBS

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McGinn, Elyse (Repl. J. Tataryn)	Instructional Assistant	08/25/08	OCC
Ross, Lawrence (Repl. K. Anderson)	Instructional Assistant	08/25/08	GBN
Schmidt, Julie (Repl. J. Snoreck)	Instructional Assistant	08/25/08	GBN
Schuster, Jeffery (Repl. J. Hoover)	Instructional Assistant	08/25/08	GBN
Stickels, Nancy (Repl. B. Grossman)	Instructional Assistant	08/25/08	GBS
Szaflarski, Jennifer (Repl. J. Uhrick)	Instructional Assistant	08/25/08	GBS
Turner, Kelly (Repl. T. Scheffers)	Instructional Assistant	08/25/08	GBN
Winston, Carol (New Position)	Instructional Assistant	08/25/08	GBS

the appointment of the following certificated staff as recommended by Dr. Riggle

APPOINTMENTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Perez, Rodolfo	Spanish Teacher	09/03/08	GBN	BA/Step 1
Stark- King, Paul C.	Temporary PT (0.25 FTE) Director of Operations	09/04/08	District	MA/Step 5 +25% increment

the GBE Faculty Contracts/Salary Structure for Fall 2008 as indicated in Mrs. Helander-Heiser's attached consent agenda item #6.1

the Extension of Certified Nurse's Contracts as indicated in Mrs. Helander-Heiser's attached consent agenda item #6.1

- 2.) the resignation of the following educational support staff contained in Mrs. Helander-Heiser's memorandum dated September 3, 2008.

Resignations

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Grossman, Beth	Instructional Assistant	08/15/08	GBS
Lewis, Stewart	Paraprofessional	08/24/08	GBS
Peterson, Brian	Instructional Assistant	08/05/08	GBN
Uhrik, John	Instructional Assistant	08/14/08	GBS
Woods, Timothy	Security Director	09/05/08	GBS

the resignations of the following certificated staff:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Fritz, Heidi	Foreign Language Teacher	08/25/08	<u>GBN</u>

- 3.) the salary adjustments for academic attainment as indicated in Mrs. Helander-Heiser's attached consent agenda item #6.3

4.) the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 33522 through 33601 in the amount of \$1,465,339.46 as listed on the attached checks register dated August 19, 2008

the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 33603 through 33817 in the amount of \$7,315,242.23 as listed on the attached checks register dated September 3, 2008

- 5.) the Open and Closed Session Minutes from the 11th of August 2008 Regular Board Meeting.

6.) the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Employees the month of August in the amount of \$29,890.03 represented by checks No. 46272 through 46282, 46292 through 46297, 46319

through 46335, and 46344 through 46378. the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Vendors for the month of August in the amount of \$80,148.33 represented by checks No. 46263 through 46318, 46336 through 46343, and 46379 through 46433. Checks issued in August voided in August: 46269. Check issued in previous months, voided in August: No. 45818.

7.) the Board of Education approval of GBN/GBS 2008-09 Debate Calendars as contained in consent agenda Item #6.7

8.) the Board of Education approval of Differential Responsibilities as contained in consent agenda Item #6.8

9.) the Board of Education approval of 2008-2009 Application for Recognition as contained in consent agenda Item #6.9

10.) the acceptance of the following gifts:

Gift From	Amount or Item	School	Department
New Trier Boys Water Polo	\$400	District	RICHARD S. GOODSPEED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUN

11.)) the Board of Education Approval of GBN: Physics Trip - NASA's Spitzer Space Laboratory in Pasadena, CA - 9/28/-10/1/08 as contained in consent agenda Item #6.11

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: PUBLIC HEARING - 2008/09 BUDGET HEARING

Opening/Closing of the Public Hearing on the 2008/09 Budget

President Torf declared the public hearing to be open and invited any members of the audience to speak before the board. No members of the community asked to be heard. President Torf closed the public hearing on the budget.

The budget will be on the consent agenda for approval at the September 22, 2008 board meeting.

(See agenda item #7)

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: NORTH SHORE ACADEMY CONSTRUCTION PLANS -
DR. TIM THOMAS**

Dr. Tim Thomas, superintendent of Northern Suburban Special Education District (NSSED) used a PowerPoint presentation to present the proposal and addressed Board questions about the \$16 million dollar North Shore Academy construction and renovation project and the funding options for member districts. He reviewed the need, the process used to determine the proposal, the details of the building and remodeling project, the anticipated general construction timelines, the allocation method and financing options, and timeline for upcoming votes to move forward. As presented, the upfront payment contribution option for District 225 is \$2,176,753.

Board members had several questions for Dr. Thomas and discussed a wide range of issues and concerns.

In a later part of the board meeting during the miscellaneous items, board members summarized a need to continue talking about their 1) financial concerns particularly as it relates to district usage of NSSED and the needs of the entire cooperative, 2) alternatives for the district that might include options for addressing the needs of the off-campus program, 3) need to verify the estimated cost of the project by seeking a construction manager estimate to compare to the architect's estimate, 4) clarification on the oversight of the project to ensure that experienced individuals representing member districts might be involved at some level, 5) clarification on plans for cost overruns or use of money if project comes under budget, 6) need to see a long range 3-5 year capital outlay plan in a timely fashion that can provide information for member districts as they construct their plans into the future.

Dr. Riggle reminded the Board of the 40-year contribution NSSED has made in addressing needs of students of all ages, many of whom are or become Glenbrook high school students, affirming that in "providing something for the common good" the district also sees benefits for its own programs and students.

Board consensus was to have a more in depth follow-up conversation at the September 22, 2008 board meeting.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: REVISION TO BOARD POLICIES

Mrs. Barb Dill-Varga, assistant superintendent for educational services, provided the board with a rationale for the revisions being brought forward for discussion on Policies 7080, 7080 Procedures, 7090 and 8030. In general the revisions seek to consolidate in one place the policies, which deal with credit obtained for courses outside of the regular Glenbrook curriculum, which may involve those who transfer into the district, take internet/correspondence courses, take dual credit courses, or are involved in other similar situations. The policy revisions had previously been reviewed by building and district administrators.

Board member Boron suggested that flexibility be added to the section that provided for students taking courses in post-secondary institutions. This suggestion will be incorporated. Board members complimented those who had worked on the policies for a job well done.

Dr. Craig Schilling, assistant superintendent for business, presented the board with some revisions to Board Policies 8170, 8170 Procedures, 8230 and 8230 Procedures, which relate to discussion from the last board meeting about acceptable levels of aid for students on reduced aid status. Revisions to some of these policies will be included by Dr. Schilling.

All policies will be placed on the consent agenda for board approval at the September 22, 2008 board meeting.

(See agenda item #9 a-h)

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

More follow-up conversation about NSSSED included in agenda item above on same topic.

Board member Jeffery informed the Board that the Glenbrook Education Foundation was now licensed to be a foundation and could actually begin receiving financial contributions. They presently were developing a list of candidates to populate the governing board. Their next meeting is October 13 and more information will be coming at that time on how this group will interface with building and district administrators on various projects that could be supported by the foundation.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Berzon, seconded by Mr. Taub, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:15 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

* Means Berzon, Boron, Hammer, Jeffery, Shein, Torf, and Taub.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

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, September 22, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
Monday, October 27, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting