

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, November 10, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, November 10, 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, Shein, Taub, and Torf. Absent: Jeffery. Also present: Dill-Varga, Freeman, Helander-Heiser, Pryma, Ptak, Riggle, Schilling, 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, Shein, Taub, and Torf.

nay: none.

Motion carried. 6-0.

**INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO EXCEL**

Mrs. Diane Freeman introduced Glenbrook South teachers and students who participated in the Innovation Vehicle Design initiative which engaged students in engineering, science, math and various advanced technologies as they worked to build and operate an electric car for competition. The GBS team took first place in engineering, innovation and Ambassadorship, the latter category recognizing them for communication of their project to younger students. Teachers dedicated to this effort were: Mr. Steve Kornick, Mr. Neil Schmidgall, Mr. Lee Fiorio, and Mr. Mike Stancik.

**RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS**

No community visitors requested to speak.

**BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

Superintendent Mike Riggle communicated to the Board that plans were underway to initiate a study to explore the viability of adding Hebrew as a language to the curriculum. He also commented positively on a number of local fine arts events he had attended: the Northbrook Symphony Orchestra featuring student artwork and a Glenbrook North pianist and Midsummer Night's Dream at Glenbrook South. He also commented favorably on the successful efforts of students and staff working on the Glenbrook South telethon at which \$106,000 was raised for Glenview Youth Services. He also provided details of his attendance at various village meetings: Village of Northbrook meeting and League of Women Voters. He also informed them that an oversight board for the North Shore Academy project had been established and that he would be representing the school district on this committee.

Reminders were given related to upcoming technology and facilities committee meetings as well as a reminder that the November 24 Board meeting would be cancelled. Dr. Schilling distributed an informational Facilities Master Plan document as well as a 2006 Referendum Financial Summary as of November 10, 2008 for board review prior to these meetings.

Mrs. Kim Ptak provided an update on the Glenbrook Foundation. The Foundation was in the process of selecting its top candidates to serve on its board.

Board member Berzon reported on highlights from his attendance at the National School Board Association conference.

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1.) No appointments
- 2.) No resignations
- 3.) the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 34755 through 34974 in the amount of \$635,470.04 as listed on the attached checks register dated November 4 2008
- 4.) the Open and Closed Session Minutes from the October 27, 2008 Regular Board Meeting.
- 5.) the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Employees the month of October in the amount of \$53,271.44 represented by checks No. 46717 through 46726, 46741 through 46766, 46780 through 46787, 46820 through 46824, 46845 through 46901, 46906 through 46918, 46957 through 46962 & 47010 through 47066. the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Vendors for the month of October in the amount of \$211,630.62 represented by checks No. 46727 through 46740, 46777 through 46779, 46788 through 46818,

46825 through 46844, 46902 through 46905, 46919 through 46956 & 46963 through 47009 . Checks issued in October voided in October: 46808 & 46731. Check issued in previous months, voided in October: No. 45472 & 46509.

6.) the Board of Education Approval of GBN National Invitational Speech Tournament - New Orleans, December 12-13, 2008 as contained in consent agenda Item #6.6

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried. 6-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE TAX LEVY

Dr. Schilling explained that it has been common practice in past years for the district to submit a levy for tax cap funds just slightly less than 5%. For the 2008 tax levy he recommended that the board adopt a levy that is 6.1% higher than the 2007 extension for tax cap funds to take into account the number of developments in the area the largest of which is Willowfest. Since any increase, above the tax cap CPI, of 4.1%, is due to new construction, levying 6.1% would in no way affect the property tax bill for current property owners. It does allow the district to capture all of the new growth in our tax base. Since the tax cap levy being recommended is in excess of 5%, over the past year's tax extension, the district must publish notice and conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2008 Tax Levy in compliance with the requirements outlined in the Truth in Taxation Act. A public hearing will be held on December 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNTS NECESSARY TO BE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2008, AS WELL AS THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Taub, to approve the resolution regarding the estimated amounts necessary to be levied for the year 2008, as well as the notice of proposed tax increase

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

**Motion carried. 6-0.**

(See Agenda item # 7)

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: WIND ENERGY ALLIANCE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Dr. Schilling informed the Board that during last year's legislative session IASBO (Illinois Association of School Board Officials) supported legislation which allows school districts to indirectly operate wind turbines, not located on their property. This legislation opened the door for intergovernmental agreements where districts can use their combined resources to create wind farms to generate electricity. HB6660 is legislation which would allow a school district to swap electricity generated on the wind farms for electricity used in their district, thus using a green source—wind—to pay for their electricity. Should this come to fruition, future participation might net Glenbrook an offset of up to \$250,000 per year in electrical costs.

**MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT GLENBROOK'S INVOLVEMENT IN NET AGGREGATE METERING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND HOUSE BILL 6660 AND WIND FARM ENERGY ALLIANCE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Motion by Mr. Taub, seconded by Mr. Shein, to approve the resolution regarding Glenbrook's involvement in net aggregate metering for school districts and House Bill 6660 and Wind Farm Energy Alliance for School Districts.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

**Motion carried. 6-0.**

(See Agenda item # 8)

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: ARTIFICIAL FIELDS INFORMATION**

At the request of Dr. Riggle, Mrs. Kim Ptak provided the Board with information on an increasing number of suburban area high schools who have installed synthetic stadium surfaces (i.e. artificial fields). She reviewed advantages cited by these districts including increase in field usage. She recommended that

a committee be formed to research and collect data on costs and benefits of installing such fields at Glenbrook North and South. The committee would focus on gathering information in December and January on four main areas: Usage, Maintenance, Cost/Funding, and Safety. At the February 9, 2009 board meeting, the committee would report to the Board on its findings. Board consensus was to form this committee to explore possibilities. Dr. Riggle stated that this information would be useful to assist the Board as it explored its philosophical stance on projects of this type should the newly formed Foundation seek to solicit donations of this type. This type of project is not part of the plans funded by the referendum and those funds will not be used for it should the Board find it a project to pursue. President Torf requested that information about environmental concerns be included in the report and that a small sample of the turf field be brought to the Board for examination. She also underscored that the hope was for future foundation funds to not just be focused on sports related projects.

(See Agenda item # 9)

#### MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

Mrs. Kim Ptak reviewed an informational item on a waste/recycling RFP that the district participated in through the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) along with thirteen other districts. After reviewing the submissions, it was decided that our current contract with Waste Management remains the district's most cost effective arrangement.

#### MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Hammer, to move into closed session at approximately 9:22 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, Shein, Taub, and Torf.

nay: none

**Motion carried. 6-0.**

The Board returned to open session at 11:00 p.m.

**ACTION REGARDING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION TO EXPEL STUDENT 11-10-08-01 UNDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Shein, to expel student 11-10-08-01 under terms and conditions as discussed in closed session.

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

nay: none

**Motion carried. 6-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Hammer, seconded by Mr. Taub, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:05 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

\* means Berzon, Boron, Hammer, 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, December 8, 2008

7:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting