

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, February 9, 2009**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, February 9, 2009, beginning at the Passport Plaza Building located at 3801 West Lake, at 6:30 p.m. for a tour. It continued formally at approximately 7:39 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, Jeffery, Shein, Taub, and Torf. Absent: Hammer (later available via phone contact as of 9:40 p.m.). Also present: Dill-Varga, Freeman, Pryma, Ptak, Riggle, Schilling, Siena, Tuttle, Wegley, Bretag, Jakes, Bitter.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING**

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

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

**Motion carried. 6-0.**

**INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO EXCEL**

Mrs. Diane Freeman, community information director, introduced Off Campus teacher Mike Yacullo and school psychologist Lisa Harper who were being recognized for the specialized program they had created to better serve the unique needs of the districts' autistic students. They were joined by their students and presented a brief PowerPoint presentation to the Board. The Board expressed their appreciation for their efforts in developing this program.

**RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS**

There were no community visitors asking to be recognized at this meeting.

**BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

Superintendent Riggle reported to the Board on a successfully completed recruitment fair at the College of DuPage,

thanking the vast number of administrators for contributing their time and energy to screening candidates. He also complimented Mrs. Vickey Helander-Heiser, director of human resources, and her staff for organizing the district's participation.

He reminded the Board of the two upcoming variety shows at Glenbrook North and Glenbrook South and provided details to them about obtaining tickets.

Dr. Riggle informed the Board that he and Mrs. Dill-Varga, had attended an educational briefing at the Apple center downtown Chicago to learn about 21<sup>st</sup> century curricular directions supported by their technology.

Board member Jeffrey updated the Board on the newly formed Glenbrook Foundation, noting that its first meeting would be held on Tuesday, February 10. Dr. Riggle would be the Board's link to the foundation.

Board member Boron requested that if there might be fourth year teachers released this year that reasons be provided to the Board during closed session at the appropriate board meeting.

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE DELETIOIN OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2008 MINUTES AND THE ADDITION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #6.1A (APPOINTMENT OF GBS DEAN).**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Berzon, to approve the the consent agenda with the deletion of the December 8, 2008 minutes and the addition of consent agenda item #6.1a (appointment of GBS Dean).

1.) the appointment of the following educational support staff contained in Mrs. Helander-Heiser's memorandum dated February 4, 2009

**APPOINTMENTS**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Angell, Darren (New Position)	Instructional Assistant	01.29.09	GBS
Bieniek, Lori (Repl. L. Bieniek)	Instructional Assistant	02.02.09	GBOC
Lopez, Jr., Victor (Repl. G. Marzillo)	Paraprofessional	02.02.09	GBE/GBS
Sanidad, Nathania (New Position)	Instructional Assistant	02.06.09	GBS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Vo, Kim (New Position)	Instructional Assistant	02.02.09	GBN
West, Carol (Repl. C. Rose)	Instructional Assistant	02.05.09	GBOC
Zabin, Sara (New Position)	Instructional Assistant	01.26.09	GBS
Transfer			
Rudolfi, Ellie (Returned to original position fr. Ex. Ass't)	Counselor Assistant	12.01.08	GBN
Maddox, Suzan (Repl. E. Rudolfi)	Executive Assistant	02.02.09	GBN

2.) the resignation of the following educational support staff contained in Mrs. Helander-Heiser's memorandum dated February 4, 2009.

**Personnel - Resignations**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Bieniek, Lisa	Instructional Assistant	01.22.09	GBOC
Rose, Charis	Instructional Assistant	01.30.09	GBOC

3.) the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 35739 through 36005 in the amount of \$1,385,403.83 as listed on the attached checks register dated January 15, 21 and 22, 2009.

The issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 36006 through 36212 in the amount of \$792,740.84 as listed on the attached checks register dated February 3 and 4, 2009 and ACH transactions in the amount of \$809,783.53 for a total approved amount of \$1,602,524.37.

4.) the Open and Closed Session Minutes from the December 8, 2008 and the Open and Closed Minutes from the January 12th, 2008 Regular Board Meeting and the Open and Closed Minutes from the January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Special Board Meeting.

5.) the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Employees the month of January in the amount of \$35,732.89 represented by checks No. 47569 through 47579, 47635 through 47719, and 47775

through 47823. The reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Vendors for the month of January in the amount of \$164,970.30 represented by checks No. 47568, 47580 through 47634 and 47720 through 47774. Checks issued in January voided in January: 47580. Check issued in previous months, voided in January: No. 33666,45775,47280 and 47359.

6.) Explanation of the Process for the Release of Non-tenured teachers as contained in consent agenda item \$ 6.6

7.) Explanation of the Process for the Release of Support Staff

8.) the Board of Education Approval of Board Policy 8010 revisions - Student Eligibility for Admission to Glenbrook High Schools as contained in consent agenda Item #6.8

9.) the Board of Education Approval of GBN Girls Lacrosse Hannnigan-Galipault Tournament, Columbus, OH April 18-19, 2009 as contained in consent agenda Item #6.9

10.) the Board of Education Approval of GBN Boys Lacrosse Trip, Cincinnati, OH and Louisville, KY April 3-4, 2009 as contained in consent agenda Item #6.10

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

**Motion carried. 6-0.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 8, 2008 MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Berzon, to approve December 8, 2008 minutes with corrections

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Jeffery, Shein, Taub.

Abstain: Torf

nay: none

**Motion carried. 5-0-1.**

(see agenda item # 6.4)

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: TECHNOLOGY PRESENTATION ON MULTI-DIMENSIONAL LEARNING SPACES**

Coordinators of technology Ryan Bretag (GBN) and David Jakes (GBS) presented and demonstrated their work in the development of an electronic learning system they have entitled, "Multi-dimensional Learning Spaces (MLS). The system combined the Moodle learning platform with Google applications in an interactive platform that links students and teachers in a collaborative learning environment with a multitude of resources and tools. MLS is an integral part of the Technology Vision for the district and is in keeping with the vision of "Innovation Without Restriction." Board members asked numerous questions and expressed their excitement at the possibilities in these tools.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: STUDENT FEES**

Dr. Schilling presented the Board with recommendations for student fees for the 2009-2010 school year. These recommendations were largely to hold fees at the present levels due to the current economy with the exception of student transportation and parking fees. Material fees and towel fees also were suggested to be waived for the 2009-2010 school year which will provide every student with some relief. After questions were answered and discussion occurred regarding the suggested changes, consensus was to place this item as is on the consent agenda on the February 23, 2009 board meeting.

(see agenda item #8)

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: MODIFICATION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS**

Assistant superintendent Barb Dill-Varga explained that it would be necessary to adjust the calendar of upcoming school board meetings to meet recent requirements. After discussion it was decided to add May 4, 2009 as a regular board meeting date. Any other adjustments would be made after the next few weeks when the need for such meetings could be determined. Consensus was to place this revised memo regarding May 4, 2009 on the consent agenda for the February 23, 2009 board meeting.

(see agenda item # 9)

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: BOARD POLICY 2010 - ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Mrs. Dill-Varga presented a draft of revisions to the Board for policy 2010, explaining that recent changes in the law had required that all newly-elected members of the Board be sworn in. Board member Boron presented suggested changes Based on some

research he had completed. Board consensus was to ask the administration to bring back a second version reflecting these changes on the consent agenda for the February 23, 2008 board meeting.

(see agenda item #10)

### **MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS**

Board member Taub asked for an update on the committee studying the viability of adding Hebrew to the curriculum. Mrs. Dill-Varga informed him that the committee had met to identify initial questions which needed to be answered, and had designed a survey to be administered to incoming 8th graders, 9th, and 10th graders on a variety of issues related to World Language offerings. The survey was to be administered during registration sessions with counselors.

Dr. Riggle informed the Board about the plans for orienting upcoming new board members.

Dr. Pryma provided a quick update to Board members on the status of the construction punch list at Glenbrook North.

(Board member Steve Hammer joined the meeting remotely via phone at 9:40 p.m.)

### **MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Berzon, seconded by Mr. Taub, to move into closed session at approximately 9:50 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. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. (Section 2(c) (1), (2), (5), (9), (10) and (11) of the Open Meeting Act).

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer (by phone), Jeffery, Shein, Taub, and Torf.

Nay: none

**Motion carried. 7-0.**

The Board returned to open session at 12:15 p.m.

**ACTION REGARDING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION TO APPROVE EXPULSION FOR STUDENT # 02-09-09-01  
THROUGH THE FIRST SEMESTER OF 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR AS  
DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Shein to approve the expulsion of student # 02-09-09-01 through the first semester of 2009-2010 school year as discussed in closed session

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer (by phone), Jeffery, Shein, Taub,  
and Torf.

Nay: none

Abstain: Hammer

**Motion carried. 6-0-1**

**MOTION TO APPROVE EXPULSION FOR STUDENT # 02-09-09-02  
THROUGH THE FIRST SEMESTER OF 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR AS  
DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Shein to approve the expulsion of student # 02-09-09-02 through the first semester of 2010-2011 school year as discussed in closed session

Upon calling of the roll:

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

Nay: none

Abstain: Hammer

**Motion carried. 6-0-1**

**MOTION TO APPROVE EXPULSION FOR STUDENT # 02-09-09-03  
THROUGH THE FIRST SEMESTER OF 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR AS  
DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Shein to approve the expulsion of student # 02-09-09-03 through the first semester of 2010-2011 school year as discussed in closed session

Upon calling of the roll:

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

Nay: none

Abstain: Hammer

**Motion carried. 6-0-1**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAL ESTATE SALE AND PURCHASE  
AGREEMENT FOR THE PASSPORT PLAZA BUILDING, CONTINGENT UPON  
INSERTION OF AN ATTORNEY APPROVAL CONTINGENCY WAITING SEVEN  
DAYS FOR ATTORNEYS TO REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT.**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Berzon, to approve the real estate sale and purchase agreement for the passport plaza building, contingent upon insertion of an attorney approval contingency waiting seven days for attorneys to review and accept the agreement.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer (remotely by phone), Jeffery, Shein, Taub, and Torf.

Nay: none

**Motion carried. 7-0.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR  
THE PASSPORT PLAZA BUILDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED  
\$2.95 MILLION.**

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Berzon, to approve the resolution of the lease agreement for the Passport Plaza Building in an amount not to exceed \$2.95 million.

Upon calling of the roll:



aye: Berzon, Boron, Hammer (remotely by phone), Jeffery,  
Shein, Taub, and Torf.

Nay: none

**Motion carried.** 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Shein, seconded by Mr. Jeffery, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:20 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

\* Berzon, Boron, Hammer (by phone), Jeffery, 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, February 23, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting