

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, March 8, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, March 8, 2010, at approximately 7:38 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:

Boron, Hammer, Martin, Regalbuto, Shein, Taub, Wolfson

Absent:

Also present: Bretag, Caliendo, Finan, Freeman, Freund, Pryma, Ptak, Riggle, Siena, Thimm, Wegley, Williamson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

Dr. Riggle mentioned that there was a change in the agenda. Certified staffing was moved off of the consent agenda to item 7 on the regular agenda which caused a renumbering of the agenda.

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

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Hammer, Martin, Regalbuto, Shein, Taub, Wolfson

nay:

Motion carried 7-0.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO EXCEL

Mrs. Freeman introduced students and a staff member from GBN, Ms. Natt, who were recipients of the 2010 Stilgebauer Award for using technology to enhance instruction. The instructional technology was used in conjunction with the novel, A Thousand Splendid Suns. Students used Google Earth as a vehicle to develop a project incorporating a multi-media approach to create and express information digitally as they read the novel. Students explained the process and shared a digital story regarding women in Afghanistan. Dr. Riggle congratulated the students for their work.

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS

None.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Mr. Wegley mentioned that GBS had two graduates from the class of 2009 who won medals in speed skating at the winter Olympics. Lana Gehring earned a bronze medal and Brian Hansen won a silver medal. There are plans to recognize these accomplishments as a community and as a school.

Dr. Riggle stated that GBN alumnus, John Park, was eliminated from the American Idol competition.

Dr. Riggle told the Board about a Career Pathways Showcase for students scheduled for next Monday evening from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the west cafeteria at GBS. This program was organized by Melissa DeFrenza, GBE counselor, and Steve Kornick, GBE/GBS teacher/I.S. Students will obtain information regarding different careers.

Mr. Boron reported that he attended the GBN Band parent trivia event fundraiser and the Techny concert. He stated that the concert was an example of what can be accomplished in putting the two schools together.

Dr. Regalbuto attended the state swim meet. She stated that our district had as many participants as the schools that are twice our size. GBS overall took 5th in the state meet. GBN took 2nd in diving.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Wolfson to approve the following items on the consent agenda, moving 6.1 and 6.1a to the closed session agenda.

1.) the appointment of the following educational support staff contained in the memorandum dated March 3, 2010.

APPOINTMENTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Ahmed, Zia (new position)	Network Support Tech	03.22.10	ADM
Ibarra, Angelica (Repl. A. Hazard)	Library Tech	03.23.10	GBS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>

- 2.) the resignation of the following educational support staff contained in memorandum dated March 3, 2010.

Personnel - Resignations

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Kujawinski, Pamela	Instructional Assistant	03.19.10	GBN

- 3.) No FOIA requests

4.) the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 41439 through 41638 in the amount of \$744,466.60 as listed on the attached checks register dated March 2, 2010 and ACH transaction in the amount of \$120,957.15 for the total approved amount of \$865,423.75.

5.) the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Employees the month of February in the amount of \$29,477.38 represented by checks No. 3092 through 3156, 3184 through 3240, 3299, 3303 through 3328, 3300 & 3348 through 3378. the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Vendors for the month of February in the amount of \$113,894.06 represented by checks No. 3157 through 3183, 3241 through 3298, 3301, 3329 through 3347, 3379 through 3396. Checks issued in February voided in February: No 2655. Check issued in previous months, voided in February: N/A.

- 6.) the Open and Closed Session Minutes from the following board meetings:
- a. February 22, 2010 Special Board Meeting
 - b. February 22, 2010 Special Closed Session Board Meeting
 - c. February 22, 2010 Regular Board Meeting
 - d. February 23, 2010 Facilities Meeting
 - e. February 25, 2010 Technology Committee Meeting

7.) the Board of Education Approval of the School Calendar 2011/12 as contained in consent agenda Item #6.7

8.) the Board of Education Approval of Board Policy 7270: Grade Point Average as contained in consent agenda Item #6.8

9.) the Board of Education Approval of Convenience Fee as contained in consent agenda Item #6.9

10.) the acceptance of the following gifts:

Gift From	Amount or Item	School	Department	Account
GBS Parents' Association	\$2,000.00	GBS	Gamble Scholarship	830851
GBS Parents' Association	\$1,000.00	GBS	Etruscan Yearbook Aid	830381
Anonymous	\$1,000.00	GBS	Science – Horticulture (for courtyard)	830860

11.) the Board of Education Approval of GBN Lacrosse Team Cincinnati, OH – March 26 to March 27, 2010 as contained in consent agenda Item #6.11

Mr. Hammer asked for clarification regarding credit card fees. Following an explanation by Mrs. Siena, he agreed that it was the right thing to remove this fee from bursar transactions except during book sale. The Board asked about Quest handling convenience fees starting next fall. Mrs. Siena explained that Webstore will handle Quest credit card fees next fall for food service purchases. This service also allows parents to track what their child is eating. The Board asked how Quest providing meals for free or reduced lunch students would be impacted by how we were handling credit card fees. Mrs. Siena stated that there would be no impact on this. Mr. Hammer asked about ticket sales for student activities. Mrs. Siena stated that we are not charging a credit card fee for ticket sales.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Hammer, Martin, Regalbuto, Shein, Taub, Wolfson

nay:

Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: CERTIFIED STAFFING FOR 2010/2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Riggle stated that at the last Board meeting the administration recommended an increase in FTE for the 2010-11 school year based upon enrollment increases. One of the questions that was generated by the Board was when do our limits or caps come in to play with regard to staffing. Dr. Riggle explained that a precise formula for staffing is used at each school. This takes into account special education and at risk increases that were added as a result of the referendum. This formula comes down to 23:1 ratio for average class size. Schools

are given the latitude to determine sections in terms of what is offered and what is cancelled due to low enrollment. There is flexibility in the formula for moving students around in the schedule. Dr. Riggle referenced page 7 from the teachers' contract that outlines class caps. He further explained that special education students are weighted at 1.5. These class caps have been in the contract for a number of years. Dr. Riggle stated that the administration is still solid in their recommendation to increase FTE. If things change and our projections change we need time to discuss any future FTE adjustments. He stated that there is an impact any time you reduce programs.

Dr. Riggle explained the time line for staffing and release of non-tenured teachers. The administration informs non-tenured teachers who may not have a full assignment regarding release. Mr. Taub asked about concerns related to the economy and students moving from private to public schools. Dr. Riggle stated it is tough to gauge families' situations. He explained that GBS ended up with an increase in enrollment perhaps as some families left private schools. This is the time of year when we work with OLPH and get a sense of families that will come to GBS. Mr. Wegley reported that he has been in conversation with OLPH regarding the number of students attending GBS.

Mr. Martin asked Dr. Caliendo and Dr. Riggle about their memos regarding staffing. Dr. Caliendo stated that the staffing recommendation serves the needs of students and stays within the parameters of the staffing formula. Mr. Martin asked Dr. Riggle about his recommendation to revisit the question of reducing certified staffing in the future. Dr. Riggle stated that we are still several percentages ahead on projections. The only volatile factor is the level of funding coming from the state. Even if state funding is taken away we are still solid in moving forward with our staffing model. When we are looking at our staff it is the core of what we provide and we are impacting students when we reduce staff. Dr. Riggle indicated that we cannot reduce through attrition for next year and gave his preference to make future reductions through attrition if it has to be done. Board discussion followed regarding the number of teachers retiring at the end of the 2010-11 school year.

Dr. Riggle stated that we are looking for action on FTE tonight and then will discuss the process of how we release non-tenured teachers. School Code requires the release must be 45 days before the end of the school year.

Mr. Martin requested that the Board have an open discussion for the upcoming year regarding the budget. He stated that Dr. Riggle indicates we can afford to increase staff. Mr. Martin stated that there is a sense in the community that work such as replacing roofs and adding FTE should not be done.

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Mr. Wolfson stated that all of these pieces have been discussed and there will be a cost savings in the long run. He suggested the Board rely on the administration to determine what is needed. He stated that the administration has been responsible, the Board has acted responsibly and that he didn't see where a philosophical discussion is needed.

Mr. Martin expressed a concern about information coming to the Board "piece meal" and that the Board had not had a discussion regarding their philosophy concerning the budget.

Mr. Boron suggested there are two discussions - first, can we spend money within the structure that has been established by the financial people? He stated that every decision we make we are allocating resources. Our philosophy is comprised of the decisions made in the allocation of those resources. You see the philosophy as a result of the incremental decisions the Board is making. These create our philosophy. Secondly, does the Board believe that this is an important enough item as each of these items come to us?

Mr. Boron stated that he has not had one person come to him to say that the Board is spending too much. He suggested that residents with concerns are directed to Dr. Riggle or that they attend Board meetings to express their concerns.

Dr. Regalbuto stated that if we want to question the staffing formula, then we as a Board have a responsibility to our community to take a holistic approach. She suggested that the Board's role is to ask hard questions and reassess to see if the staffing model is still valid.

Mr. Martin asked if we can we afford to live within the staffing model in future years and that this be examined in the near future.

Mr. Wolfson suggested that we should not cut staff. Mr. Taub stated that in 2005 the community said they want to continue the model that has been in place. He indicated that the results are world class results with regard to student achievement and the percentage of students going to college.

Mr. Hammer stated that philosophically we haven't looked at the staffing formula for 23 years. He suggested that we look to see how our staffing ratios compare to other districts.

Mr. Martin stated that staff is the biggest part of the budget and is something we need to examine.

President Shein stated that the Board doesn't address these decisions "piece meal." The Board approves the budget and, as such, have agreed on how much we will spend next year. The Board has given the educators a budget. We are philosophically affirming the model by voting for this.

Mr. Boron requested that the release list of teachers be placed as an item for closed session at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Riggle commented that on March 22 we are bringing budget reductions to the Board. The only thing we will not know for a few months is the state funding level.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFIED STAFFING FOR 2010/2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Wolfson to approve the certified staffing for 2010/2011.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Hammer, Martin, Regalbuto, Shein, Taub, Wolfson

nay:

Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: PROCEDURES FOR RELEASE OF NON-TENURED TEACHERS

Dr. Riggle referenced Dr. Caliendo's memo explaining the procedure for acting on release and tenure of non-tenured teachers. Documents were reviewed that outline the process. Dr. Riggle stated there is no need for the Board to take action on this item. This is intended to give the Board an idea of what the administration will be doing.

(See Agenda Item #8)

DISCUSSION/ACTION: CONSTRUCTION BIDS
A. AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION BIDS

Dr. Riggle introduced Mrs. Ptak to discuss construction bids including items for remodeling 3801 West Lake and the district office. Dr. Riggle explained that the Board must look at alternates with regard to the roofing project before awarding construction bids.

Mrs. Ptak mentioned that there was an average of 5 bids per trade that came in 13% under estimates. Mrs. Ptak recommended that the Board award 2.7M in contracts.

Mrs. Ptak explained that GBN has two projects that were part of the facility master plan approved in October, but now the bids are in on these projects. The masonry work at 1835 still needs to be bid. Paving at GBN has been out to bid, but those bids will be brought at the next meeting. Mrs. Ptak shared diagrams of parking lots scheduled to be replaced at GBN. She explained that the village of Northbrook requires the addition of a four inch layer of BAM to the parking lot. This creates additional cost for this project. Mrs. Ptak stated that the district asked the village to consider waiving this requirement. The district provided a core sample to the village from the existing lot for their consideration. Mrs. Ptak's memo outlines the worst case scenario in the event the village does not waive this requirement.

Mrs. Ptak asked the Board to reject the paving bid from E. Hoffman for the replacement of the parking lot at 1835 Landwehr. This project will be deferred because heavy construction will take place this summer. The work will be deferred until after construction is done.

The Board asked about the problem with the GBN curtain wall and the extent of the construction required. The bid for this came in under what was projected. Mrs. Ptak explained that the project includes taking out all of the aluminum and the metal. The Board asked if this structure could be repaired through tuck pointing and caulking. Mr. Pryma explained that this area leaks during rain storms and classrooms have been impacted by this problem. The Board asked about the age of the structure. Dr. Riggle stated it was probably constructed in the early 1970's.

(See Agenda Item 9a)

B. AWARD OF ALTERNATE BIDS 1 & 2

Dr. Riggle explained that the administration is asking Board to approve 2 alternate bids, one for 3801 West Lake and one for 1835 Landwehr.

Mrs. Ptak reviewed the drawings of the alternates and the rationale for the alternates. At 1835 a "man trap" similar to the GBS and GBN structures is proposed. This also expands the workroom area which can be used as a teaching station. The addition causes us to avoid the tuck point work that would need to be done in the future.

The Board commented that there would be costs incurred in the future, regardless of this proposal. The rationale for this work allows the project to be only done once and right the first time. It provides some added benefits to the facility. The Board felt

that this was a major improvement and a good price for new construction.

Mrs. Ptak provided the rationale for the full roof replacement at 3801 West Lake.

As part of needed HVAC work 1/3 of the roof area would require patching. Because of this, the administration decided to ask for an alternate to replace the entire roof. Mrs. Ptak explained that the benefit to doing all of the work now is that the HVAC work is affecting a large part of the roof, regardless. The roof has approximately another 5 years before it would need to be replaced. If we spend \$20,000 now to patch 1/3 of the roof we will have to spend that same money later when the entire roof is in need of replacement in five years.

The Board asked about energy savings that would result in replacing the entire roof. Mrs. Ptak explained that there would be a 46% reduction in heat loss, but a longer payback over time. This translates to a few thousand a year in energy savings.

Dr. Riggle provided additional information regarding the GBN parking lot bids that will be brought to the March 22 meeting. The estimates were as much as \$60,000 more because of the BAM requirement, but in reality there should only be a \$25,000 difference because of BAM. Core samples from the GBN parking lot were provided to the village and the district will have further discussions with the village regarding this requirement.

The Board asked about jurisdiction with regard to the parking lots. Dr. Riggle explained that the buildings must meet Regional Office of Education requirements. Parking lots require that we work with the village. Dr. Riggle stated that on March 22 he hopes to bring a resolved situation with regard to the GBN parking lots and the Village of Northbrook. The Board asked if BAM adds extra life to the parking lot. Dr. Riggle indicated that the village believes it will. He explained that the staff parking lot does not get as much wear and tear and is confident that BAM is not needed. Mike Sauer from ARCON reported that the drive isle may need to require BAM, but the parking lot is a different matter. Dr. Riggle is hoping to reach a compromise with the village.

Mr. Martin stated that although it is not a large amount of money, he doesn't feel a compelling case has been made for the larger lobby at 1835 Landwehr. He would say no to the lobby expansion, but feels a compelling case has been made for the alternate bid for the roof at 3801 West Lake.

(See Agenda Item 9b)

**APPROVAL OF ALTERNATE BID #1, LOBBY ADDITION FOR 1835
LANDWEHR**

Motion by Dr. Regalbuto, seconded by Mr. Taub to approve alternate bid #1, as described in agenda item 9b.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Hammer, Regalbuto, Shein, Taub, Wolfson

nay: Martin

Motion carried 6-1.

**APPROVAL OF ALTERNATE BID #2, \$95,000 ROOF REPLACEMENT AT
3801 WEST LAKE**

Motion by Dr. Regalbuto, seconded by Mr. Taub to approve alternate bid #2, as described in agenda item 9b.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Hammer, Martin, Regalbuto, Shein, Taub, Wolfson

nay:

Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL AGENDA ITEM 9A, CONSTRUCTION BIDS

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Wolfson to approve revised agenda item 9a, as written.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Hammer, Martin, Regalbuto, Shein, Taub, Wolfson

nay:

Motion carried 7-0.

REJECTION OF PAVING BID FROM E. HOFFMAN

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Wolfson to reject the paving bid for 1835 Landwehr.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Hammer, Martin, Regalbuto, Shein, Taub, Wolfson

nay:

Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: SMALL BUILDING PROJECTS 2011

Dr. Riggle provided a historical overview of the funding for small building projects. He stated that Mr. Pryma, Mr. Finan, Mr. Freund and Mr. Wegley were available to answer questions.

Dr. Riggle described the proposal at GBN moving a wall that creates a professional development center in the IMC. He explained that this was done at GBS the previous summer.

The Board asked for an explanation of the "Genius Bar" for the technology trainer. The idea is to place technology staff in a space where they are available to staff. This is similar to the GBS tech office that has a walk-in service area. The focus of the Genius Bar is on just-in-time support. The IMC creates a central location for this service. Mr. Bretag also mentioned the goal of creating a student technology team that would be available at the Genius Bar.

Dr. Riggle indicated one concern with this model is the need to document the types of issues addressed at the Genius Bar so that professional development needs can be identified.

The Board asked about district technology employees rotating among the schools. Mr. Thimm indicated district technology employee have been deployed to each building.

The Board asked about the process and tracking of technology service calls and the creation of a database that can serve as a reference. Dr. Riggle stated that he intends to demonstrate the new ServiceWise later in the spring. The Board asked about training for staff in using this new system. Staff have been trained. The Board expressed the importance of documenting technology service requests and the elimination of teachers informally obtaining assistance from technicians.

The Board asked about the GBS field irrigation project being compatible with turf fields so that if turf fields are put in this would not need to be removed. Mr. Freund indicated that this project was not for a field on which there were plans for a turf field. The Board asked if the irrigation system would lower maintenance costs. Mr. Freund stated that it would reduce staff time trying to connect water to irrigate the field. Mr. Wolfson asked about the economy of scale in adding a second turf field. Mrs. Ptak explained that we only gain economy of scale with regard to drainage if more than one turf field were added.

Mr. Shein clarified that if the buildings are under budget on small building projects, it is not a true savings since the dollars are reallocated within the building budgets. Dr. Riggle confirmed Mr. Shein's understanding. Mrs. Siena indicated that proposed budget reductions will be presented to the Board at the March 22 meeting.

(See Agenda Item #10)

APPROVAL OF SMALL BUILDING PROJECTS 2011

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Taub to approve the small building projects contained in revised agenda item #10.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Hammer, Martin, Regalbuto, Shein, Taub, Wolfson

nay:

Motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Ptak stated that now that the building projects are approved they will go to bid and bring bids at the April 26 Board meeting.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: 2011 BUILDING CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUESTS

Dr. Riggle explained that items costing \$2500 or more purchased from the building budgets are considered capital outlay items.

Mr. Boron asked about a studio camera for GBN broadcasting priced at \$18,000 compared to a camera on the GBS list for \$3,000 and the rationale for the higher priced camera at GBN. Mr. Finan explained that the camera being replaced at GBN is 17-18 years old and this camera matches two other new cameras purchased in the recent past. Also, the village of Northbrook uses the cameras approximately ten times per year tied to cable programming. There may be a rebate of \$2,000 to \$1,500 available on this purchase.

Mr. Hammer asked about the outcome of the GBS alumnus who offered the district a mobile TV station. Dr. Riggle explained that the district decided not to go toward a mobile TV station. At this point the individual is more than willing to discuss existing equipment that the schools may have some interest in, which may include additional cameras.

(See Agenda Item #11)

APPROVAL OF 2011 BUILDING CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUESTS

Motion by Mr. Wolfson, seconded by Mr. Taub to approve the 2011 capital outlay requests.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Hammer, Martin, Regalbuto, Shein, Taub, Wolfson

nay:

Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: ENERNOC DEMAND RESPONSE

Dr. Riggle explained that the plant operators learned of EnerNoc Demand Response last fall. EnerNoc is a Boston-based publically traded company that works to decrease energy consumption when energy grids face high demand. If we approve participation in this program, we agree to be on call and will reduce energy consumption to about 2,000 kilowatts when energy grids face high demands. EnerNoc provides a metering tool that tracks our energy consumption, gives real-time readings and makes adjustments, as necessary. If we are called on to reduce our energy and we can't reduce, then there is no penalty. The facilities teams can plan for the test in reducing consumption. We remain in control of the energy to be reduced. There is no cost to the district for participating.

The district will receive \$63,600 in the first year based upon the assumption that our district could shed 2000 kw of electricity. Mr. Martin asked why more schools aren't participating in this program and why would anybody not do this.

Mrs. Ptak indicated that Oak Park River Forest recently approved participation in EnerNoc. Typically hospitals and class A office buildings are in the program.

Mr. Boron asked if the metering tells what areas are an issue. Mrs. Ptak explained that EnerNoc installs a server that reads meter usage that guides you through the test. This promotes energy facility efficiencies, too. The grid will pay EnerNoc for savings realized in this program. The EnerNoc team will share best practices that have worked well with other schools.

Mr. Shein stated that it was a great idea to run some tests in preparation for the test to reduce 2000 kw. It was explained that this acceptance test is part of the program. The EnerNoc team can read the district's meter data over the internet and will help the district work through saving energy.

The Board discussed the timing of taking action on this item. The EnerNoc representative stated that March 1st was the close of open enrollment, but they have reserved some excess capacity. The Board asked when the district learned of this opportunity. The plant operators learned about this in the fall, but didn't get the details until recently. Mr. Martin asked if the Board is sure they have the full story, if there are any penalties, and what if the district wants to back out? Mrs. Siena stated that the district has to commit to the test and be amenable to taking the call to reduce energy consumption. The EnerNoc representative stated in seven years there hasn't been a call.

(See Agenda Item # 12)

APPROVAL OF ENERNOC DEMAND RESPONSE

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Dr. Regalbuto to approve EnerNoc Demand Response.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Hammer, Martin, Regalbuto, Shein, Taub, Wolfson

nay:

Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: ENERGY EDUCATION PROPOSAL

Dr. Riggle stated that Energy Education is a behavior management program designed to reduce energy consumption. Mrs. Ptak reviewed the Energy Education proposal that includes the hiring of an energy coach. A representative from Energy Education was on hand to answer questions. Energy accounting software must be purchased as part of this program.

Mr. Boron stated that he is not fully comfortable with this proposal. There are some savings to be achieved, but he is not sure if savings to be achieved are shown in the proposal. The Board asked about the guarantee that the savings will equal the investments. Board members expressed concern about committing to a 1.8M investment. Dr. Regalbuto expressed concerns about how the contract reads and about the level of responsibility placed on teachers and maintenance staff. District and building administrators have spoken with other area districts that have experienced savings with this program. The Board asked about other energy audits that were done. Mrs. Siena explained that these have been primarily infrastructure related. Energy coaches are typically from within the teaching ranks. Mr. Shein stated that District 34 teachers are not happy with this program.

Dr. Riggle stated that we have to be comfortable with the idea of Energy Education and there is no time line on this project.

(See Agenda Item #13)

DISCUSSION/ACTION: TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS AND BUDGET 2011

Dr. Riggle introduced one of the components of the budget process which is the technology budget. Dr. Riggle provided a historical overview of the district's progression in improving technology. The district is now at the point of talking about instructional applications of technology. The technology budget has been reduced, but the district is still on target with the technology vision. Expenditures are back to the level of 3 years ago. Dr. Riggle introduced Mr. Thimm to give a brief synopsis or take questions.

Mr. Martin asked if there was a major initiative that he would have liked to have had that wasn't included. Mr. Thimm explained that he would like to slow things down because of the great deal of change that has occurred in the district. Dr. Riggle stated that the district is holding off on implementing Voice Over IP. Voice Over IP will be kept in mind for the future.

Mr. Taub asked about professional development efforts with regard to staff implementing new instructional technology approaches. Dr. Riggle stated that the instructional technology trainers are facilitating staff in learning these new technologies. Mr. Bretag explained that we currently have a breadth of approaches that teachers are aware of, but we need to get to depth. Mr. Bretag shared statistics relative to implementation efforts. Dr. Riggle stated that we will work with our feeder districts to help build a base for our students. Dr. Riggle explained that it is not about technology, but about the teaching methodology. New teachers lack the methodology that the veteran teachers bring to the table. Dr. Riggle provided an update on the parent portal and what it will bring for our families.

Mr. Thimm was commended for renegotiating the contact with Comcast providing savings and increased service. The district will now have a 200 megabyte capacity.

Mr. Shein asked about virtualizing systems and a pilot for remote desktop. Mr. Thimm explained that these will be tested at 3801.

Dr. Riggle explained that the technology budget will be placed on the consent agenda for the next meeting. The figure for the technology budget goes into the draft budget and this will be factored into the projections.

(See Agenda Item #14)

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

Dr. Regalbuto indicated due to spring break schedules she will not be in town the weeks of the March 22 and April 12 Board meetings. Mr. Wolfson stated that he is not sure that he will be in attendance at the March 22 Board meeting.

REVIEW AND SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETING

President Shein reviewed the following:

Consent agenda item 6.1 was moved to closed session.

The Board approved the certified staffing model and added FTE.

Construction bids were approved.

The Board approved EnerNoc Demand Response.

The Board took no action on the Energy Education proposal and will continue to discuss this item.

The Board, in concept, accepted the technology plan and projects which will move to consent for the next board meeting.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Wolfson to move into closed session at approximately 11:25 p.m. To consider the employment of specific employees (Section 2 (c) (1), (2), (9), (10) and (11) of the Open Meetings Act).

Upon calling of the roll:

aye:

Nay:

Motion carried 7-0.

The Board returned to open session at 12:37 a.m.

ACTION REGARDING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Wolfson to approve item 6.1 of the consent agenda.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Hammer, Martin, Regalbuto, Shein, Taub, Wolfson

nay:

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Hammer to approve the appointment contained in 6.1a of the consent agenda that being the I.S. for Career and Life Skills.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Hammer, Martin, Regalbuto, Taub, Wolfson

nay: Shein

Motion carried 6-1.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Wolfson, seconded by Dr. Regalbuto to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:41 a.m.

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

Motion carried.

* Boron, Hammer, Martin, Regalbuto, Shein, Taub, Wolfson

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.

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Monday, March 22, 2010 7:00 p.m. Special Board Meeting