

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, MARCH 23, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, March 23, 2015 at approximately 7:09 p.m. at Glenbrook North High School Library, 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, Doughty, Hanley, Martin, Shein, Taub

Absent: Wilkas

Also present: Pryma, Riggle, Siena, Swanson, Wegley, Williamson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

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

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Doughty, Hanley, Martin, Shein, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO EXCEL

Ms. Geddeis recognized GBN IHSA State Speech Tournament and National Qualifiers (Camila Kaplunov, Eliana Kohn and Issac Kim). Coach Sarah Illie provided context to students' recent and past accomplishments.

The students introduced their parents and discussed their college plans.

Dr. Riggle commended the students for their commitment to the speech program over multiple competitions. He thanked the parents for the support of their students.

Ms. Geddeis introduced GBS State swimming champions Sam Iida and Jon Salomon. Coach McDonald spoke about each students' accomplishments.

In response to the Board's questions the students spoke about their training regimen.

Dr. Riggle acknowledged the students' and team's accomplishments.

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS

None.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Dr. Riggle reminded the Board of an excellent concert Wednesday evening and noted that Kristin Meyer may return for the GSO concert.

Mr. Shein attended the Techny concert this year that was held at GBS. He stated that it was an excellent show. The conductor's comments were very positive about the students and the district.

Mr. Doughty stated that the guest conductor was very gracious in commenting that he had never seen such well-prepared students.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Taub to approve the following items on the consent agenda with the replacement of 6.2a with revised version and 6.12

1. Appointments
 - a) Certified - none
 - b) Support Staff - none
2. Resignations/Terminations
 - a) Certified - none
 - b) Support Staff

Name	Position	Effective	School
Sara Sanchez	Teacher , Social Studies	06.12.15	GBS

3. FOIA

the Board of Education review of the FOIA request contained in consent agenda item #6.3.

4. Vendor Bills

Description	Amount	Attached register dated
Vendor Checks Nos. 66720 through 66878	\$1,001,485.24	March 17, 2015

5. Payroll

the issuance of checks and electronic wire transfers for net payroll earnings, payroll taxes, pension contributions, insurance and other payroll liabilities.

February Totals:

Check Register: \$ 180,687.20

Direct Deposit Register ACH: \$3,830,283.80

Wire Transfer (EFT) Register: \$2,158,827.17

6. Imprest - none

7. Minutes

- March 9, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
- March 9, 2015 Closed Board Meeting

8. Building Operating Budgets

The Board approval of Building Operating Budgets as contained in consent agenda item # 6.8

9. GBS Speech National Tournament

The Board approval of GBS Speech National Tournament as contained in consent agenda item # 6.9

10. GBS Business Professionals National Leadership Conference

The Board approval of GBS Business Professionals National Leadership Conference as contained in consent agenda item # 6.10

11. Authorization to Release FY 2015/16 Purchase Orders

The Board approval of the Authorization to Release FY 2015/16 Purchase Orders as contained in consent agenda item # 6.11

12. Non Tenured Certified Staff Members to be Rehired or Released

The Board approval of Non Tenured Certified Staff Members to be Rehired or Release as contained in consent agenda item # 6.12

13. Gifts

Gift From	Amount of Item	School	Department	Account
Goodman Family Foundation	\$ 2000.00	GBS	Student to Student	830992
Terry & Kitty Freihage Prospect Hts, IL	2002 Ford E150 Van VIN: 1FTRE14242HA16166	GBN	DEAN'S OFFICE SECURITY VEHICLE	N/A

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Doughty, Hanley, Martin, Shein, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: AWARD OF BID FRO DRIVER EDUCATION VEHICLES

Dr. Riggle distributed a document relative to the bids for the driver education vehicles. He stated an additional vehicle is needed for GBS due to increasing enrollment.

Dr. Ptak reviewed the rationale for purchasing new vehicles. She stated that two cars will be donated to the district and six cars will be purchased. The bid process took place and two bids were received. Dr. Ptak stated that Toyota of Schaumburg was the low bidder and will be awarded the bid. She noted that they are also providing the best price on the used vehicles.

Dr. Ptak reviewed the bids.

In response to board members' questions Dr. Ptak explained:

- The rationale for choosing the Prius over Camry.
- The warranty is nearly up and the trade-in value is still good.
- The history of driver education vehicle leasing and why the decision to purchase was made over leasing.

Dr. Riggle added that an additional car was needed for purchase at GBS due to increasing enrollment.

The Board discussed the practice of replacing cars with low mileage and the rationale for replacing cars at this time given the low mileage and high trade-in value offered by the dealer.

Board members asked for more information regarding the economic argument for replacing cars at this time. It was suggested that the replacement of tires, brakes and other needed maintenance should be researched and information provided to the Board. Some board members stated that they supported the recommendation and did not feel a need for additional research.

Dr. Riggle stated that the current maintenance status of existing cars can be researched and provided. The cost of maintenance and repairs over time was also requested.

In response to a board member's question, Dr. Ptak responded to questions regarding insurance.

In response to the Board member's requests:

- Condition of the cars will be researched and provided to the Board as soon as possible.
- Expected maintenance over the next 2 years will be researched.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: PARCC TESTING UPDATE

Dr. Riggle provided a brief history of testing relative to ACT and the development of PARCC testing by Pearson.

Dr. Riggle explained that PARCC was administered electronically. He acknowledged the work of Mr. Muir and Ms. Frandson in organizing the testing.

Ms. Frandson provided an update on the status of testing at GBN relative to the math and English portions.

In response to a Board member's question, Ms. Frandson addressed some technical issues.

Dr. Riggle elaborated on the technical issues related to testing and how those were addressed.

Mr. Muir and Ms. Frandson provided numbers of students refusing to test.

Mr. Muir clarified the protocol for students refusing to test.

Dr. Wegley stated that testing has gone reasonably well given the newness of the testing protocol.

A board member expressed concern regarding the amount of time taken for testing and the loss of instructional time. He

suggested a feedback loop to the State relative to the time of the test.

Dr. Riggle stated that the D113 Board of Education sent a letter to Governor Rauner regarding concerns about the amount of time spent on PARCC testing and asking for some intervention and alternative testing of common core other than PARCC. Dr. Riggle stated that the State will likely drop the administration of ACT because of financial concerns. Dr. Riggle stated that concerns have been expressed for the time students spend testing and the number of tests in particular that juniors are facing.

Dr. Riggle provided insight into civil rights concerns regarding student subgroups' progress relative to standardized testing and the progress of certain subgroups.

A board member expressed concern regarding a student who was forced to take the PARCC exam after refusing to test.

Mr. Muir explained the protocol and acknowledged one incident of miscommunication relative to a student's refusal to test.

A board member stated that we cannot know how serious students are taking the PARCC exam.

The administration acknowledged this and expressed that these concerns have been raised with the Illinois State Board of Education.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: VISION 20/20 INITIATIVE

Dr. Riggle described the basis of Vision 20/20 work across the State as a vehicle for State education leaders to contribute to the conversation on education. The vision addresses equity issues facing schools in Illinois as well as priorities such as highly qualified educators and professional development.

Dr. Riggle referenced the large number of bills introduced in the Illinois House and Senate. He described the lobbying process and groups representing public school districts across Illinois.

HB2657 will improve the process for teachers coming from out-of-state to obtain Illinois teaching licensure. Dr. Riggle stated that this also addresses principal licensure. He reviewed the avenues that out-of-state candidates must pursue.

HB3428 was introduced by students at Stevenson H.S. relative to accountability in Advanced Placement credit awarded by higher education institutions across the state.

Dr. Riggle reviewed Senate Bill 100 that pertains to student discipline and length of out-of-school suspensions.

Dr. Riggle briefly mentioned Senate Bill 1 that may have an impact on General State Aid. Mrs. Siena provided additional information regarding Senate Bill 1. Dr. Riggle stated that there has not been adequate funding by the State. He described the potential freeze of property taxes and potential pension cost shift.

A board member encouraged the administration to advocate a position to protect the district.

Dr. Riggle mentioned House Bill 3535, regarding unfunded mandates.

A board member asked who appointed this group to speak for District 225. A few board members questioned the role of the organization relative to the Board.

Dr. Riggle stated that nobody is asking the Board to sign-on to Vision 20/20. He explained some of the organizations representing the district.

The Board discussed the role of various lobbying groups.

Mrs. Siena explained the role of various groups in bringing forward issues to the State that pertain to education.

A board member expressed concern regarding the complexity of the issues facing the state and the insurmountable task of keeping pace with all that is happening.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: POTENTIAL PENSION COST SHIFT

Dr. Riggle stated that the district has been preparing for a potential cost-shift of the pension cost to school districts. This would be an approximate 8% shift over time.

Dr. Riggle reviewed Policy 6110 that outlines district and employee contributions to pensions. If there is a cost shift to pension contributions for the district it would have to be negotiated with the GEA.

Mrs. Siena explained how pension cost-shift could be budgeted for and the impact on future negotiations relative to fund balance.

The Board expressed concern regarding a future pension shift.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: APPROVAL OF AUDIT FIRM

Dr. Riggle explained that the audit firm used by the district also audits the Northfield Township which includes all elementary districts except district 34 which is aligned with Maine Township.

Dr. Riggle explained the structure of the Northfield Township Treasurer's Office and the process for the district to disengage from the Township Treasurer. Several elementary districts are opposed to disbanding the treasurer's office.

Mrs. Siena explained the role of the Northfield Township Treasurer in working with school districts. The current Northfield Township Treasurer is planning to retire.

The district is recommending staying with the same audit firm given their role with the district and the township.

A board member asked about the cost-savings of providing management services on a contractual basis.

The item will be put on the consent agenda for April 13.

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

In response to a board member's request Dr. Riggle indicated that an update on enrollment relative to activities and athletics will be available in May.

The Facilities meeting will be moved to April 21.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mrs. Hanley to move into closed session at approximately 9:28 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; the placement of individual students in special

education programs and other matters relating to individual students. (Section 2(c) (1) and (10) of the Open Meeting Act).

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Doughty, Hanley, Martin, Shein, Taub

Nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

The Board returned to open session at 11:01 p.m.

ACTION REGARDING STUDENT 03-23-15-01 TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Taub in regards to student 03-23-15-01 to approve the settlement agreement and release.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Doughty, Hanley, Martin, Shein, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

ACTION IN REGARDS TO EMPLOYEE 03-23-15-01 TO APPROVE THE RETIREMENT AGREEMENT

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Doughty in regards to employee 03-23-15-01 to approve the retirement agreement.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Boron, Doughty, Hanley, Martin, Shein, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Hanley, seconded by Mr. Taub to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:03 p.m.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

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* Boron, Doughty, Hanley, Martin, Shein, Taub

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

SECRETARY - BOARD OF EDUCATION

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

Tuesday, April 7, 2015	7:30 a.m.	Technology Committee Meeting (GBS PCR)
Monday, April 13, 2015	6:30 p.m.	Special Board Meeting (GBN Library)
Monday, April 13, 2015	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting (GBN Library)