

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, APRIL 9, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, April 9, 2012, at approximately 7:00 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, Hammer, Martin, Shein, Taub, Wolfson

Absent: Regalbuto (arrived at 7:01)

Also present: Caliendo, Frandson, Geddeis, Muir, Pryma, Riggle, Siena, Wegley, Williamson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

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

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 6-0.

STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO EXCEL

Ms. Zimmerman introduced the Glenbrook United Special Olympics Team that earned top honors in volleyball and basketball at the state competition.

Ms. Zimmerman stated that the students played a wonderful game at the United Center last week.

Mr. Pa'al Joshi, Glenbrook United sponsor, thanked the athletes for their commitment to the team. He thanked the parents for their support. Mr. Joshi recognized Ms. Petty, GBN Glenbrook United sponsor. He thanked the Glenbrook Foundation for providing sweat suits and uniforms.

Students spoke about their experiences with the team.

Two parents spoke about the benefits of the program and thanked Mr. Joshi for his work. Mr. Manso asked the Board for their continued support of the program.

Mr. Joshi stated that this was the first full year that students participated in volleyball. Practices were held twice a week starting in early July. Three teams made it downstate in basketball. The girls' team won the bronze at state. The boys' basketball team won the gold medal by one point in overtime. Students learned about sportsmanship and commitment.

Dr. Riggle stated that the district is very proud of the students' accomplishments. The district is most proud of how students compete and what they bring to our schools.

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS

None.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Dr. Riggle reported that school is back in session after spring break. There are many exciting events coming up in the next several weeks of school.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1.) a. the appointment of the following certificated staff as recommended by the assistant superintendent for human resources

APPOINTMENTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Sinde, Michael	Applied Technology	08.21.12	GBS	MA + 45, Step 12

- 1.) b. the appointment of the following educational support staff contained in the assistant superintendent for human resources memorandum

APPOINTMENTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
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- 2.) a. no resignations/termination of certificated staff
- b. the resignation/termination of the following educational support staff contained in the memorandum dated April 4, 2012.

Personnel - Resignations/Terminations

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Horigan, Emily	Instructional Assistant	06.08.12	GBN

3. no FOIA requests
4. the issuance of Vendor Checks Nos. 52130 through 52316 in the amount of \$485,980.03 as listed on the attached checks register dated April 3, 2012.
5. No Payroll
6. the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Employees for the month of March in the amount of \$32,798.05 represented by checks No. 9940 through 9984, 10003 through 10049, 10083 through 10085, and 10113 through 10169.
the reimbursement of the Revolving Fund for Vendors for the month of March in the amount of \$232,798.59 represented by checks No. 9934 through 9939, 9985 through 10002, 10050 through 10082, 10086 through 10112, and 10170 through 10171. Checks issued in March voided in March: No. 9976. Check issued in previous months, voided in March: No. 9678, 9862.
7. Open and Closed Session Minutes from the March 19, 2012 Regular Board Meeting. the Open and Closed Session Minutes from the March 19, 2012 Special Board Meeting.
8. DECA International Competition Trip as contained in consent agenda item # 6.8.
9. Technology Projects & Budget 2013 as contained in consent agenda item # 6.9.
10. IHSA Membership as contained in consent agenda item # 6.10.

11. Release of Educational Support Personnel as contained in consent agenda item # 6.11.

12. the acceptance of the following gifts:

Gift From	Amount/ Item	School	Department	Account
Karen A. Linden	\$50.00	GBS	Music/Solace	830915
Goodman Family Foundation	\$3900.00/grant	GBS	Student to Student	830992
Charles Quattrochi	\$2000.090	GBS	W.Hicks Scholarship	830854
Lew Blond Memorial 5K Run Walk	\$1000.00	GBS	Lew Blond Scholarship	830851
Village of Glenview	\$1000.00	GBS	Scholarship	830851
Northbrook Kiwanis Foundation	\$5000.00	GBS	Topaz/Kiwanis Scholarship	830851
Howard Romanek	\$1000.00	GBS	Social Studies Scholarship	830851
Kurt Thomas White Scholarship Fund	\$1000.00	GBS	Kurt Thomas Scholarship	830851
Bob/Gail Brickman	\$50.00	GBS	Glenbrook United	810900
Peter Buss	\$30.00	GBS	Glenbrook United	810900
Joya Fields	\$25.00	GBS	Glenbrook United	810900
Glenview State Bank	\$1000.00	GBS	Glenbrook United	810900
Grandpa's Depot, LLC	\$100.00	GBS	Glenbrook United	810900
K of C Charities, Inc	\$1000.00	GBS	Glenbrook United	810900
Stacey A. Mechales	\$30.00	GBS	Glenbrook United	810900
Anthony & Kathryn Ruffalo	\$30.00	GBS	Glenbrook United	810900

13. Educational Support Personnel Staffing as contained in consent agenda item # 6.13.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: PRELIMINARY REVIEW FOR TEXTBOOK CHANGES FOR 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Riggle indicated that new textbooks are only up for discussion this evening. New textbooks will be on the consent agenda for the next Board meeting. Textbooks will be on display at the district office for the next two weeks.

Dr. Williamson provided an overview of the new textbook proposals.

Mr. Boron asked if French or Spanish is the incoming freshmen Academy language because he noticed new textbooks for both French and Spanish Academy beginning courses.

Dr. Williamson stated that French is the incoming Academy language for next year.

Ms. Fitch and Mr. Whipple clarified that the proposed text is for Spanish 293 and not Spanish 193. There was an issue with the report pulling the wrong course code. The anthology being added will be used for sophomore, junior and senior years. Spanish was last year's beginning language for Academy.

Mr. Hammer asked for clarification regarding the child development book for GBS.

Mr. Kornick confirmed that this book will be purchased by the school.

Mr. Boron asked about allowing electronic versions of novels using a Kindle or iPad where novels are significantly cheaper and the same books as the print versions.

Dr. Williamson stated that the district will be conducting a pilot of electronic textbooks/resources in summer school using multiple devices.

Ms. Frandson, GBN Associate Principal, stated that a few students have chosen to use electronic versions of novels. The school has worked with these situations and not discouraged students from bringing and using their own devices at school.

Mr. Hammer asked about the requirement of students annotating their reading.

Ms. Frandson explained that this is possible using an electronic reader. The schools will study how active reading can be done through an electronic format. A small group of teachers have studied this with a focus on how this impacts learning in the classroom. This will help inform staff professional development in moving forward.

Dr. Williamson stated that in light of the technology gap study that was presented to the Board last year, there were differences in access to the internet and electronic resources for low income families. It will be important to ensure that when the district moves to electronic textbooks/resources that access for all students is considered.

Mr. Shein asked if there would be a pilot in other subjects such as math or science.

Dr. Williamson stated that the pilot this summer will be in US History. There is a plan for an expanded pilot this fall that will include science and other areas. At this point we are waiting for the right device to come out.

Dr. Riggle clarified with regard to the right device; the main issue has been price point. As the district might need to step in and help some students, the price point on some devices is quite high. We are seeing a lot of things developing in the electronic textbook market. Currently Apple and the three publishers that signed-on are facing litigation. Before the start of next school year we may see a variety of devices coming in at lower price points.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: REVIEW OF THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Dr. Williamson provided an overview of the 2013-14 school calendar. She highlighted the basis for calendar development.

Mr. Martin asked why September 5 was designated as no school.

This date is Rosh Hashanah.

Mr. Martin asked how long the 183-day contract for teachers has been in effect.

Dr. Riggle and Mr. Wegley indicated that this has been in place at least since the 1990's.

Mr. Martin asked if this could potentially be changed.

Dr. Riggle stated that this would have to be negotiated.

The minimum number of teacher work days was discussed. The administration will follow-up to confirm that the minimum number of required teacher work days is 180.

President Shein requested that in the future the list of days with no school be provided along with the reason.

Dr. Riggle stated that the proposed calendar has been shared with the elementary districts. The calendar will be on the consent agenda for the next meeting.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: DISASTER RECOVERY INITIATIVE

Mr. Thimm described the need for the disaster recovery initiative. This is especially important for individuals who rely heavily on technology.

Mr. Thimm described the process of how he worked with District 214 to collaborate in the disaster recovery initiative because of the similarities in hardware that the districts share. Purchases will be aligned that are compatible with District 214. There is a plan to enable us to maintain services by accessing services in another location.

Dr. Riggle stated that there is a power grid in Arlington Heights and a power grid in Glenview. The Village of Glenview has no redundancy in their resources. In Northbrook there is a fiber ring that ties all of the Northfield Township school districts except District 34. Dr. Riggle explained how this proposal will tie-in to Oakton Community College.

Mr. Thimm stated that Illinois has expanded their Internet Century Network using ARRA funds to extend the fiber network to community colleges. The pricing structure is now very attractive. We will benefit from Oakton Community College which is between us and District 214. The district will be able to access both Comcast and the Illinois Century Network.

Mr. Boron asked if data entered in our district is simultaneously being backed-up in another place.

Mr. Thimm stated that the proposal is for asynchronous communication. It is almost in real-time.

Dr. Riggle stated that we are sharing storage space with District 214.

Dr. Regalbuto asked about the level of security of the data that is housed on District 214 technologies.

Mr. Thimm explained that information is encrypted so that when it is transferred nobody can see what is being entered. We would separate out what they have access to and they can see and vice-verse.

Dr. Regalbuto asked if the environment will be tested.

Mr. Thimm stated that testing will occur after hours and on weekends until the system is working as it should and will continue to be tested throughout the process.

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Dr. Riggle stated that the first step is to make a connection to District 214. Once the system is fully functional and working properly we can start talking with other governmental entities in Northfield Township such as the elementary school districts and village services.

Mr. Thimm stated that the district is investing in disaster recovery. We are sharing our expertise with the technology team at District 214. Bloomington school district 87 has created the Illini cloud and we can learn from them, as well.

Mr. Shein asked if the three lines enter the building in the same pathway.

Mr. Thimm responded that two are in the same conduit to GBS and the district office. There are two different sets of fiber going through the district office to GBS.

Mr. Shein stated that at some point we had a problem where a server went down. He asked if the first thing that people would notice is that they can't login.

Mr. Thimm explained that the system that provided I.P. addresses went down. The storage system took certain services and made them unavailable.

Mr. Shein clarified that there is no system that will provide redundancy for this issue.

Mr. Thimm stated that this would be one of the rare moments where there would not be redundancy.

Mr. Shein asked if that service would fail, if it would prevent the other services from functioning.

Mr. Thimm confirmed that this was the case. The answer is to have enough spare resources to bring a spare system up.

Mr. Shein asked if this was because we were out of capacity.

Mr. Thimm confirmed that this was the case. There were certain hard drive failures.

Mr. Shein asked if those services could be provided from a remote copy.

Mr. Thimm confirmed that this was the case.

Mr. Hammer stated that in terms of hardware, the district would buy more SAN storage for us and District 214 will have to buy more for their needs.

Mr. Thimm stated that this would be cheaper and provide District 214 the room to operate. We will have surplus capacity at some point.

Mr. Boron stated that it seems that District 214 would have a lot more data given the size of the district.

Mr. Thimm stated that District 214 actually has less data than we do, even though they have more students and more facilities. We have to do a proper cost share. We will structure an inter-governmental agreement.

Dr. Riggle stated that this project is within budget, but the administration wants the Board's support conceptually. It becomes less of a space issue all of the time. We have an expanding need for service redundancy. There is a need to expand and reorganize.

Dr. Riggle shared a concern that our data center is in the basement at 1835 Landwehr. This will eventually move to 3801 West Lake.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: BUILDING BUDGETS 2013

Dr. Riggle explained the change in the GBN building budget allocation. Following spring break there was an increase in the number of retirements. GBN now wishes to take their reduction in FTE instead of in building budget funds.

Dr. Riggle stated that on April 23 there will be reductions in what the Board has already allotted in FTE as part of the budget reduction strategy.

Mr. Boron asked what the dollars translated into with regard to FTE.

Dr. Riggle stated that this was the equivalent of 0.2 certificated FTE and some support staff FTE.

Mr. Pryma explained that after sectioning was clarified in the building, the numbers fell in such a way to be able to shift the reduction to a reduction in FTE.

Mr. Shein asked if some FTE is held in reserve.

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Mr. Pryma stated that some FTE is held in reserve. GBN's FTE was at an allocation where the building was just trying to make it work. After sectioning, there was more breathing room.

Mr. Shein asked the principals if they know where all freshmen are scheduled.

Mr. Pryma and Mr. Wegley stated that all freshmen have been placed.

Dr. Riggle stated that the schools are in the process of closing low enrollment classes. By the time school ends we will have a viable master schedule for next year.

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

None.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

President Shein stated that there are three April meetings. The next meeting is on April 23 and there will be a special meeting on April 28.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Boron to move into closed session at approximately 8:21 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; Self-evaluation, practices and procedures of professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the public body is a member. (Section 2(c)(1), (16) of the Open Meeting Act).

Upon calling of the roll:

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

Nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

The Board returned to open session at 10:14 p.m.

ACTION REGARDING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Wolfson to accept the recommendation of the administration with regard to employee 04-09-12-01.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Wolfson, seconded by Dr. Regalbuto to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:14 p.m.

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

Motion carried 7-0.

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

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

SECRETARY - BOARD OF EDUCATION

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

Upcoming meetings will be held at:

Monday, April 23, 2012	7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting (GBN Library)
Sunday, April 28, 2012	8:00 a.m. Special Board Meeting (GBS Student Activity Center)