

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, JULY 26, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, July 26, 2021, at approximately 7:00 p.m. at Glenbrook District Office Public Meeting Room 100A, 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:

Doughty, O'Hara, Shein, Sztainberg

Absent: Glowacki, Seguin, Taub

Also present: Geallis, Gravel, Johns, Markey, Swanson, Williamson

**Approval of Agenda for this Meeting**

Motion by Mr. Shein, seconded by Dr. Sztainberg to approve the agenda for this meeting.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Doughty, O'Hara, Shein, Sztainberg

nay: none

Motion carried 4-0.

**Recognition of Community Visitors**

The Board president stated that the Board will not be making any decision on masks this evening as we are still gathering information.

Community Members:

- Spoke in favor of parental choice for their children and wanting masks optional for all students
- Commended the Board for terminating the employment of Lauren Fagel and hopes this paves the way for a nonpartisan curriculum

**Board and Superintendent Reports**

The administration provided highlights of events/celebrations at the schools.

The Board president thanked those who are working hard to get ready for the school year.

### **Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items**

The administration provided an updated list of appointments for certified personnel, which includes the appointment of Ashly Song as the next Assistant Dean of Students, GBS.

Motion by Dr. Sztainberg, seconded by Mr. O'Hara to approve the following items on the consent agenda with the updated information for item a.

- A. Appointments
  - a. Certified
  - b. Support Staff
- B. Resignations/Terminations
  - a. Certified
  - b. Support Staff
- C. FOIA
- D. Approval of Accounts Payable Bills
- E. Approval of Payroll Disbursements
- F. Approval of Revolving Fund Reimbursement
- G. Minutes
  - a. July 12, 2021, Regular Board Meeting
  - b. July 12, 2021, Regular Closed Board Meeting
- H. Gifts
- I. School Calendar for 2022-2023
- J. Release and Reassignment of Educational Support Personnel

aye: Doughty, O'Hara, Shein, Sztainberg

nay: none

Motion carried 4-0.

### **Preparing for the 2021-2022 School Year**

The administration:

- Noted the facts are changing rapidly and we are getting a steady stream of updates
- Stated that we are looking forward to a year of normalcy
- Wants to keep our students and staff safe
- Will continue to update the community with updates from the authorities on our website
- Presented the plan to resume in-person learning
- Reviewed the “normal” student schedule and learning format
- Learning spaces will continue to implement social distancing and enhanced cleaning protocols
- Discussed plans for food service and lunch

- Provided an update on mask use guidance, but commented that this is very fluid and we will need to be very flexible
  - Currently do not plan on doing testing in school
- Shared current local metric data
- Discussed contact tracing and potential quarantining
  - Guidance from the CDC and IDPH
  - Outlined voluntary vaccination status survey

In response to board members' questions, the administration:

- Reviewed the only legal requirement we must follow at this time is the mandate for masks to be worn on school buses at this time
- Stated that we will strongly consider all guidance and data; which we will analyze and use to develop our guidelines
- Noted that the survey is voluntary and our legal counsel has advised that we can administer the survey
- Noted that neither Glenview nor Northbrook have health departments, we use Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH)

Board members:

- Data points that we must take into consideration
  - The majority of community members have been vaccinated
  - Students mental health
  - Need to be nimble
- Stated this topic will be discussed at the August 9, 2021 board meeting

### **Adjusted Registration and Materials Fee**

The board president:

- Provided a short overview of the discussion on fees at past board meetings
- Noted the administration has provided additional options based on feedback from the last board meeting
- Thanked Dr. Sztainberg for his work with the administration on this project

The administration:

- Reviewed the recommended option (Option 1) which applied an amortization approach for the purchase of print textbooks, implementing this approach resulted in an adjusted fee to \$184
- Briefly reviewed other options and explained why the administration is recommending Option 1
- Noted these fees will be waived for those who qualify
- Stated that any family may request a payment plan

In response to board members' questions, the administration explained possible effects to the budget if we went completely to digital textbooks

### **Motion to Approve the Adjusted Registration and Materials Fee**

Motion by Dr. Sztainberg, seconded by Mr. O'hara to approve the adjusted materials fee

to \$184.00 flat, plus the registration fee of \$25.50 for a total of \$209.50.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Doughty, O'Hara, Shein, Sztainberg

nay: none

Motion carried 4-0.

**Approval to Make Available the 2021-22 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget and to Schedule a Public Hearing on the 2021-22 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget**

The administration:

- Thanked the Finance Committee
- Briefly reviewed the budget process
- Noted that the tax levy and tax extension were just released this morning, and our estimates were very close, but that being said will have a change from tentative to the final budget
- Outlined highpoints
  - Balanced budget
  - Did not end last year in a deficit
  - Explained pending legislation
  - Continue to implement zero-budgeting
  - Confirmed that the school district remains on track to retire all existing debt by December 2, 2027
  - A reminder the district's budget is funded through local property tax, including a make-whole payment by the Glen, which is currently under a TIF structure that concludes at the end of the 2022 tax year

In response to board members' questions, the administration:

- Provided a brief explanation of PTELL and stated that we have set aside \$3.1 million in the budget for possible tax refunds the district may have to distribute
- Shared a brief update on stimulus grant monies received and anticipated
- Discussed how the monies the Board saved during the refinance or refund from the referendum to make a one-time payment for debt services
- Explained some of the footnotes on the budgets on changes in revenue and expenditures

The Board approved moving forward.

**GBN Gym Floor Update**

The administration:

- Provided an update regarding the Glenbrook North competition and gymnastics gym floor situation

- Explained how the floors were damaged
- Stated the school district will be responsible for a \$1,000 deductible
- Noted the reinsurance company requires the demolition of the existing floor, causing both gyms to be unusable for some time
- Shared an expected timeline for completion of the projects
- Reviewed the temporary solution to accommodate the volleyball season

### **Review and Summary of Board Meeting**

The board president summarized what happened at the meeting and future meeting dates.

### **Possible Topics for Future Board Meetings**

A board member stated that we need to figure out a way to keep things respectful and people should feel welcome to speak during public comment on both sides of an issue.

Future Regular Meeting Dates:

Monday, August 9, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting  
 Monday, August 23, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting

### **Motion to Move into Closed Session**

Motion by Mr. O'Hara, seconded by Dr. Sztainberg to move into closed session at approximately 8:50 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 legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; 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, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. (Section 2(c) (1) and (11) of the Open Meeting Act).

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Doughty, O'Hara, Shein, Sztainberg

nay: none

Motion carried 4-0.

The Board returned to open session at 10:51 p.m.

### **Motion Regarding Administrator Retirement Contract**

Motion by Dr. Sztainberg, seconded by Mr. O'Hara to approve the administrator retirement contract of Rosanne Williamson as discussed in the closed session.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Doughty, O'Hara, Shein, Sztainberg

nay: none

Motion carried 4-0.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. O'Hara, seconded by Dr. Sztainberg to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 p.m.

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

Motion carried

\* Doughty, O'Hara, Shein, Sztainberg

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

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SECRETARY - BOARD OF EDUCATION