

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, MAY 24, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, May 24, 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. * This meeting was held in person and was available via Zoom webinar. Public comment was in-person only. Seating in the Public Meeting Room was limited to 24 people. Limited overflow seating was available in the professional development room. Six feet of social distancing and masks were required and enforced.

The president called the meeting to order. Upon calling of the roll, the following members answered present:

Doughty, Glowacki, O'Hara, Sztainberg, Taub

Absent: Seguin, Shein

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

Approval of Agenda for this Meeting

Motion by Mr. Glowacki, seconded by Dr. Sztainberg to approve the agenda.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Doughty, Glowacki, O'Hara, Sztainberg, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 5-0.

Recognition of Community Visitors

A community member spoke regarding the silver lining of the pandemic which allowed those students with chronic illnesses to attend classes online and noted how happy they were to be able to attend virtually. He hopes that online options will continue for those students who have health issues who are not able to attend in person.

Board and Superintendent Reports

The administration and the Board president shared highlights of meetings and events at the schools and in the community.

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Mr. Glowacki, seconded by Mr. O'Hara to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- 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. May 10, 2021, Special Board Meeting
 - b. May 10, 2021, Special Closed Board Meeting
- H. Gifts
- I. Facility Rental and Out-of-Pocket Expense Rates for 2021-22
- J. Non-certified FTE Recommendation
- K. Release of Educational Support Personnel

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Doughty, Glowacki, O'Hara, Sztainberg, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 5-0.

Draft of the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar for Review

The administration:

- Stated the draft proposed school calendar for the 2022-2023 school year contains the same features as past calendars except that school will be held on Columbus Day (school holiday waiver) and there will be no school on January 2, 2023
- Noted that historically, students have been in attendance on Columbus Day in some years and not others
- Explained that one of the advantages of not having Columbus Day off this year is that there are so many partial weeks in the early fall, and partial weeks make it harder for students and teachers to get in a rhythm
- Discussed the calendar with the GEA, the five Northfield Township sender districts and they support the recommended calendar

In response to board members' questions, the administration:

- Stated that the district engaged in a school calendar study that spanned three years with community, parents, staff, and student input.

- Explained that the community and parents were split regarding starting school earlier in August so that the semester break would occur just before winter break with final exams moving to before the break. At the conclusion of the study, the administration recommended changing the school calendar to an earlier start in August, but because there was such an even division of opinions among parents and the community, it was determined that the district would stay with the current traditional school calendar format.
- Noted that the school calendar does not designate final exams
- This will come back on the consent agenda at the next board meeting

Adoption of the 2020-21 Fiscal Year Amended Budget

The administration:

- Noted the district has incurred approximately \$4 million in expenditures specific to the conditions resulting from the pandemic as discussed at the last board meeting
- Commented that fortunately, we have sought reimbursement from federal programs to subsidize a portion of these expenses and allocated unspent funds to provide for these one-time expenditures
- Noted that we now need to update the budget to reflect the changes to both revenue and expenditure that differ from the original plan
- Stated that we have to wait 30-days for the public inspection of the amended budget and action on the amended budget and the two resolutions will not take place until June 28, 2021

In response to board members' questions, the administration:

- Provided clarification on the process and the reasoning
- Explained when all bonds will be paid
- Noted when the district will be debt-free

Resolution Authorizing Interfund Transfer for Debt Service Purposes

The administration stated that for the district to pay \$651,031 of our debt service obligations (capital lease payments for technology equipment and vehicle leases) we must transfer the funds from the Educational Fund to the Debt Service Fund.

In response to board members' questions, the administration explained this is a new interfund transfer suggested to us by our auditors.

Resolution Abating the Working Cash Fund (2021)

_____The administration explained this is just an accounting function to transfer money from the educational fund to the transportation fund.

Northbrook Distribution Center, LLC 6(b) Request

The administration:

- Stated that Northbrook Distribution Center, LLC is considering relocating to a

- property that has been vacant for approximately three years
- Noted that to support their relocation the business requested that a Class 6(b) designation be applied to the property
- Explained given the economic benefits to the Northbrook community, the Village of Northbrook supports providing a Class 6(b) designation on the proposed facility
- Explained the impact to the District
- Commented that the Village has requested that local districts take the proposal under review and consider providing a letter of support
- Recommended submitting a letter of support
- Stated that no board action is needed, but asked the Board to provide direction

In response to board members' questions, the administration:

- Explained the distribution of tax monies is the responsibility of the assessor's office
- Stated this is not our decision, it is the Village's decision
- Our recommendation is to supply a letter of support to the Village
- Noted that we have historically supported the Village's request
- Discussed the benefits of encouraging industrial development for the community

The Board agreed to submit a letter of support from the District.

Board Policies

a. 4095 Policy - Debt Disclosure Compliance

The administration stated that this is a new policy that was requested from our debt issuance company.

b. 4100 Policy - Outstanding Checks

The administration:

- Stated this is a new policy in response to a request from the external auditor
- Noted that previously the school district had not formalized the process for addressing outstanding (uncashed) checks
- Commented that this policy puts us in state compliance

c. 7225 Policy - Student Data Privacy and Security

The administration:

- Stated this is a new policy in response to the Student Online Privacy Protection Act (SOPPA) that works to limit the sharing of student data with third-party vendors/providers of educational solutions
- Explained the adoption of this policy will fulfill a legal requirement under SOPPA that takes effect July 1, 2021

d. 7270 Policy - Grade Point Average

The administration:

- Stated this is an existing policy that has minor wording updates
- Noted per recommendation from the college counselors, we are cleaning up language to make the wording more transparent for colleges and universities

e. 9010 Policy - Auxiliary Adult Organizations

The administration stated that for the most part, this policy change codifies the approval process of Auxiliary Adult Organizations that we currently have in the district

These policies will be on the consent agenda item at the June 14, 2021 board meeting.

In response to board members' questions, the administration provided some clarification on one of the policies.

Review and Summary of Board Meeting

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

Possible Topics for Future Board Meetings

A board member asked for future discussions on reviewing what we have learned from online learning and see how we can help those students who are not able to attend in person.

Future Regular Meeting Dates:

Monday, June 14, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting

Monday, June 28, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting

Motion to Move into Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Glowacki, seconded by Dr. Szatinberg to move into closed session at approximately 8:17 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 and 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. (Section 2(c) (1) and (2) of the Open Meeting Act).

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Doughty, Glowacki, O'Hara, Sztainberg, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Shein arrived at approximately 8:21 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 9:11 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Glowacki, seconded by Mr. O'Hara to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:12 p.m.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

* Doughty, Glowacki, O'Hara, Shein, Sztainberg, Taub

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

SECRETARY - BOARD OF EDUCATION