

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING,
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, May 29, 2013**

A special meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, 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, Doughty, Hanley, Martin, Taub, Wilkas

Absent: Shein (arrived 7:03)

Also present: Caliendo, Petrarca (attorney), Pryma, Ptak, Riggle, Siena, Wegley, Williamson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

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

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY VISITORS

None.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Taub to approve the following items on the consent agenda with a revised item 4.5A which contains additional retirees.

Mr. Doughty asked if there were people taking retirement earlier than normal.

Dr. Riggle stated that teachers are exercising the option currently available per policy and consistent with the contract. Teachers get the 6% level and the following three years will get 6% additional. Dr. Riggle stated that there is the expectation

of a bill that will allow people to continue to retire early. He stated that he is not sure where pension reform will take us.

Mr. Doughty asked if by approving these retirements now if there was an additional cost to the district.

Dr. Riggle stated that there is no additional cost that was not already budgeted for. There will be cost savings as new employees come on board.

APPOINTMENTS

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Berkson, David	Social Studies	08.19.13	GBS	BA, Step 1, .3FTE
Budney, Kaitlin	Social Studies	08.19.13	GBS	MA + 30, Step 3

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Agins, Joan	Acct. Assistant	07.01.13	ADM

RESIGNATIONS:

- 2.) a. the resignation of the following certificated staff:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Jones, Matthew	Asst. Dean, Psychologist	06.07.13	GBS

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Reicher, Alison	W.L. Dept Secretary	06.11.13	GBS
Wolfson, Lois	Science Dept. Secretary	06.20.13	GBS

3. the Board of Education approval of FCCLA National Competition in consent agenda item #4.3.

REHIRES :

4. a. the rehires of the certificated staff contained in the assistant superintendent for human resources memorandum 04.4a

b. the rehires of the educational staff contained in the assistant superintendent for human resources memorandum 04.4b

RETIREMENTS :

4. a. the retirements of certificated staff as contained in the assistant superintendent for human resources memorandum 04.5a

b. the retirements of educational staff as contained in the assistant superintendent for human resources memorandum 04.5b

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried. 7-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: DIGITAL LEARNING PROPOSAL

Dr. Riggle introduced the revised digital learning proposal.

Dr. Riggle reviewed option 1A. In this option, sophomores do not need to enter into a new lease their senior year. Dr. Riggle stated that option 3 is not cost-effective and the least favorable of all options. He reviewed option 1B.

Mr. Doughty asked about the basis for the \$65.

Mr. Shein stated that this was simply a higher amount to offset the district subsidy.

Dr. Riggle reviewed fees and funding sources associated with the various options in the proposal. He stated that there is a problem with including seniors because too many devices will be remaining that may not serve a need. Dr. Riggle stated that the administration does not favor option 3C. Dr. Riggle explained the importance of providing the management console and extended warranty. Other costs such as insurance should be required for the family.

Mr. Boron asked whether insurance or warranty would be covered by the district.

Dr. Riggle stated that it is the warranty and the management console that would be covered by the district. The management console allows teachers to push-out apps to students. This is a nice tool that will expand and grow in the future.

Mr. Boron stated that he felt that insurance should be required because it is only a \$25 deductible. The district is still on the hook for the lease, so in order to protect the district's exposure as opposed to replacing the machine, the insurance should be required. He stated that he would rather deal with a \$25 exposure compared to the full price of repair or replacement of the machine.

Mr. Shein stated that the \$25 is related to extended warranty and management console.

Mr. Boron clarified the difference between the warranty, insurance coverage and the \$25 deductible.

Dr. Ptak stated that in the first year the district is asking parents to cover the console and warranty.

Mr. Taub suggested that the district self-insure the devices.

Dr. Ptak stated that because the district does not have experience with a large-scale implementation of the Chromebooks it is best to go outside for the insurance, but could consider self-insuring in the future.

Mr. Shein stated that the Board should decide if they want to do a three-year program that covers all students. He referenced the

equity issue among students. He asked if conceptually the Board wants to cover freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

Mr. Taub asked if the ramped-up Wi-Fi can handle three grade levels.

Mr. Thimm confirmed that this would not be a problem.

Mr. Taub asked if the teachers can be trained to be ready for this.

Dr. Wegley stated that he felt in order to train teachers it is important to be one-to-one.

The Board discussed and debated the option of requiring the implementation for three grade levels with an option for seniors to obtain a device.

Mr. Martin asked Dr. Riggle about the concern he expressed related to the success of the implementation if the implementation is expanded to three grade levels.

Dr. Riggle stated that he could go either way, but wanted the Board to understand that with more students with devices, this may present a little more of a challenge because access points are just being updated this summer. Beck's bookstore is new to the game, as well, so increased machines can be more difficult for them to handle. Teachers are very positive about this proposal. Teachers will not hit the ground running with this. It will be more difficult to get all of the teachers trained who want to embrace this at the beginning. Dr. Riggle stated that he wants this initiative to be successful.

Mr. Martin about a plan "B" if there were problems.

Dr. Riggle stated that the district would make it work. The technology staff will make every effort to do what needs to be done to get it done.

Mr. Boron thanked Dr. Ptak and Dr. Riggle for working on the proposal the last two days. He expressed his feeling about seniors presenting a problem with only one year for seniors resulting in machines that can't be given back or used. Juniors will get the device for the next two years. Sophomores will hold the machines for three years and enough machines will be available such that some of these machines could be replaced.

Mr. Doughty stated that communication is important relative to part of the reason for subsidizing in year one is that we are ramping up slowly.

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Mr. Doughty asked for clarification regarding what would be done with new freshmen in 2014-15.

Dr. Riggle stated that those freshmen will have a larger subsidy in year-one. This will be a sustainable model in 2016-2017.

Dr. Riggle stated that the administration can look at self-insurance and will bring back options on June 10.

Dr. Ptak stated that she can run the numbers for self-insurance, suggested going outside for insurance because we don't have any data on the machines. After two years of data we may make a different decision.

Dr. Riggle stated that the deductible is really low compared to other districts.

Mr. Shein stated that Board consensus is three-year plan which makes sense and is fair.

Dr. Riggle stated that option 2A or 2C is recommended by the administration.

Dr. Riggle stated that the earlier the Board sets the leasing fee the better so that it can be advertised.

Mrs. Wilkas expressed a concern about the significant district cost for next year. She stated now that the Board concurred that we are going with three years she asked if there was a sense that the amount to be subsidized was too great. Mrs. Wilkas stated that she was struggling with the larger Board subsidy.

Mr. Shein stated that it would be a \$450k subsidy next year.

Mr. Doughty stated that the Board subsidy drops significantly in the future.

Board discussed and debated pricing options for the first year relative to the district subsidy.

The board discussed the option of eliminating the materials fee as an offset.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL MAINTENANCE GRANT

Dr. Ptak presented the school maintenance grant. She stated that this was a formality. This is a new grant that was just released two weeks ago. The maximum the district can obtain is \$50k. This could be used for the bleacher replacement project. The

total project cost is \$180k. This is an ADA and life-safety project and would qualify.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL MAINTENANCE GRANT

Motion by Mr. Taub, seconded by Mrs. Wilkas to approve the application for the school maintenance grant.

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Riggle mentioned that the GBE graduation is tomorrow night in GBS auditorium. This should be done by 8:30 p.m.

Dr. Riggle Reviewed GBN/GBS graduation times.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Boron, seconded by Mr. Doughty to move into closed session at approximately 8:03 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; 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: Boron, Doughty, Hanley, Martin, Shein, Taub, Wilkas

Nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

The Board returned to open session at 10:04 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Hanley, seconded by Mr. Doughty to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:04 p.m.

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

Motion carried 7-0.

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

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

SECRETARY - BOARD OF EDUCATION

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

Monday, June 10, 2013 7:00pm Regular Board Meeting
(GBN Library)