

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, NOVEMBER 22, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, November 22, 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, Glowacki, O'Hara, Seguin, Shein, Sztainberg, Taub

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

Approval of Agenda for this Meeting

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

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

Recognition of Community Visitors

Community members commented on:

- Making remote learning available to all students who are ill
- Concern regarding swimming P.E. courses and adherence COVID protocols
- His daughter not being able to attend the 2022 Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals, a nationwide junior golf development competition due to miscommunication

Board and Superintendent Reports

The administration and board members shared highlights and updates of meetings and events at the schools and in the community.

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Mr. Glowacki, seconded by Mr. Taub to approve the following items on the consent agenda. The administration stated that the GBS Spanish Exchange student trip has been vetted through an updated travel policy that is in the process of being brought to the Board which gives us the ability to pull, cancel or postpone the trip if needed.

In response to board members' questions, the administration stated that we will continue to monitor travel guidelines as we get closer and will have to comply with new guidelines or if that is not possible might have to cancel the trip. The administration noted that mandated travel insurance is part of the package.

- 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. November 8, 2021, Regular Board Meeting
 - b. November 8, 2021, Regular Closed Board Meeting
 - c. November 2, 2021, Finance Committee Meeting
- H. Gifts
- I. Award of Bid for Summer 2022 Roofing Projects
- J. Retirement Date Revision
- K. GBS Spanish Exchange Trip
- L. Facility Rental Agreements with Northshore Elite Talent Company

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

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

COVID Update

The administration:

- Provided a brief update
- Shared data:
 - Current data: 7 day cases per 100,000 (this school year)
 - Current data: 7 day cases per 100,000 (since Aug. 15, 2020)
 - Current data: 7 day positivity rate
 - Provided an update on what we've learned about the 414 students who did not test nor officially opt-out the majority was the normal absentee rate
- Reviewed the process and communication or implementing remote learning for those students who are in quarantine
- Outlined remote learning data
- Updated the board on the response from the CCDPH regarding our testing of vaccinated individuals; there is not a consequence if we do not follow their recommendation, but recommended if we are exceeding what is recommended to be prepared to answer questions from our parents

- The administration stated that the Shield test is the gold standard (based on medical advice), so no other test will override it

In response to board members' questions, the administration:

- Provided clarification on data
- Stated that we have optional testing on a daily basis at the district office, and weekly at the school buildings
- Reviewed the process in place for students who miss the "holiday" testing during their P.E. class
- Noted there is no way to prove a false positive
- Stated they believe the process for remote learning is working well as is the homebound program
- Explained State code on homebound and remote learning and it's current limitations
- Shared some challenges in recruiting for homebound tutoring
- Will review and see if there are any policies or rules for homebound students/teachers that may need to be revised to help answer some of the challenges
- Explained that they will review the possibility of having a booster COVID shot program at the schools as we did with the original shot, but noted it had not been considered because of the wide availability of the booster

Board members:

- Would like a committee put together to work on a solid plan for students who are ill, especially if the numbers go up, to include students who cannot come to school for reasons beside COVID
- Concerned with the pressure we are putting on our students that they are so afraid of missing a couple of days of classes; concerned with the stress issue
- Stated that if the administration needs more resources they should come back to the Board
- Would like to partner with the community to get the booster shots at the schools; we want to help all who want to be vaccinated to be vaccinated

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

Future Regular Meeting Dates:

Monday, December 13, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting

1. Approach to sickness and homebound education (January)
2. Strategic plan (January)
3. Board retreat (New Year)
4. IHSA rules vs. School Rules in competition

Motion to Move into Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Glowacki, seconded by Dr. Sztainberg to move into closed session at approximately 8:40 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 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), (2) and (11) of the Open Meeting Act).

Upon calling of the roll:

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

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

The Board returned to open session at 10:18 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Glowacki, seconded by Mr. O'Hara to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:19 p.m.

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

Motion carried 7-0.

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

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

SECRETARY - BOARD OF EDUCATION