

**MINUTES  
GLEN ELLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT 41  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FACILITIES WORKSHOP  
MARCH 8, 2004**

The special meeting of the Board of Education of Glen Ellyn School District 41 was held on Monday, March 8, 2004 at Churchill School, 240 Geneva Road, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

**Roll Call and Call to Order**

President Vivoda called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. Members present were Mr. DiFabio, Mrs. Hoffman, Mr. Marcheschi, Mrs. McElvain, Mr. Ruckstaetter and Mr. Vivoda. Mr. Snodell entered the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

**Welcome & Introduction**

President Vivoda welcomed visitors and thanked them for attending the workshop.

Dr. Barshinger thanked the public for their valuable input. The focus of the Board's Facilities Workshops has been how best to address the District's growing enrollment and to determine how well our buildings are functioning and accommodating our students. Our short-term solution has been portable classrooms. With buildings at capacity, Dr. Barshinger stated that it is time to look at long-range solutions.

**Reports on Reconfiguration and Additions to Current Buildings**

District architectural firms, Arcon and FGM made a presentation to the Board of Education and the public on the facility options. Each approached the task from a different perspective. Below is a summary of their presentations.

These plans were developed as part of the data collection process to help the community and the Board visualize the possibilities for accommodating growing enrollment and program needs. Each firm worked independently to develop concept "bundles" showing how they work together in a district-wide approach.

<b>ARCON developed the following seven concepts by looking at what the sites could support from an engineering perspective.</b>	
#1:	Additions to each school. Estimated cost: \$10,922,300
#2:	Larger additions to each school. Estimated cost: \$16,188,700
#3:	New 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Center with administrative offices at Spalding; existing Ad Center converted to Pre-K Center; additions to all schools except Franklin. Estimated cost: \$27,932,000.
#4:	New 5-6 Grade Center at Spalding, small additions to schools except Franklin and Hadley. Estimated cost: \$25,082,300
#5:	New Pre-K center with administrative offices at Spalding, convert current Administrative Center to 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Center, additions to all schools except Franklin. Estimated cost: \$25,621,900
#6:	New K-5 school at Spalding, addition to Hadley. Estimated cost \$19,848,000

#7:	New 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Center at Hadley, additions to all schools except Franklin. Estimated cost \$19,065,500.
<b>FGM developed the following seven concepts by discussing needs and perspectives with each school community. FGM has not estimated costs.</b>	
#1:	New K-5 school at Spalding, addition to Hadley.
#2:	Additions to all buildings.
#3:	New 5-6 Grade Center at Spalding, no additions. Hadley becomes 7-8.
#4:	New 5-8 Center at Spalding, Hadley becomes a 5-8 center. No additions.
#5:	Additions at all schools, new Pre-K/K/Early Childhood Center at Spalding.
#6:	Additions to elementary schools, Hadley becomes 7-8, new 6/ Pre-K/K/Early Childhood Center at Spalding.
#7:	New K-6 school at Spalding, additions to elementaries.

**FGM’s Report on ISBE School Construction Grant Capacity Studies**

FGM Reported that compared to the Illinois School Board of Education’s standards, District 41 schools have inadequate land, and undersized classrooms and that the district may be eligible for a state school construction grant.

**Analysis Matrix**

Workshop participants were asked to evaluate the options option with respect to quality and feasibility (how do-able is an option and what is its impact on the quality of education). Following are the three options that rated most highly for both:

- Fifth-Sixth Grade Center with small additions at the elementary schools
- New K-5 School in conjunction with a 12 classroom addition at Hadley
- Fifth-Sixth Grade Center with elementary schools becoming K-4 and Hadley 7-8

**Closing Remarks and Next Steps**

Superintendent Barshinger emphasized the fact that the options presented this evening are concepts, not firm plans and that no decision has been made by the Board. The next Board Facilities Workshop will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. at Abraham Lincoln School. The April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting will include information on multi-track scheduling (year-round school).

**Adjournment**

*Mr. DiFabio made a motion that was seconded by Mrs. Hoffman to adjourn the special meeting of the Board of Education at 9:31 p.m.. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.*

Recorded: March 8, 2004

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Deborah M. Hoffman, *Secretary*

Approved: March 22, 2004

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John J. Vivoda, *President*