

GLEN ELLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT 41

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MINUTES

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2004 - 7:30 P.M.
DISTRICT 41 ADMINISTRATION CENTER, 793 N. MAIN ST., GLEN ELLYN
MARY J. LUGINBILL BOARD ROOM**

BOARD OF EDUCATION LISTENING POST

Board members Debbie Hoffman and John Marcheschi were available during the Listening Post to provide an opportunity for informal conversation between residents and board members.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Vivoda called the August 23rd Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**III. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Mr. DiFabio, Mrs. Hoffman, Mr. Marcheschi, Mrs. McElvain, Mr. Snodell and Mr. Vivoda. Absent: Mr. Ruckstaetter.

IV. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- A. Churchill Chess Team: The Board recognized the Churchill Chess Team and their coaches for receiving the 2003-2004 Northern Illinois Grand Prix Team of the Year Chess Award for the 2nd consecutive year. Members of the team, Evan Fischl, Max Von Lehe, Curtis Van Petten, Cesar Avalos, Adam Solowiej and Nicolaus Nogulich were presented with certificates. The team also placed 2nd at the Illinois State Elementary Tournament in May and 5th at the 2003 U.S. National Championships in December.
- B. Training and Deployment Plan Update: Dinah Bryant, Director of Continuous Improvement and Marilyn Ludolph, Director of Human Resources, presented information to the Board on the District's 2004-2006 Training and Deployment Plan and how this plan will support the District's goal of continuous systemic improvement.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. DiFabio expressed a concern with the construction currently taking place around the Ben Franklin school area and the heavy equipment that is potentially dangerous to the children commuting to and from school. Dr. Barshinger reported that he has met with the Glen Ellyn Police Department and Village officials, and the District will make every effort to be vigilant about communicating with the construction company, staying informed about the construction timeline, and communicating information and cautionary notices to students and their parents that is necessary to keep the perimeter of the Franklin safe for the children.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Teaching, Learning and Accountability
 - 1. Personnel Report (Attachment)
- B. Policy
 - 1. Board Policy Manual Section 5, Personnel : Dr. Barshinger reported that Board of Education approved the first reading of Section 5 at their May 17, 2004 Regular Board Meeting. He added that GEEA has reviewed and approved the edits and does not wish to bargain on any of these policies. The Administration recommended approval of the second reading and adoption of Board Policy, Section 5, Personnel.
(Appendix A)
- C. Finance, Facilities and Operations (*\$ denotes financial attachment*)
 - 1. Treasurer's Report (\$ Attachment 1)
 - 2. Investment Schedule (\$Attachment 2)
 - 3. Cash Balances Report (\$ Attachment 3)
 - 4. Revenue Reports by Fund (\$ Attachment 4)
 - 5. Expenditure Reports by Fund (\$ Attachment 5)
 - 6. Accounts Payable and Payroll (\$ Attachment 6)
 - 7. Vandalism Report (\$ Attachment 7)
 - 8. Disposal of Surplus Property (\$ Attachment 8)
 - 9. 2004-2005 FOIA Report (\$ Attachment 9)
 - 10. Intergovernmental Agreement w/Glen Ellyn Park District for Lease of Classroom in Main Street Rec. Center (\$ Attachment 10)
 - 11. Termination of GETV Lease (\$ Attachment 11)
 - 12. Inspection Checklists & Statements of Compliance: Lincoln and Churchill Portable Classrooms (\$ Attachment 12)
 - 13. Serious Safety Hazard Approval (\$ Attachment 13)
- D. Other Matters
 - 1. Approval of the July 19 regular & closed meetings & July 26 Special Meeting
 - 2. Approval of Agreement with Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies for a Demographic Study: The Board approved this agreement in concept at their July 19, 2004 regular meeting. Legal counsel has reviewed the attached contract and the Administration is recommending board approval and execution. (Attachment)
 - 4. Approval of Agreement with FGM Architect's Programmatic and Architectural Study: The Board approved this agreement in concept at their July 19, 2004 regular meeting. Legal counsel has reviewed the attached contract and the Administration is recommending board approval and execution. (Attachment)

Mr. DiFabio moved and Mr. Snodell seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. On a roll call vote answering Aye: DiFabio, Hoffman, Marcheschi, McElvain, Snodell and Vivoda. Answering Nay: None. Motion carried.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Teaching, Learning and Accountability
 - Program Plan Revisions:
 - 1. Franklin and Lincoln Kindergarten Aides: Dr. Barshinger reported that kindergarten enrollment at Franklin and Lincoln is higher than expected and is recommending approval of two additional full-time classroom aides as reflected on the attached Program Plan Update.

3. Hadley Custodian: Dr. Barshinger recommended approval of one additional custodian at Hadley Junior High School due to the additional space created by the portable classrooms as reflected on the attached Program Plan Update

(Attachment)

Mrs. McElvain moved and Mrs. Hoffman seconded to approve the attached program plan update as presented. On a roll call vote answering Aye: Snodell, DiFabio, Hoffman, Marcheschi, McElvain and Vivoda. Answering Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Policy/Procedures

1. Board Policy Manual Compliance Policies - First Reading and Adoption: Dr. Barshinger recommended that the Board suspend the rules for review and adoption of the following policies and procedures in order to be compliant with NCLB and state code changes on student social and emotional development:

Section 6 – Instruction:

6: 15	Policy – School Accountability
6: 15-E2 (New)	Exhibit – Notice to Parents of Children Enrolled in a School that Missed AYP for Two or More Consecutive Years
6: 15-E3 (New)	Exhibit – Application for School Choice Transfer Option
6: 15-E4 (New)	Exhibit – Application for Supplemental Education Services
6: 65 (New)	Policy – Student Social and Emotional Development

Section 7 – Students:

7: 250(Rev.)	Policy – Student Support Services
7: 250-AP2 (New)	Administrative Procedure Protocol for Responding to Students with Social, Emotional, or Mental Health Problems

Mr. DiFabio moved and Mrs. McElvain seconded to approve the first reading of the aforementioned policies. Motioned carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. McElvain moved and Mrs. Hoffman to suspend the rules, approve the second reading of the aforementioned policies. Motioned carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Hoffman moved and Mr. Snodell seconded to adopt the aforementioned policies. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

(Appendix B)

C. Finance, Facilities and Operations

1. Refinance Option: Board President announced that the next item for consideration was the sale of the District's general obligation refunding bonds to be issued by the District pursuant to Article 19 of the School Code and that the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution providing for the issue of said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest thereon.

Elizabeth Hennessey of William Blair & Co. presented the District with an opportunity to refinance a portion of the 1997 General Obligation bonds which would effectively refund dollars back to the taxpayers over the life of the bonds (through February 1, 2017.) The Board Finance Committee met on August 19, 2004 to review the proposal. Ms. Hennessey explained that while interest rates have been lower, other conditions necessary for refinancing were not available until now. Should the Board approve the proposed resolution, they will have two options to choose from as to the method of refunding

Option 1 – a proportional savings every year of approximately \$440,637 or,
 Option 2 – an accelerated debt service with a savings of approximately \$569,179

The Board discussed whether there was any potential risk. Ms. Hennessey confirmed that only risk is the opportunity risk if the Board were to table the matter and not pursue the this opportunity.

Discussion also ensued regarding the choice of discount rates. The Board established that the refunding amount could not fall below \$350,000.

Bond Resolution:

Whereupon Member John Vivoda presented the attached resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$11,000,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2004, of School District Number 41, DuPage County, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds.

Mr. Snodell moved and Mr. Marcheschi seconded to approve the resolution as presented. On a roll call vote answering Aye: Hoffman, Marcheschi, McElvain, Snodell, DiFabio and Vivoda. Answering Nay: None. Motion carried.

Escrow Resolution:

President Vivoda announced that proceeds of the District's General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2004, would be used to advance refund outstanding bonds of the District and in connection therewith, it would be necessary for the District to enter into an escrow agreement, and that the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing and directing the execution of such escrow agreement.

Whereupon Member John Vivoda presented attached resolution authorizing and directing the execution of an Escrow Agreement in connection with the issue of General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2004, of School District Number 41, DuPage County, Illinois.

Mr. Snodell moved and Mr. Marcheschi seconded to approve the resolution as presented. On a roll call vote answering Aye: DiFabio, Hoffman, Marcheschi, McElvain, Snodell and Vivoda. Answering Nay: None. Motion carried.

President Vivoda polled the board members as to their preferred option, one or two. Board members McElvain, Hoffman, Vivoda, DiFabio, Marcheschi and Snodell agreed that Option 1, the proportionate savings distributed over the term of the refunding in an amount of \$440,637 was their preferred option.

VIII. BOARD REPORTS

- A. Committee Reports
1. Policy Committee (DiFabio & McElvain) (Attachment)
 2. Finance Committee (Snodell & Marcheschi) (Attachment)
 3. Capital Improvement Committee (DiFabio & Snodell). No report was given.
- B. Liaison Reports: There were no liaison reports given.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Facilities Task Force Update: Dr. Barshinger provided an update on the work of the Facilities Task Force. Dr. Barshinger, Jeanette Kreuz, John Correll and a representative from FGM met to develop a process for next steps. The next meeting of the Task Force will be held on September 1, 2004. There will be two more Community Forums on September 8 and October 12 at locations to be determined.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Upcoming Board Meetings:
- September 10, 2004 – The Board tours District 41 buildings
 - September 11, 2004 – Legislative Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. at Hadley
 - September 13, 2004 – The final Vision Planning Meeting
 - September 20, 2004 – Regular Board meeting
 - October 9, 2004 – Board Retreat

President Vivoda reported that the schedule for the Superintendent's evaluation has been accelerated to February-March 2005. The rationale for this change is so that when the board transitions to the new board, they will not have the responsibility of evaluating the Dr. Barshinger.

XI. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

At 9:00 p.m., Mr. Snodell moved and Mr. DiFabio seconded to adjourn to closed session to discuss:

- A. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057.
- B. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).

On a roll call vote answering Aye: Snodell, DiFabio, Hoffman, Marcheschi, McElvain and Vivoda. Answering Nay: None. Motion carried.

XII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Mrs. McElvain moved and Mr. Marcheschi seconded to adjourn the closed session and return to open meeting at 9:50 p.m. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

XIII. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

A. Personnel:

1. *Mrs. McElvain moved and Mr. DiFabio seconded to approve the employment of Holly Olson as presented on the attached Personnel Report. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.*
2. *Mrs. Hoffman moved and Mr. Marcheschi seconded to approve the annual salary adjustment of \$11,900 for sub caller, Linda Novak for the 2004-2005 school year. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.*

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion or action, Mrs. McElvain moved and Mr. Marcheschi seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 10:00 p.m. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Recorded: August 23, 2004

Deborah M. Hoffman, Secretary

Approved: September 20, 2004

John J. Vivoda, *President*