



Dr. Jack Barshinger, Superintendent

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GLEN ELLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT 41  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 21, 2006, 5:30 P.M.  
SPRING AVENUE RECREATION CENTER, 185 SPRING AVENUE, GLEN ELLYN**

1. Call to Order: Board president, John Vivoda called the special meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

District 41 Board of Education members present: Kevin Cosgrove, Terra Howard, Debbie Hoffman, John Kenwood, John Marcheschi and John Vivoda. Board member Carol McElvain joined the meeting by phone at approximately 7:20 a.m.

Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners present: Ronald Aubrey, William Taylor, Edward Hess, Sandra Minogue, Jeffrey Jordan, Keith Schoen and William Dallman.

3. Main Street Recreation Center:

The Park District Board of Commissioners thanked the District 41 Board for taking the time to meet with them to discuss and share ideas about their plans to renovate the Main Street Recreation Center. They feel it is very important to partner with School Districts 41, 87 and 89 and all other intergovernmental agencies and said they are interested in engaging District 41 at some level of cooperation in the renovation.

District 41 Board President John Vivoda asked if a design plan or renovation specifications were available. Cory Atwell, Executive Director presented an overview of the design plans to reconstruct the Main Street Recreation Center to a 3-story building. A schematic of the proposed renovation is attached.

(Attachment)

The following discussion took place after the presentation:

- Does School District 41 have a need for space at the Main Street Recreation Center when re-built?

The District 41 Board acknowledged its interest in space at the Main Street Recreation Center when it is renovated, but whether or not this interest is realized will depend on the specifications of the renovation and other factors.

- How much space/classroom(s) is needed?

It was noted that the Main Street Recreation Center renovation couldn't accommodate the District's need for thirty classrooms. The Park District asked whether the added space could be used by District for its Pre-K or special needs programs. District 41 explained that in order to accommodate its Pre-K/Early Childhood and special needs programs it would easily need five classrooms and noted that space needs are limited to the ground floor because once the children reach the age five they will move into a District 41 school. Additional discussion ensued regarding the possibilities of District 41 utilizing the described space and how the plans can be altered to make it possible. It was noted that costs to build and/or lease the additional five classrooms are not currently available. Also, District 41 Superintendent, Dr. Jack Barshinger said that in order to make space for the District's growing enrollment, the District 41 will need to take a good look at its Early Childhood programs from all aspects including issues of compliance and the potential implications of moving these programs out of the District. Dr. Barshinger said that there is some potential for utilizing the Main Street Recreation Center for District 41's Early Childhood programs, but it is not a solution to the District's K-8 issues of overcrowding. He added that the District will organized a team that will look at the philosophical issues regarding pre-school programs and how community based programs such as the Park District programs can be integrated with the District's programs.

- If space is needed, will District #41 contribute toward the construction?
- How much will the School District pay to lease space at the Main Street Recreation Center? Current rates.

The District 41 Board said that while it is interested in engaging with the Park District in some level of cooperation, it would be more appropriate to have a discussion about District 41's contribution level and/or leasing rates after the Park District's referendum in the March election. In the interim, District 41 will need to resolve the philosophical issues related to its preschool programs. Ultimately, Dr. Barshinger and Cory Atwell will handle subsequent discussions from the management perspective.

The District 41 Board is pleased to know that the Main Street renovation is underway and thanked the Park District for the opportunity to participate in a discussion regarding this facility.

In the interest of both boards, it was decided that District 41 and Glen Ellyn Park District should continue to dialogue on this issue, but ultimately it is up to the taxpayers to communicate their desires.

4. Public Comment

- Bill Delahanty thanked both boards for coming together to discuss this matter and asked the Park District for clarification on the Bonds that will be paid off next year. Mr. Atwell provided an explanation.
- Erica Nelson commended the Boards for coming together and asked if the footprint for the Main Street Recreation Center is similar to that of the proposed specification for the District 41 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. District architects, FGM said that it is not possible. Mrs. Nelson said that her observation is that the public is somewhat overwhelmed by the needs of District 41, District 87 and the Park District. She noted the complexity of the issues facing each of these boards, but doesn't feel that the community can support all of these efforts. While she would like to see the Main Street Recreation Center renovated, she doesn't feel that it's the number one priority. She asked that each of these Boards broaden their perspectives and consider more discussion on the continuum of needs rather than individual interests.
- Laura Eckilson said that she was happy to see the cooperation between the District 41 and Park District Boards and asked if their respective referendums pass would the space at the Park District still be needed? If so, could a bigger building be constructed? At the moment, this is one of the unknowns for District 41 and the matter will be approached by answering what is best for the kids and what is the best financial decision. As far as the Main Street Recreation Center renovation, there are building codes that limit the height of the building and there are also storm water limitations.

The Board took a five-minute recess at 7:20 p.m.

5. Employment of an Employee: Resignation of Superintendent, Dr. Jack Barshinger

*Kevin Cosgrove moved and Terra Howard seconded to approve Dr. Barshinger's resignation effective June 30, 2006 and to approve the transition agreement between the Board of Education of Glen Ellyn School District 41 and Dr. Jack Barshinger and authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to sign the agreement. On a roll call vote answering Aye: Cosgrove, John Kenwood, Terra Howard, Debbie Hoffman, John Marcheschi, Carol McElvain and John Vivoda. Answering Nay: None. Motion carried.*

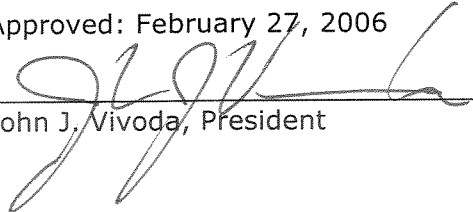
6. Employment of a Consultant: The Board tabled this item until the February 27, 2006 regular meeting.

7. Adjourn Special Meeting: *There being no further business, John Kenwood moved and Kevin Cosgrove seconded to adjourn the special meeting at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.*

Recorded: February 21, 2006

  
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Deborah M. Hoffman, Secretary

Approved: February 27, 2006

  
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John J. Vivoda, President

