



Glen Ellyn School District 41

Dr. Ann K. Riebock, Superintendent

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING- VISION PROJECT SESSION #1

MAY 28, 2008, 6:00-9:30 P.M.

LAKE ELLYN BOATHOUSE, 645 LENOX ROAD, LAKE ELLYN PARK, GLEN ELLYN

Welcome and Call to Order

Board President, Terra Costa Howard called the May 28, 2008 Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:10 p.m. Mrs. Howard thanked participants for taking three evenings from their busy schedules to work with the Board and Administration on the Vision project. Mrs. Howard explained that the project is driven by one of the goals of the Board of Education to refresh and revisit the vision work that had been done four years ago. Mrs. Howard introduced fellow members of the Board of Education and explained that according to the Open Meetings Act, this is considered a formal meeting of the D41 Board of Education because Illinois law defines a meeting of the Board of Education as any gathering of a majority of a quorum (three or more board members) held for the purposes of discussing public business. Having said that, Mrs. Howard asked for a roll call of Board members.

Roll Call

Upon the roll being called, the following answered present: Erica Nelson, John Kenwood, Steven Vondrak, Robert Solak and Terra Howard. John Vivoda arrived at 6:12 p.m. Kevin Cosgrove was absent.

Public Participation

There were no members of the public present who wished to address the Board.

Project Overview and Process

Superintendent, Dr. Ann Riebock provided participants with an overview of their work during the three sessions. Participants will collectively explore a vision for the children of District 41 and clarify the essential shared values. Dr. Riebock said that there were several fundamental principles incorporated into the planning for this important process including: Reaching out to various stakeholder groups in order to hear diverse voices from throughout the community; Providing multiple ways to foster best thinking; Striving to keep our children's best interest in the forefront.

Project Outcomes

Participants will start by imagining the future, followed by sharing, defining and clarifying values. By the end of session three, participants will have defined as a group the shared values and key elements they would like to see embodied in the District 41 Vision and Mission, and will have provided the broad direction for the District's renewed long-range

plan. The District will build on this work by convening a smaller writing team that will use the work of the group to compose our Vision and Mission documents and articulate the renewed long-range plan. Dr. Riebock introduced Director of Continuous Improvement Dinah Bryant, who led participants and facilitators through the evening's activities.

Workshop Session

Participants engaged in the following activities:

Pair-Share

A quick warm-up activity

Catalyst for Thought: Article Review

Table groups read and discussed a number of short articles that will help us identify key points and trends that may be important to the future of education in District 41.

Roadmap Exercise

Table groups engaged in a roadmap activity to examine the questions below:

- What is the impact of workforce trends and educational trends on preparing learners for the workforce of the future?
- What values are important for our learners to embrace to be prepared for the future? What will they need to know, understand and be able to do to be competitive?

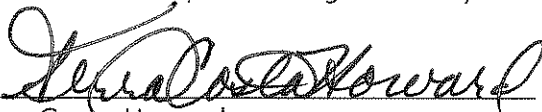
Synthesis, Next Steps and Reflection

- Review work of the evening, discuss key learnings, questions
- What's ahead in the next two sessions?

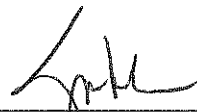
Adjournment

There being no further business Kenwood moved and Vivoda seconded to adjourn the May 28, 2008 Special Meeting of the Board of Education at 9:32 p.m. On a roll call vote answering "Aye": Nelson, Vondrak, Solak, Kenwood, Vivoda and Howard; answering "Nay": None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Stecker, Recording Secretary



Terra Costa Howard,
President, Board of Education



Erica Nelson
Secretary, Board of Education

Minutes approved June 23, 2008