



## Glen Ellyn School District 41

Dr. Ann K. Riebock, Superintendent

**AMENDED MINUTES  
GLEN ELLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT 41  
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING  
AUGUST 10, 2009  
CENTRAL SERVICES OFFICE  
793 NORTH MAIN STREET  
GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS**

### **Call to Order**

Following an informal dinner and socializing, the August 10, 2009 Special meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

Upon the roll being called, the following answered present: Drew Ellis, Jack Kahler, Erica Nelson, Dan Smith, Terra Howard, Bob Solak and Steve Vondrak.

Others present: Superintendent Dr. Ann Riebock; Nancy Mogk (for Maureen Stecker, Recording Secretary); Julie Worthen; Bob Ciserella; and representatives from FGM Architects.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Solak led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Participation**

There was no one present who wished to address the Board

### **Action Items**

A. Consent Agenda: Board president Steve Vondrak asked if there were any items Board members would like removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately.

*Hearing none, Mr. Solak moved and Mrs. Howard seconded to approve the actions and recommendations in the Consent Agenda as presented below. On a roll call vote answering "Aye": Nelson, Howard, Solak, Ellis, Smith, Kahler, Vondrak; answering "Nay": None. Motion carried.*

1. Human Resources
  - (a) Personnel Report (Attachment)
    - Employment Recommendations
    - Resignations
    - Internal Transfers
2. Other
  - (a) Approve C.A.S.E. Board Meeting Action Items (Attachment)

### **Discussion Items**

Superintendent Dr. Ann Riebock facilitated the following discussion items with Board members:

#### **A. Long Range Planning**

- Master Facility Plan: Representatives from FGM reviewed the MFP recommendations developed and presented to the Board in March. Following the presentation Board members discussed the timeline

and the financial impact associated with both options. The Board will continue their discussion at a meeting during September.

- **Hadley Addition:** The Board discussed the use of the AARA IDEA funds and possible district contribution for an addition at Hadley. The C.A.S.E. Administration has asked for a final plan for the use of these funds from the District by the end of September. The Board will discuss the matter further at its August 24 meeting and expects to take action at a September meeting.
- **Long-Range Financial Planning:** Assistant Superintendent Bob Ciserella and Board member Bob Solak led a Board discussion related to the District's fiscal philosophy policy and minimum and maximum fund balances. Board members talked about possible areas for cost reductions in order to meet the anticipated change in revenue for fiscal year 2011 and for several years forward. Developing a Long-Range Financial Plan is one of the Superintendent's goals and it will include a set of priorities for educational spending as well as plans for areas for reducing expenditures. The Board expressed a priority expectation that no reductions to the classroom occur (i.e. class size and classroom teacher assignment) except as a last resort. The Board asked that this item be placed on a future meeting agenda for the Finance Committee of the Whole to discuss. Mr. Ciserella and Mr. Solak will coordinate a September date.
- **Board Priorities and Goal Setting for the Board and Superintendent:** Board members continued their discussion on ideas for Board and Superintendent goal setting and the future work of developing Board priorities. The Board will discuss these interests in more detail at its next regular meeting on August 24, 2009.

#### B. Board Governance

- The Board briefly discussed the role of Governance vs. Management and the relationship to the District Vision Statement, Long Range Plan and Master Facility Plan.
- **Communication:** The Board discussed its communication among individual members, with the public as a whole, and with individual members of the public. As part of that, Board members talked about an online community message board where individuals post opinions on a variety of matters, including D41. At issue is whether such postings by BOE members could be construed as a violation of the Open Meetings Act (which says that if more than two BOE members discuss BOE business, it constitutes a meeting that requires 48-hours public notice) and how individual viewpoints about D41 posted by BOE members affect the BOE as a whole.

Discussion also included the Board's role to serve as an ambassador for District 41 in the public arena as well as to serve as a critical friend and objective lens to the work of our schools and the District operations.


#### **Adjourn to Closed Session to Discuss:**

The Board determined that it did not have a need to adjourn to closed session.

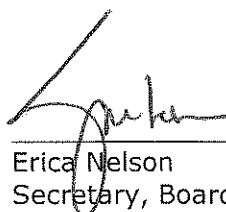
#### **Adjourn Special Meeting**

*There being no further business, Mr. Solak moved and Mrs. Howard seconded to adjourn the special reconvened meeting at 10:16 p.m. Motioned carried on an unanimous voice vote.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen Stecker, Recording Secretary



Steve Vondrak  
President, Board of Education



Erica Nelson  
Secretary, Board of Education

Minutes approved: September 8, 2009



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