

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
GLENCOE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, October 16, 2006**

President Catherine Schulte called the regular meeting of the Glencoe Board of Education to order at 7:35 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2006 in Young Auditorium of Central School, Glencoe, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bailey, Chez, Katz, Makoul, Myefski, Schulte and Stender
Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Katz made a motion to approve the Budget Hearing Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes held September 11, 2006. Mr. Myefski seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chez, Katz, Makoul, Myefski Schulte and Stender
Nay: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this point in the meeting.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Dr. Howe, Assistant Superintendent, identified the main themes of the District long-range plan document, Visions and Values. He identified how each building's School Improvement Plan fit within this district plan. Each building principal reviewed the 2006-2007 goals for their building's School Improvement Plan. The goals fell within the areas of Teaching and Learning; Student Learning, Progress and Achievement, and The Learning Community.

Mrs. Wang reviewed the 2006-2007 School Improvement Plan goals for South School. The first goal addressed refining the Discovery Learning model for all K-2 students. A second goal addressed staff development and instructional materials to support ongoing curriculum and instruction in the area of phonemic awareness. The final goal was to design and initiate whole group (K-2) WE CARE experiences and expand programs in place.

Mr. Rongey summarized the goals for West School's 2004-2005 School Improvement Plan. The first addressed implementation of the SmartBoard into general education classrooms and professional development to laterally spread the knowledge and application of the use to all staff. The second goal addressed staff development in writing and completing one full year of curriculum based measures in reading. The final goal addressed designing and initiating WE CARE experiences to expand upon the positive motivational programs currently in place.

Mr. Mollet reported the Central School Improvement Plan goals address expanding the problem solving process to include Schools Attuned strategies as well as Response to Intervention when determining students' strength/weaknesses and appropriate supports. A second goal continues to plan, modify and develop the Advisory curriculum to promote constructive relationships, enhance school-home communication, and foster active citizenship. The third goal reviews current activities programs and provides recommendations to enhance/improve the learning opportunities for students. The fourth goal reviews and promotes instructional strategies for the literacy (reading and writing) process to increase overall student achievement. The final goal increases communication with Central School constituents to better promote learning activities accomplishments, and articulation between grade levels.

ILLINOIS SCHOOL LIBRARY GRANT

Dr. Crawford reported the Illinois School Library Grant was submitted for the 2006-2007 school year. The grant was based upon enrollments reported as of September 29, 2006. A total of \$1,026.75 would be received if the grant were fully funded at \$.75 per student. These funds would be applied to the cost of software, audio-visual materials, and/or equipment. The following were reviewed as part of the grant application process: staff development opportunities in technology, parent and community member opportunities to enhance skills in the area of technology, and examination of available equipment and software.

FALL HOUSING REPORT

Dr. Crawford stated the Fall Housing Report was filed with September 29, 2006 enrollment figures. A total enrollment of 1,369 was reported as compared to the 2005 Fall Housing Report total enrollment of 1,373.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Ron Chilcote, Business Manager, reported the End Fund Balance for September 2006 as \$15,033,059.68.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Ms. Schulte made a motion to approve the October 2006 bills and Mr. Katz seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chez, Katz, Makoul, Myfeski, Schulte and Stender
Nay: None

APPROVAL OF RELEASE OF 2006 SCHOOL REPORT CARD DATA

Dr. Crawford reported that individual student results and district results for the Illinois Standards Assessment Test (ISAT) had not yet been received. These results would be prepared for mailing to parents once received from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). The report card would be posted on the District web page www.glencoeschools.org.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the release of the 2006 School Report Card Data once it was received from ISBE. Mrs. Stender seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chez, Katz, Makoul, Myfeski, Schulte and Stender
Nay: None

APPROVAL OF 2006 INTENT TO LEVY

Mr. Chilcote recommended the Board approve the Intent to Levy for 2006. The tentative tax levy was \$18,800,000 for operational purposes, an increase of 6.37% over the 2005 tax extension. The proposed increase was recommended in light of the tax cap limitation of 3.4% above the 2005 tax extension. The Tax Cap Law required the lesser, CPI or 5%, to be used thus the 3.4% CPI figure.

The proposed tax levy increase incorporated the possibility of \$40 million of new growth in the District. In 1998 \$4.8 million was realized, \$5.2 million in 1999, \$5.7 million in 2000, \$13.3 million in 2001 (year of the three-year reassessment), \$8.8 million in 2002 and 2003, \$17.9 million in 2004 (year of the three-year reassessment), and \$20.1 million in 2005. It was anticipated that the additional tax extension resulting from new growth would be approximately \$365,000 (\$15.0 million). Mr. Chilcote estimated that the tax extension increase for the District would be in the range of 5.46% when compared to 2005. The 6.37% proposed levy allowed for significant new growth while increasing existing property taxes by the tax cap level of 3.4%.

Mr. Chilcote also indicated the total tax levy would be tempered due to the consistent level of debt services for tax year 2006. It was anticipated that the total tax extension, including debt service, would increase approximately \$957,000 or 4.95% above the 2005 total tax extension level while costing the existing taxpayer less than 3.1%.

A public hearing to approve the proposed 2006 property tax levy increase for Glencoe School District was scheduled for 7:15 p.m. on December 11, 2006. The meeting will be held in Young Auditorium at Central school.

Mr. Chez made a motion to approve the 2006 Intent to Levy. Mr. Myefski seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chez, Katz, Makoul, Myfeski, Schulte and Stender
Nay: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments during this second opportunity.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Myefski indicated the Capital Improvement Committee met prior to the Board meeting to update projects identified in 2003. The following items would receive further investigation:

Synchronizing and if necessary replacement of clocks at each school;
Security Key Card Systems for exterior doors at each school;
Replacement or repainting of lockers at each school;
Wiring of classrooms to keep up with changing technology and instructional needs;
Soundproofing of identified classroom areas at West School;
Work with the PTO to address playground enhancements at each school;
Work with the GEF to enhance technology within classrooms.

Mrs. Stender indicated the 2006 Glencoe Junior High School play would be Annie. She also reported that the annual NSSD Tour of Programs was scheduled for November 14th. Mr. Chez would be attending as a District #35 Board member.

Mr. Chez reported the Glencoe Educational Foundation identified the area of technology to focus upon for fund raising. The projects recommended by the school district would be presented to the GEF co-presidents.

Mr. Bailey reported the PTO held it's monthly Executive Board meeting and projects for fund raising were also discussed with the co-presidents. On Thursday, October 19th Dr. Karen Reivich would address parents at 1:00 p.m. and parents and children at 7:15 p.m. Both presentations would be held in Young Auditorium. Board members and administrators were invited to a luncheon with Dr. Reivich to be held on Thursday in the board Conference Room.

Ms. Schulte reported the League of Women Voters held a Coffee and Conversation meeting on October 12th. She was the speaker for this event. Information was gathered and exchanged with the attendees.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

At 8:35 p.m. Mr. Katz moved to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing matters related to personnel, litigation and negotiations. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chez, Katz, Makoul, Myefski, Schulte and Stender
Nay: None

ADJOURNMENT TO OPEN SESSION

At 10:00 p.m. Mr. Katz made the motion to return to open session and Mr. Myefski seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chez, Katz, Makoul, Myefski, Schulte and Stender
Nay: None

ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION

At 10:05 p.m. Mrs. Stender made the motion to adjourn open session and Mr. Bailey seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chez, Katz, Makoul, Myfeski, Schulte and Stender
Nay: None

Board President

Board Secretary