

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
GLENCOE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, December 12, 2005**

President John Myefski called the regular meeting of the Glencoe Board of Education to order at 7:36 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2005 in Young Auditorium of Central School, Glencoe, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bailey, Chez, Katz, Myefski, Schulte and Stender
Absent: Makoul

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Chez made the motion to approve minutes for the Regular Meeting Minutes and Closed Session held November 14, 2005. Mr. Katz seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Dr. Crawford and Mrs. Wang, South School Principal, updated the Board on changes in the New Trier Technology Cooperative. They reviewed the dissolution of this cooperative and the implications for District #35. The anticipated final date for dissolving the cooperative was identified as June 30, 2007. Meetings have been scheduled for this transfer plan.

Dr. Jay Howe, provided an update on the committee work which had taken place on the Vision and Values project. He also indicated three members of the Modern Languages staff would provide a report for the Board in February. These teachers from South, West and Central Schools have worked on lesson study during the current school year.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Mr. Chilcote, Business Manager, reported the End Fund Balance for the month of November as \$8,018,828.10.

COST/PUPIL COMPARISON

Mr. Chilcote presented the Board with a comparison of operating cost per pupil. This comparison included the districts sending students to New Trier High School and neighboring districts to the north and west. In the 11 area elementary school districts used for a basis of comparison, District #35 was 6th in the ranking. The range of per pupil costs was \$15,791 - \$9,349 with District #35 costs reported as \$12,936. Within the township District #35 was 4th of the 6 elementary districts. The range in township school districts was \$15,463 - \$10,120. Since the inception of tax caps the District's cost per pupil increased an average of 2.81% per year and the tax cap CPI averaged an increase of 2.62%.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Mr. Myefski reviewed the December 2005 Bill List and made the motion for their approval. Ms. Schulte seconded the motion.

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

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT

The personnel report was tabled for discussion in closed session.

APPROVAL OF TAX LEVY

Mr. Chez made the motion to approve the Proposed Tax Levy of 2005, as reviewed during the public hearing. Mr. Katz seconded the motion.

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

APPROVAL OF CERTIFIED ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Chilcote reviewed the 2004-2005 Certified Annual Financial Report prepared by the accounting firm of Bark & Associates. This report provided a comprehensive look at the District's annual financial position. Mr. Chilcote indicated that following Board's approval this document would be placed on file for public inspection and would be submitted to the Association of School Business Officials and the Government Finance Officers Association for their respective Certificates of Excellence in Financial Reporting Citations. It would also appear on the District's website.

Ms. Schulte made a motion to approve the certified annual financial report. Mr. Chez seconded the motion.

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

APPROVAL OF INTEREST TRANSFER

Mr. Chilcote recommended the Board transfer \$8,146.04 from the Bond and Interest Fund to the Operations, Building and Maintenance Funding in the form of an interfund permanent transfer. He also recommended the transfer of \$3,345.47 from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Funding in the form of an interfund permanent transfer.

Mr. Katz made a motion to approve the interest transfer. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion.

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

APPROVAL OF POLICY REVISIONS

Dr. Crawford reviewed several revisions to Board Policy 7:60 – Residence. These revisions were reviewed by the school attorney.

Mr. Chez made a motion to approve the changes to Board Policy 7:60 – Residence. Ms. Schulte seconded the motion.

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

APPROVAL OF PROPERTY TAX APPEAL INTERVENTION

Mr. Chilcote reviewed notice from the Cook County Board of Review indicating Commonwealth Edison appealed the value of three (3) parcels of property within Glencoe School District No. 35. Also included in the appeal were parcels within Avoca District 37 and Wilmette District 39, all a part of New Trier High School 203. The school districts within the Township requested their respective Boards to pool resources and use the law firm of Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor to represent the Districts collectively in the appeal process. The total tax value to the taxing bodies was approximately \$40,000, with preliminary calculations of District 35's share at approximately \$5,100.

Ms. Schulte made a motion to approve the property tax appeal intervention and authorized using the law firm indicated to represent the District in this regard. Mr. Katz seconded the motion.

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

APPROVAL OF TRANSIT PROGRAM

Mr. Chilcote reviewed the specifics of a program promoting mass transit. The commuter benefit program was established by and regulated under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA21) and Section 132(f) of the IRS Tax Code. The program allowed employees using public transportation to receive tax savings through the commuter benefit program as benefits were paid with pre-tax dollars.

Ms. Stender made a motion to approve the transit program and Mr. Katz seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Stender reported NSSD and staff ratified the teacher contract and the Glencoe Junior High Project will be hiring a new employee in the near future. Mr. Chez indicated the Glencoe Educational Foundation met last week and is moving forward with an emphasis on building an endowment. Mr. Katz reported the Plan Commission meeting would be held on December 14th. Discussion on implementing fees when property is sold and subdivided will be discussed at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

At 8:20 p.m. Mrs. Stender moved to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing matters related to personnel. Ms. Schulte seconded the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT TO OPEN SESSION

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

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

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT

Mrs. Stender made a motion to approve the Personnel Report and Mr. Bailey seconded the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION

At 10:05 p.m. Ms. Schulte made the motion to adjourn open session and Mr. Katz seconded the motion.

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

Board President

Board Secretary