

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
GLENCOE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Monday, August 17, 2009

President Robert Bailey called the Regular Meeting of the Glencoe Board of Education to order at 7:40 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2009 in Young Auditorium of Central School, Glencoe, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bailey, Chez, Malehorn, Sigurdson and Stauber
Absent: Burnham, Shaw

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Stauber made a motion to approve the Hearing, Regular Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes held July 13, 2009 and Mr. Sigurdson seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chez, Malehorn, Sigurdson and Stauber
Nay: None
Absent: Burnham, Shaw

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Stauber congratulated the Glencoe Educational Foundation on a successful Summerfest.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Dr. Cinnamon, Jill Unger, and Alyssa Weller provided the Board with an update on the South School gardens. The Edible Garden and Rain Garden were Generation E Initiative programs funded by the PTO. Goals for the edible garden project included:
hands-on outdoor learning as part of our curriculum
student learning about gardening, growing and harvesting crops
Social Emotional Learning endeavors to provide gardening as an option for small groups of students during lunch recess.

Parent and community member, Jeanne Pinsof Nolan – the Organic Gardner, assisted in designing a child centered and accessible garden.

The Rain Garden of flowering plants and herbs will include plants such as Little Bluestem, Butterfly Weed, Prairie Dropseed, and Nodding Wild Onion. The bloom time for plantings will occur throughout the year. Uses and "fun facts" for these flowers, which included medicinal purposes to cooking, were shared with the Board members.

Mr. Rongey provided information regarding installation of a solar panel at West School. A \$10,000 grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation was awarded to West School for a single 1 kW Photovoltaic System. This solar panel should be installed for the start of the school year and would be located above the entrance to the school. Students would access information regarding the amount of energy being generated by the solar panels via computers in the classrooms.

Dr. Crawford reviewed the enrollments to date with a total of 1,341 students enrolled as compared to 1,346 at the same point in time in 2008. Beginning of school enrollments would be reported at the September Board meeting.

FOIA REQUEST

Dr. Crawford reported that a Freedom of Information Act request was received from John R. Wall of Online Data Services in Decatur, Georgia. The request was for a list of companies, which have been vendors over the past 24 months. The FOIA also requested a list of all companies responding to bids over the past 24 months.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The End Fund Balance for June 30, 2008 was reported as \$15,233,028. Mr. Edelheit also reviewed the new format of monthly financial information provided for Board members.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Mr. Sigurdson made a motion to approve the August 2009 bills and Mr. Chez seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chez, Malehorn, Sigurdson and Stauber
Nay: None
Absent: Burnham, Shaw

APPROVAL OF REVISED PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Sigurdson made a motion to approve the Revised August Personnel Report and Ms. Malehorn seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chez, Malehorn, Sigurdson and Stauber
Nay: None
Absent: Burnham, Shaw

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2009C

A series of resolutions were reviewed which would allow the Board to accomplish the following goals: refinance current bonds, leave the current tax levy in place to prevent an increase in an individual's tax bill, and generate new funds which would be used for capital improvements and projects.

Mr. Chez provided fellow Board members with a review of the conference call held earlier in the day with Erin Bartholomy, Bond Counsel from Chapman and Cutler, Ray Coyne, bond underwriter with Hutchinson, Shockney and Erley, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Edelheit and Dr. Crawford. Mr. Chez reported that Ms. Bartholomy prepared a statement after reviewing all pertinent District postings, agendas, and required information for the bond transactions. Ms. Bartholomy prepared the resolutions and statement after determining the Board had acted in accordance with the Illinois School Code, State and Federal law. It was her opinion that the process and issuance of the bonds was valid, legal and binding.

Mr. Chez reviewed each of the resolutions and Mr. Ray Coyne, bond underwriter, was present to answer questions from the Board.

Mr. Stauber made a motion to approve a resolution providing for the issue of \$7,925,000 General Limited School Bonds, Series 2009C, of School District Number 35, Cook County, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds. Ms. Malehorn seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chez, Malehorn, Sigurdson and Stauber
Nay: None
Absent: Burnham, Shaw

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO ISSUE TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION
REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2009A, AND GENERAL OBLIGATION
REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2009B**

Mr. Chez made a motion to approve a resolution providing for the issue of \$8,625,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2009A, and \$3,875,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2009B, of School District Number 35, Cook County, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds. Mr. Sigurdson seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chez, Malehorn, Sigurdson and Stauber
Nay: None
Absent: Burnham, Shaw

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION
OF AN ESCROW AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2009A, AND
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2009B**

Mr. Sigurdson made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing and directing the execution of an Escrow Agreement in connection with the issue of \$8,625,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2009A, and \$3,875,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2009B, of School District Number 35, Cook County, Illinois. Mr. Chez seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chez, Malehorn, Sigurdson and Stauber
Nay: None
Absent: Burnham, Shaw

APPROVAL OF PTAB INTERVENTIONS

Ms. Malehorn made a motion to approve Seven Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) interventions. Mr. Chez seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chez, Malehorn, Sigurdson and Stauber
Nay: None
Absent: Burnham, Shaw

APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE RATES OF PAY

Ms. Malehorn made a motion to approve the substitute rate of pay as \$100 per day. For long-term substitutes (those individual hired to teach more than 20 consecutive days for the same teacher in the same assignment) the rate of pay was approved as \$100 per day for days 1-20. Days 21-90 would be at the daily rate of BA step 1 or \$235 per day.

Once an individual was in the same assignment for 91 days or more the rate of pay would be set at the contract level. There would be no retro pay once an individual moved to day 21 or 91 in the same assignment. Mr. Sigurdson seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chez, Malehorn, Sigurdson and Stauber
Nay: None
Absent: Burnham, Shaw

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments during the second opportunity.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

In Committee Reports Mr. Stauber reported members of the Facilities Committee met with representatives of Wight and Company. Services and consultation available from the company were reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION

Mr. Chez made the motion to adjourn open session and Mr. Sigurdson seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chez, Malehorn, Sigurdson and Stauber
Nay: None
Absent: Burnham, Shaw

Board President

Board Secretary