

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

Monday October 20, 2008

President Robert Bailey called the Regular Meeting of the Glencoe Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 2008 in Young Auditorium of Central School, Glencoe, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bailey, Burnham, Chez, Malehorn, Myefski, Sigurdson and Stauber
Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Stauber made a motion to approve the Budget Hearing Meeting and Regular Meeting Minutes held September 8, 2008 and Mr. Myefski seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments during this portion of the meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Central School Principal, Ryan Mollet, introduced the five Central School physical education teachers: Nick Tabic, Kyle Colborn, Michael Skibbe, Patty Golden and Lisa Matthew. Mr. Tabic and Dr. Mollet reviewed the Positive Coaching Alliance program. They indicated that all district coaches participated in the program, values of PCA were discussed with student participants, a banner was posted in the gymnasium, and information was distributed to parents by individual coaches.

Dr. Howe reviewed the results of a student survey conducted in each Central School foreign language class. He identified the following as themes: most students wanted to become more fluent in the language studied, students preferred activities in which they were moving about and working together, grades and self-pride were important, and many students would like to study Mandarin, Italian or Hebrew.

Each building principal reviewed the 2008-2009 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.

Mr. Rongey reviewed information regarding traffic at West School. In a series of meetings with representatives from Glencoe Public Safety and Public Works it was determined that a change in traffic flow would be piloted from December 1, 2008 through the end of the school year. The proposed change would then be evaluated for continuation or revision. The proposed traffic pattern would bring cars West on Appletree, onto Cherry Tree, and east on Willow Tree. Students would be loaded into cars on Willow Tree only. The staff parking would move to Forestway and the inside of the school drive through. These areas and the parking lot would be permit parking only. A Public Safety Officer would be stationed at the corner of Willow Tree and Forestway and crossing guards would be at that intersection and the Dundee/Forestway intersection.

Due to the amount of work required for stripping parking spots, changing signage, notifying residents and communicating with parents, a change would be implemented on December 1, 2008.

Mr. Myefski asked if a traffic study and analysis had been completed by the Village of Glencoe and indicted that this information and input from the West School neighbors should be required before the school board endorsed this change. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the proposed change and following items were requested by the Board of Education:

- Information/recommendations from a traffic study
- Copy of the letter sent to the community members
- Date of the community meeting to receive comments

If the change were to occur consider moving the implementation date to the start of the 2009-2010 school year to allow further public comment.

ILLINOIS SCHOOL LIBRARY GRANT

Dr. Crawford reported that the Illinois School Library Grant was submitted for school year 2008-2009. The grant was based upon enrollments reported on September 30, 2008. A total of \$1,014 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 reported that the Fall Housing Report was filed with the September 30, 2008 enrollment figures. A total enrollment of 1,351 was reported as compared to the 2007 Fall Housing Report total enrollment of 1,357.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Mr. Tanner reported the Ending Fund Balance for September 2008 as \$11,677,813.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Mr. Chez made a motion to approve the October 2008 bills and Mr. Myefski seconded the motion.

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

APPROVAL OF REVISED PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. Malehorn made a motion to approve the revised Personnel Report. Mr. Sigurdson seconded the motion.

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

APPROVAL OF 2008 INTENT TO LEVY

Mr. Tanner recommended the Board approve the Intent to Levy for 2008. The tentative tax levy was \$20,989,000 for operational purposes, an increase of 8.02% over the 2007 tax extension. The proposed increase was recommended in light of the tax cap limitation of 4.1% above the 2007 tax extension. The Tax Cap Law required the lesser, CPI or 5%, to be used thus the 4.1% CPI figure.

The proposed tax levy increase incorporated the possibility of \$40 million of new growth in the District. Historical annual new growth was reported as:

1998	\$4.8 million
1999	\$5.2 million
2000	\$5.7 million
2001	\$13.3 million (year of the three-year reassessment)
2002	\$8.8 million
2003	\$8.8 million
2004	\$17.9 million (year of the three-year reassessment)
2005	\$20.1 million
2006	\$17.4 million
2007	\$23.1 million (year of the three-year reassessment)

It was anticipated that the additional tax extension resulting from new growth would be approximately \$287,519 (based upon \$15 million of new growth). Mr. Tanner estimated that the tax extension increase for the District would be in the range of 5.58% when compared to 2007. The 8.01% proposed levy allowed for significant new growth while increasing existing property taxes by the tax cap level of 4.1%.

Mr. Tanner also indicated the total tax levy would be tempered due to the consistent level of debt services for tax year 2008. It was anticipated that the total tax extension, including debt service, would increase approximately \$983,181 or 4.66% above the 2007 total tax extension level while costing the existing taxpayer less than 3.29%.

Mr. Chez made a motion to approve the tentative 2008 tax levy resolution and Mr. Sigurdson seconded the motion.

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

A public hearing to approve the proposed 2008 property tax levy increase for Glencoe School District was scheduled for 7:15 p.m. on December 8, 2008. The meeting will be held in Young Auditorium at Central School.

APPROVAL OF FACILITIES ASSESSMENT STUDY

Mr. Stauber made a motion to approve a facilities assessment by Green Associates to update the district Capital Improvement Plan. This plan was last revised in 2003. A four-week facility inspection was approved to review plumbing, electrical, mechanical, structural, and other potential building renovations. The cost of this study was identified as \$25,360. Upon completion of the review the Facilities Committee will meet to review recommendations and prioritize projects. Mr. Myefski seconded the motion.

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

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT 403(B) THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Chez made a motion to authorize the administration to execute a contract for the 403(b) Third Party Administrator, upon review by the Board President. The District 403(b) Committee met with representatives from several companies. Mr. Tanner has continued to work with representatives of Glencoe Educational Association to finalize this recommendation. Mr. Burnham seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

During the second opportunity comments were heard from the following individuals:

Mrs. Marcie Pickard addressed the suggested West traffic pattern change. She reported information shared at a recent Village of Glencoe Board meeting regarding collection of traffic information by the Public Works Department, her discussion with IDOT traffic

engineer, Jim Stoner, and reiterated her hopes that the change in traffic pattern would occur.

Joy Fiorini also made comments regarding a traffic study and reminded the Board and audience that there would be no perfect solution based upon where West School was located.

Michelle Gooze-Miller commented on the West School traffic pattern identified she would like to see the movement on of the Village continue rather than stop due to a traffic study request at this late date.

Nancy Shaw commented on the traffic pattern at West School. She asked the Board to be sure they knew what they were asking for when talking with the Village staff and felt there was a disconnect for the traffic safety analysis requested at this point in time. She also inquired into the number of students selecting French and Spanish. In particular, could the school district accommodate a shift in the number of students taking either language?

Steve Buckman suggested inviting Mr. David Mau, Public Works Director, to future Board meetings if the West traffic pattern were to be discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following information was reviewed during Committee reports:

Mrs. Malehorn reported that the District Vision and Values Committee met on October 7th. Mr. Bailey asked that the Board discussion be moved to the November meeting.

Mr. Bailey reported that approval was given by the NSED Governing Board to proceed with the renovation and construction project for North Shore Academy and administrative offices. Pepper Construction Company was named construction manager for the project.

Mr. Myefski reminded his fellow Board members that they were not in the position of selecting or screening candidates for the caucus. He urged the Board to let the caucus do their work without interference from sitting Board members.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

At 10:30 p.m. Mr. Stauber made the motion to adjourn to closed session and Ms. Malehorn seconded the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

At 11:15 p.m. Mr. Chez made the motion to adjourn closed session and Mr. Myefski seconded the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION

At 11:20 p.m. Mr. Stauber made the motion to adjourn open session and Mr. Chez seconded the motion.

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

Board President

Board Secretary