

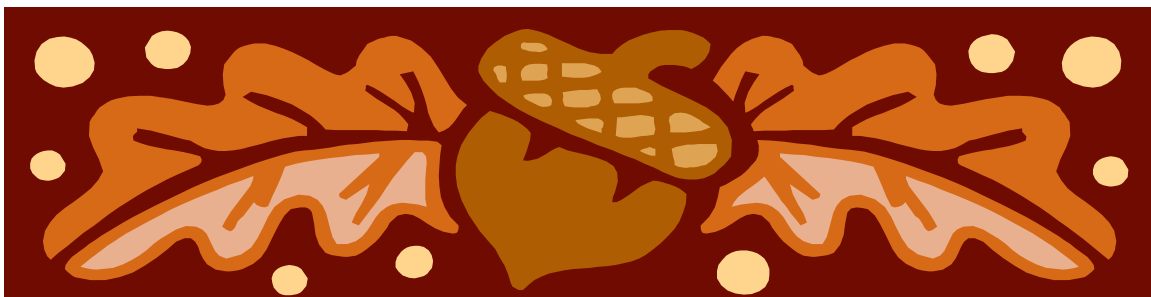
November 2003 Board Meeting Highlights

President Eddie Chez called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. Following approval of minutes for the October 20, 2003 regular and closed sessions, an opportunity for public comments was provided. There were no comments during this portion of the meeting.

West School staff members made a presentation to the Board. Four District #35 teachers: Barbara Feldman, Micki Ross, Janet Berkley, and Stephanie Buchanan are in the process of completing the National Board Professional Teaching Standard Certification program. These West School teachers joined a cohort from North Shore School District #112 in pursuit of the Master Teacher Certificate. The yearlong process includes compilation of a portfolio to include analysis of three classroom pieces, two video taped classroom lessons and one piece focused upon family and community. In addition to review and approval of the portfolio component each candidate is required to pass a national assessment. This computerized assessment includes six, thirty-minute exercises. The most recent data indicates approximately 24,000 teachers nationwide who have successfully completed the requirements for master Teacher certification. In the state of Illinois 221 teachers hold the certificate. Approximately 65% of the Illinois candidates have been successful in attaining this national certification.

Building principals reviewed updated School Improvement Plans for the respective schools. The following components were included in each plan: Team Composition and Internal Review Process, Demographics, Data Analysis, and Action Plans. Focus was given to the building goals in the areas of: Progress and Achievement and The Learning Community. Dr. Crawford also reviewed the updated District Planning Document, which incorporated the building School Improvement Plans. Highlights were identified in progress made to date on the three year District Action Plans. The areas included: Staff Development; Curriculum Review and Revision; Technology Integration; Activity Course Offerings at Central School; Learning Opportunities for Each Learner; Formal and Informal Assessment; Financial Resources; and Physical Resources.

The Board reviewed the second draft of a Capital Improvement Plan. The methods of funding capital improvements and operating costs were also included in the discussion. To determine the options for funding both capital improvement and operating budgets a clear identification of projects is necessary. The draft capital improvement documents identify three priority categories with timeframes of 1-2, 3-5, and 6-10 years. The Board Facilities Committee will meet prior to the



December Board meeting to define a plan for recommendation to the full Board. This plan will identify projects for which funding should be allocated. The plan will also specify which projects could be funded through the sale of Life Safety Bonds.

Once the dollar amount of capital improvement is identified the Board will discuss funding options. Mr. Chez reported on a Finance Committee meeting held that afternoon with Mr. Ray Coyne, Bond Consultant. He identified potential funding options which included the sale of life safety bonds and/or working cash bonds, a referendum for operating expenses, extension of the debt service, or combinations of several options. In December the Board will also identify advantages, disadvantages and implications of potential funding options.

Ron Chilcote, Business Manager, indicated the Ending Fund Balance for October 2003 as \$10,447,005.37.

The Board approved the bills for November 2003.

The Board reviewed an updated version of the community survey presented by Ms. Schulte in October. Following discussion regarding suggested methods of returning the survey, it was approved with modifications for inclusion in the December issue of the Board Bulletin. It will also appear on the District web page www.glencoeschools.org.

The Board also approved a student survey for the 2003 graduates of Glencoe School District. This survey will be mailed to the graduates. Information to be collected addresses perceived levels of preparation for high school, homework levels, grades, etc. The survey has been shared with the New Trier High School Superintendent.

The discussion regarding a request to purchase out-of- state service credit for an employee was moved to closed session. Action on this personnel item would occur in open session following the Board discussion.

There were no public comments during the second opportunity during the Board meeting.

During committee reports Mrs. Stender indicated the Glencoe Junior High Play auditions were beginning. Mr. Debb indicated the Village of Glencoe is identifying community members for a committee to discuss downtown redevelopment. Mrs. Stender also reported that NSSD is fully staffed for the 2003-2004 school year.

The Board adjourned to closed session for the purpose of addressing matters related to personnel and negotiations.

Upon return to open session the Board denied the request for purchase of out-of-state service credit for a District employee.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for December 8, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. The annual Tax Levy Hearing will be held at 7:15 p.m. on December 8, 2003. Both meetings will be held in Young Auditorium at Central School, 620 Greenwood Avenue.