President Gary Ruben called the Regular Meeting of the Glencoe Board of Education to order at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2019, in Young Auditorium at Central School, Glencoe, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Estes, Mr. Gale, Mrs. Glauberman, Mrs. Hahn, Mr. Ruben, and Mrs. Kain Silver
Absent: Mrs. Ackerman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Gale made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular and Closed session meetings of February 7, 2019 and Special Meeting of February 14, 2019. Mrs. Glauberman seconded the motion.

Aye: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Estes, Mr. Gale, Mrs. Glauberman, Mrs. Hahn, Mr. Ruben, and Mrs. Kain Silver
Nay: None
Absent: Mrs. Ackerman

The minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments during the first opportunity for public comment.

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS

The Board moved to Misner Auditorium to hear from student music groups in honor of Music in Our Schools month. Members of the West School Chorus Club and the Central School Music Department performed for the Board and visitors.

WHAT IS LEARNING?

The administrative team presented an update on What is Learning? Within the District Improvement Plan, a key goal is to support communication, creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking skills as we plan learning experiences for our students. In order to meet this goal, it is important to reflect upon the learning environment. District 35 professional development has focused on instructional practices, content and curriculum. As we expand our understanding of the 21st century learner, we are also reflecting on the classroom environment and new ways to achieve the goals defined for learning.
Dr. Zonghetti and Dr. Rongey shared highlights of the *One Book, One District* conversations about purpose and opportunities within District 35. Across the schools book discussions have allowed staff members to reflect on our vision for learning in the 21st century. As staff complete this learning, the next steps include options to engage community members in the conversation.

Most recently, members of the administrative team had the opportunity to attend professional development with Educational Designer, Mr. David Jakes. Mr. Jakes specializes in working with schools to create new spaces for learning. His unique combination of educational experience and design work allows for the focus to remain on learning as new possibilities are explored for the classroom environment. Each of our classrooms immediately sends a message about what we value and how we work together to support learning. The Board supported the recommendations to engage with Mr. Jakes to begin the design process for a prototype classroom and a library redesign at Central School. The process will engage teachers, students, and parents in the process to consider learning needs prior to finalizing material needs in each space.

**REMOTE LEARNING UPDATE**

Dr. Wang shared an update on the remote learning days held on January 30th and 31st. Details of the information shared may be found [here](#). Based on legislative action regarding SB28, the days may no longer be a viable option for the 2019-2020 school year. Updates will be shared with the Board as new calendar requirements become available.

**SUMMER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Mr. Edelheit updated the Board on the upcoming summer construction season. Submittals for the flooring/locker project and glazing project are in the approval process, with a preconstruction meeting scheduled for mid-March. Additional contract awards may be brought to the board for asbestos abatement above the South auditorium and for furniture to support the South auditorium and South/West lunchroom improvements. In preparation for the flooring project, limited asbestos abatement will occur over spring break as was completed similarly over winter break.

Plans for the Central School front entrance restoration will be released for bid shortly, with a contract award recommendation planned for April. Plans continue to be developed for the Misner entrance and surrounding grounds. Misner entrance construction would be tentatively planned for July to October, pending board approval of a bid at the May 2019 Board of Education meeting.

**BOARD POLICY REVISIONS**

Four policy revisions were shared which reflect updates in requirements:
- 4:100 Operational Services: Insurance Management
- 4:170 Operational Services: Safety
- 4:175 Operational Services: Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications
- 8:30 Community Relations: Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

These will return for final review and approval at the April 2019 Board of Education meeting.
BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2019-2020

Dr. Wang shared a draft of 2019-2020 Board of Education meeting dates. Thursday options remain the most consistent for monthly meetings. A recommendation was made to hold a summer meeting on August 8, 2019. The dates will return as an Action Item at the April 2019 Board of Education meeting.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

Dr. Wang reported two Freedom of Information Act Requests were received since the last meeting. The District responded in a timely manner and had no responsive records.

- Selena Garcia requested outsourced vendor custodial services.
- John Laadt from NYU requested charter school applications.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JANUARY 2019

Mr. Edelheit reported the January 2019 Revenues as $0, the Expenditures as $1,814,606, and the Ending Fund Balance for January 2019 as $34,990,356. The fund balance reflects the low point for the fiscal year.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS – MARCH 2019

Mrs. Estes made a motion to authorize payment of the March 2019 bill list. Mr. Gale seconded the motion.

Aye: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Estes, Mr. Gale, Mrs. Glauberman, Mrs. Hahn, Mr. Ruben, and Mrs. Kain Silver
Nay: None
Absent: Mrs. Ackerman

The Board approved the payment of March 2019 bills.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT - MARCH 2019

Mrs. Hahn made a motion to approve the March 2019 Personnel Report. Mrs. Kain Silver seconded the motion.

Aye: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Estes, Mr. Gale, Mrs. Glauberman, Mrs. Hahn, Mr. Ruben, and Mrs. Kain Silver
Nay: None
Absent: Mrs. Ackerman

The Board approved the March 2019 personnel report.
APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY REVISIONS

Mrs. Glauberman made a motion to approve the board policy revisions. Mr. Gale seconded the motion.

2:80 Board of Education: Board Member Oath and Conduct
5:60 Personnel: Expenses

Aye: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Estes, Mr. Gale, Mrs. Glauberman, Mrs. Hahn, Mr. Ruben, and Mrs. Kain Silver
Nay: None
Absent: Mrs. Ackerman

The Board approved the policy revisions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

During the second opportunity for public comment, there were no audience comments. The Board engaged in further discussion as a follow-up from the February 14, 2019, Special Meeting. Mr. Gale reiterated the concerns raised by parents. Additionally, Mr. Gale requested further communication be provided to parents regarding differentiation in District 35 and ongoing review of our practices. Mrs. Glauberman encouraged a reminder for parents to first reach out to their child’s teacher with questions about the learning process to engage in a productive partnership. Mrs. Estes shared a reminder about the benefit of children learning within inclusive classrooms and research which supports the benefits to all children.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

During committee reports the following updates were shared:

- Mrs. Hahn shared news from the Sustainability Task Force and new initiatives which offer opportunities for student engagement with rain barrels and dog waste. In addition, the student members of the Sustainability Task Force have shared a survey about storm drains for 5th-8th graders.
- Mr. Gale shared updates from the Safety & Security Committee which met on March 7, 2019, to review progress updates since May 2018. Positive progress has been made to improve practices, increase training, and secure the school environment.
- Mrs. Estes shared an update from the March 4, 2019, Teacher Institute Day hosted by NSSED. Dan Habib, a filmmaker at the University of New Hampshire’s Institute on Disability, facilitated the day with a focus on “Opening Doors to Inclusive Education and Employment.” The message resonates strongly with the work in District 35 to ensure students are educated in inclusive classrooms.

Dr. Wang shared a reminder about the April 8, 2019, Finding Balance event hosted by New Trier Township.
ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Gale made a motion to adjourn the meeting to closed session for the purpose of discussing matters related to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the school district, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and to discuss matters related to the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10). Mrs. Glauberman seconded the motion.

Aye: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Estes, Mr. Gale, Mrs. Glauberman, Mrs. Hahn, Mr. Ruben, and Mrs. Kain Silver
Nay: None
Absent: Mrs. Ackerman

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Hahn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Glauberman seconded the motion.

Aye: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Estes, Mr. Gale, Mrs. Glauberman, Mrs. Hahn, Mr. Ruben, and Mrs. Kain Silver
Nay: None
Absent: Mrs. Ackerman

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

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Board Vice President                          Board Secretary