

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

Monday, July 11, 2011

President Eddie Chez called the Regular Meeting of the Glencoe Board of Education to order at 7:40 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 2011 in Young Auditorium of Central School, Glencoe, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bailey, Chavin, Chez, Hahn, Ruben, Shaw, and Stauber
Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the Regular and Closed session minutes of June 13, 2011. Ms. Shaw seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chavin, Chez, Hahn, Ruben, Shaw, and Stauber
Nay: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

During the first opportunity for public comments Mr. Stauber inquired about the start and end dates of the school year and if it would be possible to begin school after Labor Day. Dr. Crawford indicated the school calendar was built around the start date for New Trier High School's Summer School with the goal of concluding school in order to allow District 35 graduates to attend. The winter and spring breaks were also aligned with the high school schedule. After 175 attendance days, 4 Teacher Institute Days, 1 teacher workday, and 2 parent/teacher conference days were accounted for as well as legal holidays, it was doubtful the school year could begin after Labor Day.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Mrs. Lamberti, Director of Pupil Services, reviewed information regarding the district's special education programs. In 2010-2011 the District served up to 25 students in preschool programs and 6 students in Early Childhood Special Education Programs. The primary disabilities included: Autism, Developmental Delay, and Other Health Impairments. Child find activities for preschool age children included Child and Family Connections (State Agency), district preschool screenings, parents/guardians, preschool teachers and directors, and private therapists.

In kindergarten through 8th grade the total number of students in special education was 249 (as of January 2011). In addition to students participating in district resource programs or therapies students attended the following programs:

- 13 students attended a NSSED Educational Life Skills Class
- 5 students attended NSSED North Shore Academy Elementary
- 7 students attended alternative schools outside of Glencoe
- 25 students with 504 Plans

Mrs. Lamberti indicated the continuum of services included:

- Special Education Consultation
- Direct Service from related services
- General Education with an assistant
- Special Education Resource Classes
- Educational Life Skills Class
- Alternative School
- Residential Placement

Sources of funding for special education included State funding for Special Education Personnel, Children Requiring Special Education, Special Education Transportation, Private Facility Tuition, and Room and Board for Residential Placement. Federal funding was identified as the IDEA Grant. It was noted that for the past two years the State of Illinois reimbursed the school district for 2 of the 4 payments. When the State of Illinois does not pay these bills the funding comes from the district reserves.

2011 ISAT/AYP

Dr. Crawford reviewed the preliminary information from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) regarding results of the March 2011 Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT). The School Report Card, which reports student performance on the ISAT and other information about the school district, will be posted on the District 35 web page www.glencoeschools.org when it is received from ISBE.

It was reported that under the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), both the aggregate grade level *and* each disaggregated subgroup must meet a performance target set by the State of Illinois. For 2011, that performance target required that 85% of all students taking the ISAT score in the "meets" or "exceeds" categories. District 35's overall student population surpassed this target, with over 90% of our students meeting or exceeding the standards.

In addition to the overall student population, certain identified subgroups of students in a school district must also meet ISBE's 85% performance target. To be considered a subgroup, at least 45 students in a school district must qualify as a member of one of the identified subgroups. District 35 has one subgroup, *Students with Disabilities*. When disaggregated, the scores of our Students with Disabilities subgroup did not satisfy ISBE's performance target of 85% meeting or exceeding

the standards.

Notwithstanding the impressive scores by the overall student population, for the first time Glencoe School District 35 did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). While there are no sanctions or changes imposed on our school district by the State of Illinois, the information provided by ISBE is being thoroughly reviewed to determine if changes to curriculum or intervention strategies are warranted.

Mrs. Shaw requested the topic of differentiation be included during a future administrator report.

MISSION, GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND STRATEGIC THEMES REVIEW

The Board reviewed suggested revisions for the District Mission Statement, Guiding Principles, and Strategic Themes. A subcommittee of the Board met with school administrators to review and revise this information. The Board discussed suggested changes and in September will approve the documents. This information will be posted on the district web page and at each school.

DISTRICT AND BUILDING SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Mrs. Wang and the building principals reviewed District and School Improvement Plans. The updated progress toward attaining goals for 2010-2011 and goals established for school year 2011-2012 were provided. The goals for the District Improvement Plan reflected shared priorities for all grade levels and the building goals addressed priorities within the school. One common goal was reviewed and activities at each building identified. This information will be posted on the district web site.

CENTRAL SCHOOL FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Edelheit, reviewed the tentative timeline for maintenance projects at Central School. The Board Facilities Committee is scheduled to meet with the district architect, Colin Marshall, on August 19th to discuss in further detail projects and priorities for summer 2012.

SUMMER EXPLORATIONS 2011

Dr. Crawford and the Board discussed the power outage at all three schools on June 22nd, 23rd, and 24th resulting in the cancellation of Summer Explorations. This program consisted of 18 days beginning June 8th and concluding on July 1st. Three sessions were offered at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. There were approximately 60 classes offered during these time slots with approximately 344 individuals enrolled in one or more sessions.

Following the cancellation of classes an email was sent to parents generating 7 replies with the following questions/concerns:

Why didn't we move the location of summer school on the days without power?

Are we extending the end date from July 1st to July 7th?

Are we giving a refund for the 3 days when the school district was without power?

The Board and administrators discussed the implications of finding a location with power and space to house a program of this size for an unknown amount of time and feasibility of moving needed class materials to another location. The summer maintenance and construction projects scheduled to begin on July 5th were reviewed as well as staff availability following July 1st. Finally, the Board discussed options for refunding each family for days missed or the option of discounting families who register for the 2012 Summer Explorations program. After discussion regarding the execution of either plan it was decided no refund or discount would be offered.

It was also discussed that once the Summer Explorations began it would not be the practice of the Board to offer refunds for missed days or withdrawal from classes. This information would be documented on the Summer Explorations website.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

A Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request was received from John Houston, reporter for the Chicago Tribune. The request was for student fee information from school years 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-2012.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Mr. Edelheit reported the End Fund Balance for June 2011 as \$28,895,639.

APPROVAL TO RATIFY BILLS PAID – JUNE 30, 2011

Mr. Chez made a motion to ratify bills paid for June 30, 2011 and Ms. Hahn seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chavin, Chez, Hahn, Ruben, Shaw and Stauber

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Mr. Chavin made a motion to approve the June 2011 bill list and Mr. Ruben seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chavin, Chez, Hahn, Ruben, Shaw and Stauber

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATION TO PAY AUGUST BILLS

Mr. Stauber made a motion to approve the authorization to pay bills for August 2011. Ms. Shaw seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chavin, Chez, Hahn, Ruben, Shaw, and Stauber
Nay: None

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the personnel report and Ms. Shaw seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chavin, Chez, Hahn, Ruben, Shaw and Stauber
Nay: None

APPROVAL OF POSTING OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION COMPENSATION – SB2270

Mr. Stauber made a motion to the posting of the collective bargaining agreement and administration compensation – S2270. Ms. Hahn seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chavin, Chez, Hahn, Ruben, Shaw and Stauber
Nay: None

APPROVAL OF ROTH 403b PLAN

Ms. Shaw made a motion to approve the Roth 403b option for district employees. Mr. Stauber seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chavin, Chez, Hahn, Ruben, Shaw and Stauber
Nay: None

Employees participating in this plan would not reduce their taxable income at this time. However, the contributions and earnings would be tax-free at retirement if the employee were at least 59 ½ years of age and the account at least 5 years old.

APPROVAL OF FOOD GUIDELINES

Mr. Stauber made a motion to approve the Food in our Schools Guidelines as discussed at the June meeting. Mr. Chavin seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chavin, Chez, Hahn, Ruben, Shaw and Stauber
Nay: None

This information will be included in the Parent/Student Handbook, Staff Handbook, and posted on the District web page.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

During the second opportunity for public comments, Mr. Nello Lucchesi requested the Board consider adding a Mandarin immersion program to the curriculum. He provided his rationale for eliminating Spanish and/or French, the current language offerings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

In Committee Reports Mr. Chez asked Mrs. Wang to summarize the information shared during the Board Technology Committee meeting. Mrs. Wang reviewed work completed in the district during the 2010-2011 school year, projects currently underway, and next steps.

Mrs. Hahn reported on the first Village of Glencoe Sustainability Committee Meeting. Representatives from the Botanic Gardens, Park District, Village, and School District participated. During the next 12-18 months the committee will work to establish a web site, perform an audit of applicable village ordinances, pilot a project - to be determined, and provide a forum or clearinghouse for efforts within the Village.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Stauber made a motion to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing matters related to personnel. Mr. Chavin seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chavin, Chez, Hahn, Ruben, Shaw and Stauber
Nay: None

ADJOURNMENT TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Stauber made the motion to adjourn to open session, and Mr. Ruben seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chavin, Chez, Hahn, Ruben, Shaw and Stauber
Nay: None

ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION

Ms. Shaw made the motion to adjourn open session, and Ms. Hahn seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Chavin, Chez, Hahn, Ruben, Shaw and Stauber
Nay: None

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