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## Glen Ellyn School District 41

Dr. Ann K. Riebock, Superintendent

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned president of the Board of Education of Glen Ellyn School District 41, DuPage County, Illinois, has scheduled a special meeting of the Board of Education for Monday, February 5, 2007, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the District 41 Central Services Office located at 793 North Main Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois. The purpose of and agenda for the meeting are as follows:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Public Participation
- V. Discussion Item: Referendum
- VI. Action Item:
  - A. Resolution to Submit a School Building Bond Proposition to the Voters on April 17, 2007. Attachment #1
- VII. Adjourn to Closed Session
- VIII. Action Item: Employment
- IX. Adjournment

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John J. Vivoda'.

John J. Vivoda, President

Dated: February 2, 2007

## **Glen Ellyn School District #41 Board Report**

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**Date:** February 5, 2007

**Title:** Resolution to Submit a School Building Bond Proposition to the Voters on April 17, 2007

**Contact:** Dr. Ann K. Riebock, Superintendent

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### **Background**

Today, 16% of District 41 students are in portables, with 26 such units deployed across the district. D41 has been examining options to accommodate its growing enrollment since 2003. The process started with a series of public meetings during which three preferred options emerged: build a K-6 elementary school, build a K-5 elementary school and build a 5-6 intermediate school. A 2004 task force charged with studying these three options recommended a 5-6 intermediate school and renovations to existing space. The administration endorsed this recommendation and, upon further study of site limitations and operational costs, in 2005 recommended creating a resulting middle level campus housing a 5-6 section and a 7-8 section, each with its own age-appropriate instructional program, schedule, entrances and bus routes. The administration also recommended additions and renovations at the resulting K-4 elementary schools.

### **Discussion**

Expanding and restructuring our schools in this way is a practical approach to our space needs and a positive approach to meeting the unique academic and developmental needs of each grade level. From a practical standpoint, District 41 owns two parcels that could accommodate a structure; however, Hadley is the most viable site. The vacant parcel at Spalding in the northeast section of the district is too small for the size school needed and the operational costs associated with a separate school are higher than those incurred with an addition, mainly due to the duplication of staff and services that would be required. From an educational standpoint, the National Association of Middle Schools stresses that the important aspect of educating students in grades 5-8 is what goes on in the classroom and in the school, not the configuration. However, it also says that students in grades 5-8 have needs that are quite different from those of younger or older students. *"When possible, middle schools should house grades 5-8 or 6-8. ...Placing these youth in schools that focus directly and exclusively on their needs and interests increases the chance that they will be more successful learners during a challenging time of their development."*

The proposal would give us what we need now and for the foreseeable future. It will provide quality space for students, reduce or eliminate our reliance on portables, and give us the flexibility to accommodate emerging needs and new state and federal instructional mandates.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board adopt the resolution as presented in the amount it determines through its discussion of the matter.

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RESOLUTION providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing School Building Bonds to the voters of School District Number 41, DuPage County, Illinois, at the consolidated election to be held on the 17th day of April, 2007.

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WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "*School Board*") of School District Number 41, DuPage County, Illinois (the "*District*"), has considered the existing school facilities and the improvements and extensions necessary to be made thereto in order that the same will adequately serve the educational needs of the District; and

WHEREAS, the School Board does hereby find and determine that it is necessary and in the best interests of the District that the School Board be authorized to improve the site of, demolish a portion of, build and equip additions to and alter, repair and equip the current Hadley Junior High School Building in order to convert said School Building into a middle level school campus housing two attendance centers for grades 5 & 6 and grades 7 & 8 and improve the sites of, demolish portions of, build and equip additions to and alter, repair and equip school buildings of the District (the "*Project*") at an estimated cost of \$\_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, the School Board does hereby find and determine that the Project is needed to provide a quality educational program; and

WHEREAS, there are insufficient funds on hand and available to pay the costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, before the School Board can provide the Project and borrow money and issue bonds therefor, a proposition must be submitted to the voters of the District and be approved by a majority of the voters of the District voting on such proposition at an election to be held in and for the District; and

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WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District that a proposition therefor be submitted to the voters of the District at an election to be held and conducted in accordance with the general election law:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of School District Number 41, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

*Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles.* The School Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

*Section 2. The Purposes.* It is necessary and in the best interests of the District that the School Board be authorized to provide the Project, and that it is necessary and in the best interests of the District that money be borrowed and in evidence thereof bonds of the District be issued therefor to the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

*Section 3. Submission to Voters.* The proposition hereinabove referred to shall be submitted to the voters of the District in accordance with the general election law at the consolidated election to be held on Tuesday, the 17th day of April, 2007, between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 7:00 o'clock P.M. on said day (the "*Election*").

*Section 4. Voting Precincts and Polling Places.* The Election shall be held in the voting precincts and at the polling places established by the Board of Election Commissioners (the "*Election Commission*") of The County of DuPage, Illinois, for voters of the District at the Election.

*Section 5. Election Notice.* The Executive Director of the Election Commission (the "*Election Commission*") shall give notice of the Election (the "*Notice*") in accordance with the general election law by (i) publishing the Notice once not more than 30 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the Election in a local, community newspaper having general circulation in

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the District, and (ii) posting a copy of the Notice at least 10 days before the date of the Election at the principal office of the Election Commission.

*Section 6. Local Notice.* The Secretary of the School Board shall post a copy of the Notice at the principal office of the District.

*Section 7. Newspaper of General Circulation.* It is hereby found and determined that the *Glen Ellyn News* is a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the District as required by Section 12-5 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "*Election Code*").

*Section 8. Form of Notice.* The Notice shall appear over the name or title of the Executive Director and shall be substantially in the following form:

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the consolidated election to be held on Tuesday, the 17th day of April, 2007, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of Glen Ellyn School District Number 41, DuPage County, Illinois:

Shall the Board of Education of Glen Ellyn School District Number 41, DuPage County, Illinois, improve the site of, demolish a portion of, build and equip additions to and alter, repair and equip the current Hadley Junior High School Building in order to convert said School Building into a middle level school campus housing two attendance centers for grades 5 & 6 and grades 7 & 8, improve the sites of, demolish portions of, build and equip additions to and alter, repair and equip school buildings of said School District, and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 o'clock A.M. and will continue to be open until 7:00 o'clock P.M. of that day.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

Robert T. Saar  
Executive Director, Board of Election  
Commissioners, The County of  
DuPage, Illinois

*Section 9. Form of Ballot.* The ballot to be used at the Election shall be in substantially the following form, with such necessary alterations, changes, deletions and insertions as may be required by Articles 24A, 24B or 24C of the Election Code if an electronic, mechanical or electric voting system is used at the Election:

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(Face of Ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

PROPOSITION TO ISSUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS

(INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Mark a cross  
(X) in the space opposite the word  
indicating the way you desire to vote.)

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	NO	

(Back of Paper Ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Official ballot for voting on the proposition to issue School Building Bonds of School District Number 41, DuPage County, Illinois, at the consolidated election held on April 17, 2007.

Precinct Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Polling Place: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Facsimile Signature)

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Executive Director, Board of Election  
Commissioners, The County of DuPage,  
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*Section 10. Election Judges.* The Election shall be conducted by the election judges appointed by the Election Commission to act in the precincts at which said proposition will be submitted to the voters of the District.

*Section 11. Filing of Resolution.* After the adoption hereof and not less than 61 days prior to the date of the Election, the Secretary of the School Board shall certify a copy hereof to the Election Commission in order that the proposition set forth herein may be submitted to the voters of the District at the Election.

*Section 12. Canvass of Election.* The Election shall be held and conducted and the returns thereof duly canvassed, all in the manner and time as provided by the general election law.

*Section 13. Severability.* If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

*Section 14. Repealer and Effective Date.* All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this Resolution be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted February 5, 2007.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education