

**Glen Ellyn School District 41**

Dr. Jack Barshinger, Superintendent

MINUTES**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 18, 2005 - 7:30 P.M.
DISTRICT 41 ADMINISTRATION CENTER
MARY J. LUGINBILL BOARD ROOM**

I. CALL TO ORDER: President Vivoda called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL Present: DiFabio, Hoffman, Marcheschi, McElvain (via teleconference), Snodell and Vivoda. Mr. Ruckstaetter joined the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

IV. CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

A. Science Olympiad Presentation: Dr. John Correll introduced Hadley teachers, Bob Thompson and Heather Farrar to provide an overview of District 41's participation in the Science Olympiad team. Overall, more than 200 students participated.

Students shared with the Board information about the numerous activities in which they competed. The activities of the Science Olympiads are very closely linked to the work of the Science Committee and the curriculum that will be presented to the Board for approval at their May 16, 2005 meeting.

V. REPORTS

A. WatchD.O.G.S: Dr. John Correll reported survey results on the WatchD.O.G.S. program from parents and staff. The program was piloted with overwhelming success last year at Forest Glen with the help of a \$4,000 grant. To ensure the program was supported equitably at all five schools, the District budgeted \$18,000 for the 2004-2005 school year to launch the program district-wide. The total cost of the program was \$22,500. Highlights of the survey results included:

- 1,100 fathers and father figures participated among the five District 41 schools.
- It was successful in getting fathers and father figures into the schools.
- It fostered stronger connections to the schools and a better understanding of what goes on in the classroom and a teacher's job
- Many think the program is too costly
- There should be a similar program for mothers and mother-figures
- The District should do a better job at including children who for a number of reasons have been left out
- Behavior standards should be established for program participants

Board members felt that the program had a lot of value but felt that the District needs to:

- Do a better job of communicating behavioral standards to program participants.
- Lower program costs.
- Outreach to the ELL and ESL populations and Hadley parents and children
- Provide the same opportunity to mothers and mother figures.
- Include input from teachers when developing next year's program recommendation

Dr. Correll and his team anticipate bringing a recommendation to the Board of Education at their May 16, 2005 meeting.

Public Participation:

- The program should be designed to rotate Mom's one year and Dad's another year
- Those opposed to the program appreciate the Board and Administration's efforts to find a way to work with them.

A complete copy of the report will be available on the D41 website.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident Mary Ellen Walksler, 941 Crescent Boulevard, Glen Ellyn, addressed the board regarding the 2001 referendum. She read a statement alleging that District 41 has taken unauthorized tax increases as a result of the five-year phase-in and that it neglected its obligation to inform the taxpayers of the full impact of such an action. She asked the Board to produce documents that showed evidence of informing the tax payers of cost implications of this tax increase phase-in and suggested that it would be a good faith effort for this board to provide financial remediation to District 41 taxpayers in the form of a correction or abatement of this tax increase and that such an action may begin to restore the community's trust in the District 41 Board and Administration.

At 8:40 p.m. Mr. DiFabio moved and Mr. Marcheschi seconded to adjourn to closed session to discuss:

- *The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057.*
- *Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).*

At 9:05 Mr. Marcheschi moved and Mr. Snodell seconded to adjourn the closed meeting and return to open session. On a roll call vote answering "Aye", DiFabio, Hoffman, Marcheschi, McElvain, Snodell and Vivoda.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Teaching, Learning and Accountability

1. Personnel Report (Attachment)

2. French Textbook Adoption: The Administration recommended that the Board adopt and approve the purchase of the French Textbooks that have been on display at the Central Services Office since March 21, 2005. The total cost of these materials is approximately \$5,600. The cost covers the sixty sets of materials needed for Hadley seventh and eight graders who historically have been involved in the French program at Hadley.

B. Finance, Facilities and Operations (*\$ denotes financial attachment*)

1. Treasurer's Report \$ Attachment 1
2. Investment Schedule \$ Attachment 2
3. Cash Balances Report \$ Attachment 3
4. Variance Report: Revenues by Fund \$ Attachment 4
5. Variance Report: Expenditures by Fund \$ Attachment 5
6. Accounts Payable and Payroll \$ Attachment 6
7. Vandalism Report \$ Attachment 7
8. Disposal of Surplus Property \$ Attachment 8
9. 2004-2005 FOIA Report \$ Attachment 9
10. Statement of Completion: Hadley Life Safety \$ Attachment 10
11. Change Order: 2004 Forest Glen Roof Replacement \$ Attachment 11
12. Abraham Lincoln Student Bathroom Bid Opening Results \$ Attachment 12
13. Hadley Electrical Work: Bid Opening Results \$ Attachment 13
14. Churchill Univents: Bid Opening Results \$ Attachment 14
15. Follow-up on Leasing Portable Classroom Units \$ Attachment 15

C. Other Matters

1. Board Meeting & Committee Minutes
 - a. March 21, 2005 Special Meeting (amended to reflect DiFabio moved and Marcheschi seconded)
 - b. March 21, 2005 Regular Meeting and Closed Session
 - c. April 11, 2005 Public Hearing and Special Meeting (amended to reflect a four-classroom portable unit instead of a two-classroom portable.)
2. 2004-2005 Final School Calendar: The Administration recommended that the Board of Education declare June 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 as non-teaching days and that Friday, June 3, 2005 be established as the last student attendance day.
3. Memorandums of Understanding
 - a. Teacher Evaluation Plan (this item was removed from the consent agenda):

The Board reported that over the past several months, they have been in negotiations with the teachers' union (GEEA) regarding a new teacher evaluation plan in conjunction with the 2004-2008 teachers contract. Board members expressed their disappointment with the union's decision to vote down the proposal and feel that ratification and implementation of this plan is critical for the children of District 41. They are confident that this plan will be implemented, preferably in the spirit of collaboration, and encouraged the union to reevaluate their decision.
 - b. D-41 University Program (this item was removed from the consent agenda)

Mrs. McElvain moved and Mr. DiFabio seconded to approve to approve the actions and accept the recommendations of Section VI, Consent Agenda as amended. On a roll call vote answering Aye: Ruckstaetter, Snodell, DiFabio, Hoffman, Marcheschi, McElvain and Vivoda. Answering Nay: None. Motion carried

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Teaching, Learning and Accountability

1. 2005-2006 & 2006-2007 School Calendars (Attachments)

Mrs. Hoffman moved and Mr. Snodell seconded to approve the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school calendars as presented. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

B. Policy/Procedures

1. First Reading:

Appendix A

a. Section II-School Board

- i. 2:210, Organizational Board Meeting (Revised)**
- ii. 2:210-AP1, Organizational Board Meeting Agenda (New)**
- iii. 2:210-AP2, Organizational Board Meeting Scripts (New)**

2. Second Reading and Adoption:

Appendix B

a. Revised Job Descriptions

- i. AFSCME: (The job description for reading/math assistant was pulled)**
- b. Revised Board Member Code of Conduct (#2-80E)**
- c. Revised Leave of Absence (#5:250)**

Mr. DiFabio moved and Mr. Ruckstaetter seconded to approve the aforementioned first readings of policy revisions and to approve and adopt the aforementioned second readings of policies as amended. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

C. Finance, Facilities and Operations:

1. Lincoln School Portable Classroom Recommendation: The Administration recommended that the Board of Education:

- a. Approve the placement of an additional four-room portable unit on the west side of the Abraham Lincoln school site. This plan has been approved by the Village of Glen Ellyn and the location complies with all requirements of the Village Zoning Code, and**
- b. Accept the revised 2005 Lincoln Portable site plan as presented at the public hearing on April 11 and authorize the Administration to complete installation by August 10, 2005.**

Mr. DiFabio moved and Mr. Marcheschi seconded that the Board of Education accept the revised 2005 Lincoln Portable site plan at the west end of Lincoln School, a location that complies with all the requirements of

the Village Zoning Code as presented at the public hearing on April 11th and authorize the administration to complete installation by August 10, 2005. On a roll call vote answering "Aye", Hoffman, Marcheschi, McElvain, Snodell, DiFabio and Vivoda. Answering "Nay", Ruckstaetter. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Residents expressed concerns about safety and flooding and the length of time the portables would be in this location.
- Board member McElvain stressed the importance of a communication plan regarding the safety issues and the portable placement.

IX. BOARD REPORTS: This item was tabled.

X. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- A. Introductions: Dr. Barshinger introduced Kris Monn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Facilities and Operations, who will begin his employment with the District on May 9, 2005 and J. Michael Fustin, Director of Human Resources, who will begin his employment with the District on July 1, 2005.
- B. Parting Remarks: Retiring board members, John Ruckstaetter, Walt Snodell and Willie DiFabio thanked their fellow board members and Dr. Barshinger and his staff for their inspiration and leadership while serving on the District 41 Board of Education. They appreciate the opportunity and felt that it was a wonderful and rewarding experience.

XI. UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- A. Board of Education Transition: Special Meeting
April 25, 2005 Forest Glen LLC
- B. Architect's Selection Process Update: Special Board Meeting
May 2, 2005, Ki's Restaurant
- C. Building site selection: Special Meeting May 9, 2005, Central Services Office

XII. ADJOURN MEETING: *Mr. DiFabio moved and Mr. Ruckstaetter seconded to adjourn the April 18, 2005 regular meeting at 9:51 p.m. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.*

Recorded: April 18, 2005

Deborah M. Hoffman, Secretary

Approved: May 16, 2005

John J. Vivoda, *President*