



Glen Ellyn School District 41

Dr. Ann K. Riebock, Superintendent

**MINUTES
GLEN ELLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT 41
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2009
CENTRAL SERVICES OFFICES
793 NORTH MAIN STREET
GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS**

Call to Order

The November 9, 2009 Special Meeting, was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Upon the roll being called, the following answered present: Drew Ellis, Jack Kahler, Erica Nelson, Dan Smith, Terra Howard, and Steve Vondrak. Mr. Solak arrived at 5:52 p.m. Mr. Kahler excused himself from the meeting at approximately 6:45 p.m. and returned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Dr. Ann Riebock; Communications Director Julie Worthen; Assistant Superintendent for Facilities, Finance and Operations Bob Ciserella; Recording Secretary Maureen Stecker.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Nelson led the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

There were no members of the public who wished to address the Board.

Adjourn to Closed Session

Mrs. Howard moved and Mr. Ellis seconded to adjourn to Closed Session at 5:33 p.m. to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. On a roll call vote answering "Aye": Nelson, Howard, Ellis, Smith, Kahler and Vondrak; answering "Nay": None. Motion carried.

Return to Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:12 p.m.

Discussion Items

The Board discussed the following matters:

- A. Master Facility Plan (MFP): The overall purpose for MFP discussions have been to build a plan and accompanying benchmark actions that provide the District a long-range (10-20 years) plan for creating facilities that house the entire school organization under permanent roof and can accommodate the needs of the 21st century classroom.

The Board's focus for this meeting was to determine MFP next steps including:

- Narrowing the options for direction with the MFP to no more than two
- Determine a timetable to address the preferred option(s)
- Create talking points to be used in MFP next steps communication
- Board consensus on next steps: The Board defined consensus as: a process of inclusion of all ideas; all voices heard; everyone supports the decision/direction

The Board reached consensus on the following working Agreements or meeting norms:

- Equal Air Time (all voices in the room)
- Listen and hear one another's viewpoints; one's perspective is one's truth
- Focus on a decision

Dr. Riebock provided the Board with a gap analysis from the options that were previously identified by the MFP Committee. The Board agreed that Dr. Riebock's synthesis of the gap analysis is a fair representation of the Board members individual thinking and the group's responses.

Facilitated by Dr. Riebock, Board members participated in an exercise in groups of two; to discuss the A Series and B Series MFP solutions, identify problems associated with the solutions and brainstorm solutions to the problems.

Next, the Board participated in a force field analysis for examining each option and identifying the greatest potential for successful next steps. The Board identified enhancers and barriers in taking action toward a facilities solution.

Following the analysis, the Board reached consensus on moving forward on the development of a building plan dependent upon financial viability. It discussed a timeframe for next steps and a possible referendum. Below is a summary of the Board's points of consensus.

- Flesh out the options for B Series-Spalding
- Analyze more fully cost options, and the possibility of a 4-section building for the Spalding property
- Continue to search for available space-explore a land acquisition statement including the purchase of homes as they become available
- Begin to plan for next steps with community information
- Narrow options

Dr. Riebock and the Administrative Team will recommend a next steps path for Board members to take including a work plan with critical path and timelines and criteria for moving forward with a referendum.

- B. Board Goals: Due to time constraints, Board members agreed to table this item. Instead Board members will review the September 17, 2009 summary document prepared by Board member Nelson and provide feedback to Dr. Riebock by November 16, 2009.

Adjourn Special Meeting

There being no further business, Howard moved and Solak seconded to adjourn the special meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motioned carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Stecker, Recording Secretary

Steve Vondrak
President, Board of Education

Erica Nelson
Secretary, Board of Education

Minutes approved: November 16, 2009