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Glen Ellyn School District 41

Dr. Ann K. Riebock, Superintendent

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
GLEN ELLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT 41**

REGULAR MEETING

**JANUARY 8, 2007, 7:30 P.M.
CENTRAL SERVICES OFFICE
793 NORTH MAIN STREET, GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS**

- I. Call to Order:** President John Vivoda called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:31 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance:** President Vivoda led in the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed meeting attendees.
- III. Roll Call:** Members present: Kevin Cosgrove, Terra Howard, Debbie Hoffman, John Kenwood, John Marcheschi, Carol McElvain and John Vivoda.
- IV. Public Participation:** There was no public participation.
- V. Approval of Consent Agenda**
 - A. Teaching, Learning and Accountability
No action.
 - B. Finance, Facilities and Operations (*\$ denotes financial attachment*)
 1. Interim Paid Bills
 - C. Other Matters
 1. Board Regular & Special Meeting Minutes
 - December 18 Regular Meeting and Closed Session
 - December 21, 2006 Special Meeting

Carol McElvain moved and John Kenwood seconded to approve the actions and recommendations contained in Section V, Consent Agenda. On a roll call vote answering "yea", Cosgrove, Kenwood, Howard, Hoffman, Marcheschi, McElvain and Vivoda; answering "nay", None. Motion carried.
- VI. Upcoming Meetings**
 - January 22, 2006

VII. Superintendent's Report

- A. Enrollment Update: Dr. Riebock reviewed enrollment through December 31, 2006 and reported that it is holding steady. The District enrollment through December 31, 2006 is approximately 3,588.
- B. Franczek Sullivan Annual School Law Conference: The Conference will be held January 27, 2007, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Hamburger University located at the McDonalds Office Campus in Oakbrook. Dr. Riebock said that this is a good opportunity for Board and staff members to learn valuable legal information and to be updated on recent changes in the law. Contact Maureen Stecker at the District Office for registration information.

VIII. Discussion Items

- A. Boundary Advisory Committee Recommendation: The Board's discussion focused on the Boundary Advisory Committee's December 18, 2006 Report which recommended no change to the District's current school attendance boundaries and urged the Board to make a facilities solution to overcrowded schools a top priority. The Committee felt that there would be no clear benefit to justify the disruption to our families and school communities. However, a minority viewpoint of the Committee supported a boundary change, believing that matters are urgent and while all of our schools are crowded, they felt Abraham Lincoln and Churchill needed more immediate relief. The Committee's recommendation also included the following five administrative actions to manage growth in the interim period until a facilities solution could be implemented:
 - Assign students from new developments to the school best able to accommodate them
 - Establish choice zones allowing parents to choose a less crowded school
 - Study space usage to determine if there are more efficient ways to utilize existing space
 - Examine programmatic balance to determine if there is a more creative way to deliver programs that might provide a better use of space
 - Increase physical space at the buildings with more portable classrooms or building additions

The Board again thanked the Committee for their serious work and commended them on their thorough study of the boundary issue. The Board said that they are taking the Committee's recommendation to heart and that their work has brought increased urgency to the real issue which is overcrowding in our schools.

Dr. Riebock explained that the Board could either move to a formal acceptance/affirmation of the Committee's report or wait until the January 22nd Board meeting as originally planned.

The Board and Dr. Riebock agreed with the Boundary Advisory Committee's recommendation. The Board directed Dr. Riebock to explore the five administrative actions as noted above and to make a recommendation to the Board for interim relief to the overcrowding at our schools. Dr. Riebock said that for the very short term, she can begin to look at approaches (e.g. new

development pockets and programmatic changes, etc.) but there is no single solution. Ultimately solutions will be based on what the demographics tell us and they will need to be very specific solutions and site-based because our school infrastructures are so diverse.

Kevin Cosgrove moved and John Kenwood seconded to accept the Boundary Advisory Committee's recommendation as presented, and directing Dr. Riebock to explore the five administrative actions included in the committee's recommendation and develop a plan as soon as possible that can be shared with the community. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Following the Boundary Committee discussion, the Board changed the focus of their discussion to making a facilities solution a top priority. They discussed the pros and cons of going to referendum in April 2007 vs. March 2008. Highlights of their discussion included:

- The viability of the concept plan that was presented to the public in November 2005 for building a new fifth-sixth grade center on the Hadley Junior High site and the importance of re-educating staff, parents and community members about it
- Areas of the plan that require more detail
- How much the Board is willing to spend on referendum planning and pre-work and planning without voter approval

When asked by the Board if she agreed with the Facilities Task Force recommendations, Dr. Riebock indicated she was convinced the Hadley site proved to be the most viable solution for a facility. She indicated further work needed to be conducted to build specificity into the plan.

Dr. Riebock assured the Board that regardless of when they decide to go to referendum, the Administration will pursue a facilities solution. The specifics of the facility design will be related to the time frame of the referendum planning.

Mr. Marcheschi made a motion that was seconded by Mrs. McElvain, directing Superintendent Dr. Ann Riebock to submit an administrative recommendation to the Board by January 22, 2007 as to the prudence and feasibility of going to referendum in April 2007. If Dr. Riebock's recommendation is to wait until March 2008, the Board would like to know the dollars, resources, etc. required to have a successful referendum. On a roll call vote answering "yea", Marcheschi, McElvain, Cosgrove, Kenwood, Howard, Hoffman and Vivoda. Answering "nay", None. Motion carried.

IX. Public Participation

- Erica Nelson, resident addressed the Board on the following topics:
 - Encouraged the Board to consider 1) making the facilities topic a recurring agenda item during one of its two monthly board meetings in an ongoing effort to educate the community on this issue
 - 2) sending registration information out earlier

Mrs. Nelson also discussed her role in the Community Outreach program and liaison to World Relief and the wonderful work that is being done on behalf of those who are less fortunate.

- Pete Ladesic, resident told the Board that community support is essential in order to pass a referendum. He encouraged the District to go back to the community to determine their level of support and then equate that level of support to dollars.
- Steve Vondrak, resident said that that specificity regarding the dollar amount and operational expenses is crucial when asking voters to approve a tax increase. People need to know what they are voting for very specifically.

X. Closed Session: *John Marcheschi moved and John Kenwood seconded to adjourn to Closed Session to discuss:*

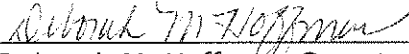
A. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

On a roll call vote answering "yea", Hoffman, Marcheschi, McElvain, Cosgrove, Kenwood, Howard and Vivoda; answering "nay", None. Motion carried.

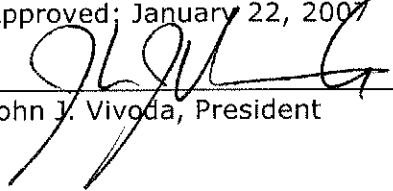
XI. Return to Open Session: The Board returned to Open Session at 9:35 p.m.

XII. Adjourn Regular Meeting *John Marcheschi moved and Kevin Cosgrove seconded to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:36 p.m. On a roll call vote answering "yea", McElvain, Cosgrove, Kenwood, Howard, Hoffman, Marcheschi and Vivoda; answering "nay", None. Motion carried.*

Recorded: January 8, 2007


Deborah M. Hoffman, Secretary

Approved: January 22, 2007


John J. Vivoda, President