



Glen Ellyn School District 41

Dr. Ann K. Riebock, Superintendent

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL WORKSHOP
JULY 2, 2006
DISTRICT 41 ADMINISTRATION CENTER
793 N. MAIN ST., GLEN ELLYN, IL 60137
MARY J. LUGINBILL BOARD ROOM**

1. Call to Order: President Vivoda called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.
2. Roll Call: Members present: Kevin Cosgrove, Terra Howard, Debbie Hoffman, John Kenwood, John Marcheschi, Carol McElvain and John Vivoda. Mr. Cosgrove excused himself from the meeting at 12:20 p.m.; Mr. Kenwood at 12:45 p.m. and Mr. Marcheschi at 1:05 p.m.
3. Discussion Item: Entry Work Plan for Superintendent: Short and Long Range Planning: At a special workshop session, the Glen Ellyn School District 41 Board of Education welcomed incoming Superintendent Dr. Ann Riebock, discussed communication processes between the Board and Superintendent, and established short-term priorities for Dr. Riebock and her administrative team, most of whom are also new as of July 1, 2006. Directing Dr. Riebock to focus her next 60 days first and foremost on improving student achievement, the Board also endorsed a plan to hire an interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Facilities and Operations. In the fall, the District will begin recruiting for a permanent administrator to join the district July 1, 2007.

The Board recognized that its direction to Dr. Riebock to focus on student achievement means that planning for a referendum to build a new school will not be part of Dr. Riebock's immediate work, but research on District 41 facilities should continue as a work priority. They also noted that the schools' infrastructure (libraries, gyms, hallways, bathrooms, playgrounds, parking) is stressed and enrollment is predicted to continue growing. However, staff, students and parents have adapted to the 26 portable classrooms, and there appears to be limited motivation in the community to support a referendum at this time. Other issues that could affect a future referendum include the prospect of a possible adjustment in school attendance-area boundaries and unresolved controversy over the implementation of the District's 2001 referendum.



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Regardless of whether the district is eventually successful in funding a new school, the Board reiterated its commitment to continuous improvement of the K-8 curriculum, the need to improve the junior high experience, and the need to develop a long-range strategy to take the District to 2020 and beyond.

4. Adjournment: Terra Howard moved and Debbie Hoffman seconded to adjourn the special meeting at 1:11 p.m. On a roll call vote answering Aye: Howard, Hoffman, McElvain and Vivoda. Answering Nay: None. Motion carried.

Recorded: July 2, 2006



Deborah M. Hoffman, Secretary

Approved: July 17, 2006



John J. Vivoda, President