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**MINUTES  
GLEN ELLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT 41  
FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MARCH 21, 2016  
6:00 PM**

**CENTRAL SERVICES OFFICES,  
793 NORTH MAIN STREET, GLEN  
ELLYN, ILLINOIS**

**Present:** Committee members Patrick Escalante, Kurt Buchholz, Superintendent Paul Gordon, Interim Assistant Superintendent Rebecca Allard, Assistant Superintendent Laurie Campbell, Director of Buildings and Grounds Dave Scarmardo, Chief Communication Officer Erika Krehbiel, Director of Technology Mike Wood, and Recording Secretary Carolyn Gust.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

**I. Public Comment**

Resident Jeff Cooper commented on an Olive Grove Landscaping statement and costs for babysitting services for dual language/ESL parent meetings.

**II. Review and approval of minutes from March 7, 2016, meeting**

The minutes were reviewed and approved and will be posted to the district website.

**III. Regular Education Transportation Bid**

Glen Ellyn School District 41 has been member of a transportation cooperative with Glenbard High School District 87, Glen Ellyn School District 89, and Queen Bee School District 16 since 2011. Five years ago, Illinois Central School Bus was award a three-year contract and the cooperative agreed to extend the contract for an additional two years. Illinois Central notified the cooperative last fall it would not ask for an extension of the contract for the 2016-17 school year and, as a result, the cooperative solicited bids for transportation services.

First Student was the low bidder for Districts 41, 16 and 87. District 89's low bidder was Illinois Central. District 15's low bidder was Cook Illinois. Glenbard 87 is presenting the contract with First Student to its Board of Education this evening with the understanding that all districts must approve the contract in order for it to be finalized. Part of the final agreement would include member districts employing a section of the bid documents which state that the performance bond may be waived and the cost reimbursed to contracting districts.

Committee member Buchholz asked if Illinois Central's current bid is less than when First Student had the district's contract six years ago. He is in favor of soliciting bids as a stand-alone district requiring a performance bond from any successful bidder. The committee would like administration to demand First Student honor their bid regardless of whether or not Marquardt District 15 joins the cooperative, including the performance bond.

This information will be presented to the Board of Education for discussion at its April 11, 2016, meeting.

#### **IV. Educational Benefits Cooperative Health Insurance Renewal**

On March 16, 2016, the EBC held its annual renewal meeting. Renewal rates are calculated with claims data from January 1 – December 31, 2015. PPO and HMO large claims (over \$75,000) are removed from an individual district's loss ratio and spread evenly throughout the cooperative. EBC renewal rates are based on PPO, HMO, and dental claims experience and fixed costs for the cooperative as a whole and to a lesser extent individual district claim experience. Each type of plan (PPO, HMO, and dental) undergoes a separate analysis.

District 41's average HMO loss ratio for the renewal calculations was 94.2% resulting in a 0.7% increase, which is slightly higher than the EBC average renewal rate. The EBC Board approved use of 1.5% of working cash to reduce the PPO renewal. Without the release of working cash, the average renewal rate for the PPO would have been 7.1%. With the release of working cash, the average PPO renewal rate was reduced to 5.5%. The district's loss ratio for dental was 83.3% resulting in application of the EBC average rate increase of 1.1% for the renewal.

This report was presented for informational purposes and does not require action by the committee.

#### **V. Staffing Update – continued**

Assistant Superintendent Laurie Campbell reviewed the preliminary Special Education staffing (including self-contained, related services, resource) for 2016-17 based on student enrollment. The current requirements, subject to change, are an increase of 2 additional resource teachers, 1.5 Speech Language Pathologist, and 0.5 Early Childhood Special Education. Administration continues to monitor enrollment and staffing to determine needs.

This report is presented for informational purposes and does not require action at this time by the committee.

#### **VI. Open Items**

#### **VII. Upcoming Meetings**

- a. Monday, April 11, 2016, 6:00 PM

#### **VIII. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM