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MINUTES

GLEN ELLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT 41

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 6, 2013 - 7:30 PM

CENTRAL SERVICES OFFICES
793 NORTH MAIN STREET
GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS

Call to Order

Board President Sam Black called the November 6, 2013 Special Meeting of the Glen Ellyn School District 41 Board of Education to order at 7:34 p.m.

Roll Call

Upon the roll being called, the following members answered present: Patrick Escalante, Dean Elger, Joe Bochenski, Erica Nelson, Drew Ellis and Sam Black. Mr. Kenwood joined the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Electronic Participation

Mr. Black advised that Board members Erica Nelson, Patrick Escalante and John Kenwood were not able to attend the meeting in person due to employment-related obligations. In accordance with District 41 policy, Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Escalante and Mr. Kenwood notified the superintendent's office that they would not be physically present for the board meeting, but would like to participate in the meeting by phone.

Board members Drew Ellis moved and Dean Elger seconded to approve Board members Erica Nelson, Patrick Escalante and John Kenwood's participation by phone in the meeting. On a roll call vote answering "Aye": Elger, Bochenski, Ellis and Black; answering "Nay": None. Motion carried.

Adjourn to Closed Session

At 7:36 p.m. Board members Dean Elger moved and Drew Ellis 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. On a roll call vote answering "Aye": Escalante, Nelson, Elger, Ellis, Bochenski and Black; answering "Nay": None. Motion carried.

Return to Open Session

The Board returned to open session at 8:26 p.m.

Action on an Employment Matter

Board President Sam Black asked for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent regarding the employment status of Ms. Aguilar-McArdle and her return to the classroom on November 11, 2013. Mr. Black noted that this action addresses serious problems which arose over a long period of time regarding Ms. Aguilar-McArdle's being on time to work and following reporting requirements if she

was going to be late. These problems have been fairly resolved and Ms. McArdle must meet certain requirements in order to keep her job.

Board members Dean Elger moved and Drew Ellis seconded to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent regarding the employment status of Ms. Aguilar-McArdle and her return to the classroom on November 11, 2013. On a roll call vote answering "Aye": Elger, Bochenski, Ellis, Nelson, Kenwood, Escalante and Black; answering "Nay": None. Motion carried.

Public Participation

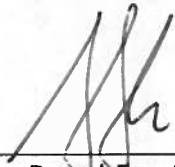
Students and parents spoke on behalf of Hadley teacher, Annissa Aguilar-McArdle noting that she connects with her students and that the positive impact she has had on them outweighs any mistakes she has made. Parents also expressed concern with the manner in which the District handled the disciplinary situation noting that Ms. Aguilar-McArdle was out of the classroom for ten days before parents were made aware, and that parent-teacher conferences with her were ultimately cancelled.

Adjourn Meeting


Board members Joe Bochenski moved and Drew Ellis seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Stecker, Board Recording Secretary



Sam Black, Board President



Dean Elger, Board Secretary

Minutes approved: November 11, 2013