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MINUTES

GLEN ELLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT 41 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 11, 2013 - 7:30 PM

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

Call to Order

Board President Sam Black called the November 11, 2013 Board Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board member John Kenwood led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Upon the roll being called, the following members answered present: Patrick Escalante, John Kenwood, Dean Elger, Joe Bochenski, Erica Nelson, Drew Ellis and Sam Black.

Public Participation

Board President Sam Black reminded members of the audience of the parameters for public participation and asked if there was anyone present who wished to address the Board.

Community member Jeff Cooper questioned the district's rationale for holding school on Veteran's Day and asked what kind of message that it sends to our students. Mr. Cooper also criticized the District expenditures associated with the Board attending the Triple I Conference in Chicago and noted budgeted dollars don't have to be spent and if they are spent it should be on professional development opportunities and not dinner and hotel accommodations.

Parent Kevin Rath said that phase 1 of the District's plan for school additions is not sufficient, particularly at Abraham Lincoln School and that relying on a future referendum could backfire. Mr. Rath asked about the dollars spent on the maintenance of portable classrooms and encouraged the Board to design a plan to eliminate all of the portables.

Recognition

School Board Member Day November 15, 2013: Dr. Paul Gordon presented Board members with Certificates of Recognition in honor of School Board Members Day on November 15 and thanked them for their oversight and guidance through some tough decisions and for their time, energy and commitment to students.

Presentations, Reports and Initiatives

2013 Proposed Property Tax Levy: Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Facilities and Operations Bob Ciserella presented an [overview of the tentative tax levy](#) via PowerPoint presentation. Highlights included:

This year, the CPI is 1.7% and the district is requesting \$45,157,672 which represents approximately \$1,975,349 or a 4.57% increase over last year. The district expects to receive an increase of approximately \$1,051,245 or 2.43%. An individual's property tax bill is determined by the value of his or her property and the District 41 portion of the bill may change by some other percentage. The tax cap allows an increase over the previous year's dollars of 5% or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is less-for this year's levy, the CPI is 1.7%; taxes on new construction provide additional dollars. Due to the timeline school districts must comply with, the tax levy must be set before certain factors in the calculation are known. If the district submits a levy that is in excess of what the cap allows, the county clerk will adjust the levy; if the district levies less, that levy will stand. For those reasons, District 41 requests something more than what it expects to receive, knowing that the request will be adjusted.

The Board will have an opportunity to discuss the proposed levy further at its November 25, 2013 and December 9, 2013 Board meetings.

Action Items

A. Consent Agenda: *Board members Drew Ellis moved and Dean Elger seconded to approve the reports and recommendations contained in the Consent Agenda which included:*

1. Human Resources
 - a. Personnel Report
 1. Employment Recommendations
2. Other Matters
 - a. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
 1. October 28, 2013 Regular Meeting
 2. October 28, 2013 Regular Meeting-Closed Session
 3. November 6, 2013 Special Meeting
 4. November 6, 2013 Special Meeting-Closed Session

On a roll call vote answering "Aye": Kenwood, Elger, Bochenski, Nelson, Ellis, Escalante and Black; answering "Nay": None. Motion carried.

B. Superintendent's Recommendations

1. Truth and Taxation Act Resolution: The administration is recommending that the Board approve the Truth and Taxation Act Resolution on the 2013 proposed property tax levy and to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Board of Education to publish or cause to be published notice of the public hearing in accordance with the Truth in Taxation Act.

Board members Erica Nelson moved and Drew Ellis seconded to approve the administration's recommendation as presented. On a roll call vote answering "Aye": Escalante, Nelson, Elger, Ellis, Bochenski, Kenwood and Black; answering "Nay": None. Motion carried.

2. Establish Date and Time for Truth in Taxation Hearing: The administration is recommending that December 9, 2013, 7:15 p.m. be established as the date and time for the Truth in Taxation Hearing on the 2013 Proposed Property Tax Levy. The hearing will be held at the Central Services Office, 793 North Main Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, 60137.

Board members Bochenski moved and Elger seconded to approve the administration's recommendation as presented. On a roll call vote answering "Aye": Elger, Bochenski, Ellis, Nelson, Kenwood, Escalante and Black; answering "Nay": None. Motion carried.

3. 2014 Elementary School Facility Planning: Since July 17th the Board has been discussing a proposal to add four classrooms to each elementary school, along with some related improvements. This work is depicted by the schematics and other supporting documentation the Board reviewed at its October 28th meeting. The administration is recommending that the Board approve going out for bid on that work. This action would approve the bid process for the work at Benjamin Franklin and Abraham Lincoln schools anticipated for the summer of 2014; this

action would also approve the future bid process for the work at Churchill and Forest Glen schools anticipated for the summer of 2015

Mr. Kenwood reiterated his concern with the plan as he stated at the last board meeting noting that it does not address the infrastructure and his reluctance to support phase 1 of the plan beyond the bid process. Specifically he noted his interest in a more long range solution and expressed concern about pursuing a partial facilities solution in advance of a referendum. The Board discussed how phase 1 and phase 2 of the plan fit together and if the referendum were to fail, would the District be able to retrofit or right size the buildings to accommodate the educational programs (i.e. full day kindergarten). The Board noted the importance getting the community involved in a parallel conversation about phase 2. The Board requested that a facility workshop be scheduled for continued discussion on the matter.

Board members Escalante moved and Nelson seconded to approve the administration's recommendation as presented. On a roll call vote answering "Aye": Bochenski, Ellis, Nelson, Kenwood, Escalante, Elger and Black; answering "Nay": None. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Paul Gordon reported on the following matters:

- A. Enrollment Report: Mr. Black asked for that the right sizing for each of the schools to be included with the next enrollment update.
- B. Hadley Bed Bugs: Dr. Gordon provided an update on the resolution of the bed bug issues at Hadley, thanking the Board for approving the costs associated with the emergency, as well as Hadley staff the Buildings and Grounds Department, custodians, and the administration for their professionalism, noting it was truly a team effort. The Board praised the staff for its outstanding communication throughout the process.

Board Reports

- A. Board Committee Reports: Chairman Drew Ellis reported on the Finance Committee meeting held earlier in the evening which included discussion on the 2013 tentative tax levy and the contract extension for electric services with Integrys Energy Services.
- B. Board Secretary Dean Elger reported on his attendance at the IASB Fall dinner meeting with Erica Nelson. Mr. Elger said that he had an opportunity to tour the WA Johnson School in Bensenville; a school designed for 21st century learnings and noted that the visit affirmed the direction District 41 is taking. Mrs. Nelson talked about the keynote speaker's presentation on digital learning and social media with respect to communication and noted that Board President Sam Black and Dean Elger were recognized for their professional development achievements; Sam Black for Level 1 Master Board member status and Dean Elger for the Leadership Workshop achievement.

Discussion Items

- A. IASB Resolutions Committee: Mrs. Nelson provided the Board with a summary of recommendations on resolutions that will be heard by the IASB Resolutions Committee this November during the Triple I Conference. The Board affirmed its support of Mrs. Nelson's recommendations and of her appointment as D41's IASB delegate.

Upcoming Meetings

- A. November 25, 2013 Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Central Services Office
- B. December 9, 2013 Public Hearing on the Tax Levy and Regular Meeting 7:15 p.m., Central Services Office

Other

There were no other matters considered by the Board.

Public Participation

There was no public participation at this time.

Adjourn to Closed Session

At 8:46 p.m. Board members Bochenski moved and 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": Nelson, Escalante, Bochenski, Kenwood, Ellis, Elger and Black; answering "Nay": None. Motion carried.

Return to Open Session

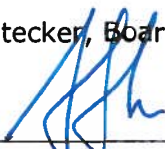
The Board returned to open session at 8:58 p.m.

Adjournment

Board members John Kenwood moved and Drew Ellis seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 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 25, 2013

**Glen Ellyn School District #41
Board Report**

Date: November 11, 2013

Title: Personnel Report -Final

Contact: Laurie Campbell, Director of Human Resources

Long-Range Plan Focus: The recommendations contained in this Personnel Report support Goal #2, Development of Human Capital, of the Superintendent's Long-Range Plan.

Employment Recommendations:

Name	School	Position	Placement/Salary	Effective Date
Gabriella Gallardo	Churchill	Lunchroom/Playground Supervisor Sub	\$20.00 per hour	November 18, 2013
Lisa Stuebner	Hadley	Special Ed Aide	\$11.50 per hour/ \$11,334.71	November 11, 2013

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board accept the actions included in this Personnel Report as presented.

TRUTH IN TAXATION ACT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Glen Ellyn Public School District Number 41, DuPage County, Illinois, pursuant to the Truth in Taxation Act, is required to determine the amount of money, exclusive of debt service, public building commission leases and election costs, estimated to be necessary to be raised by taxation for the year 2013 and to give notice of and hold a public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of Glen Ellyn Public School District Number 41, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: That the Board hereby determines that the proposed aggregate levy, exclusive of debt service, public building commission leases and election costs, estimated to be necessary to be raised by taxation for the year 2013 upon the taxable property in the District is \$42,287,000.

Section 2: That the amount of property taxes, exclusive of debt service, public building commission leases and election costs, extended or abated on behalf of the District for the year 2012 was \$40,313,576.

Section 3: That the foregoing proposed estimated aggregate levy for the year 2013 represents an increase of 4.9% over the foregoing taxes extended or abated for the year 2012.

Section 4: That the Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to publish or cause to be published a notice of public hearing, substantially in the form below in accordance with the Truth in Taxation Act.

Section 5: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE
FOR GLEN ELLYN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 41**

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for School District Number 41, DuPage County, Illinois, for the year 2013 will be held on December 9, 2013, at 7:15 p.m. at the Central Services Office, 793 North Main St. Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. Paul Gordon, Superintendent, or Robert J. Ciserella, Assistant Superintendent for FFO, Glen Ellyn Elementary School District Number 41, 793 North Main Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137, (630) 534-7220.

- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for the year 2012 were \$43,182,323.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for the year 2013 are \$45,157,672. This represents a 4.57% increase over the previous year.

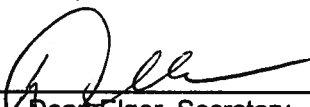
- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for the year 2012 were \$2,868,747.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for the year 2013 are \$2,870,672. This represents a .07% increase over the previous year.

- IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for the year 2012 were \$43,182,323.

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By order of the Board of Education, School District 41, DuPage County, November 11, 2013:



Dean Elger, Secretary
School District 41 Board of Education

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- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for the year 2012 were \$2,868,747 as a result of a property tax debt service abatement.

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By order of the Board of Education, Elementary School District
41, DuPage County:

Dean Elger, Secretary

Note: Shaded/bold section numbers represent instruction held in portables

11/1/2013

Abraham Lincoln

											AEC	Total	10/07/13
Level 1/Kdg	23	21	22	22								88	90
Level 1/G1	24	23	23	22								92	91
Level 2/G2	20	20	21	19	19							99	99
Level 2/G3	21	22	24	22	22							111	111
Level 3 /G4/Sci	19	27	27	21									
Level 3/G4/Math	21	22	19	21							5	88	90
Level 3 /G5/Sci	21	24	25	27									
Level 3/G5/Math	24	22	27	22							8	103	103
Level 3 Lit	26	22	22	23	25	24	26	23					
Total Students at Abraham Lincoln												581	584

Benjamin Franklin

										SC SpEd*	AEC	Total	10/07/13
Level 1/Kdg	22	23	24							4		73	72
Level 1/G1	24	22	25	22						3		96	96
Level 2/G2	22	22	22	23						6		95	95
Level 2/G3	21	18	21	19						6		85	85
Level 3 /G4/Sci	26	29	27	29									
Level 3/G4/Math	26	18	27	28						2	16	117	113
Level 3 /G5/Sci	29	26	29	29									
Level 3/G5/Math	19	26	18	27						4	21	115	115
Level 3 Lit	27	28	28	27	28	28	27	28					
Total Students at Benjamin Franklin												581	576

* Unduplicated count

Churchill

											AEC	Total	10/07/13
Pre K (Bilingual)	19	19										38	38
Level 1/Kdg	22	23	21	22	21							109	108
Level 1/G1	22	22	19	21	23							107	107
Level 2/G2	17	19	19	19	21	16						111	110
Level 2/G3	22	17	19	23								81	81
Level 3 /G4/Sci	25	20	21	21	20								
Level 3/G4/Math	25	16	16	21	18						15	111	111
Level 3 /G5/Sci	22	21	22	23	22								
Level 3/G5/Math	20	18	16	22	19						11	106	105
Level 3 Lit	21	23	22	23	21	20	21	22	22	22			
Total Students at Churchill												663	660

Bilingual and Dual Lang sections in italics

Forest Glen

											AEC	Total	10/07/13
EC Self Contained	16											16	15
EC Structured	5											5	5
EC Blended	17	19	19	18								73	74
Level 1/Kdg	20	22	18									60	62
Level 1/G1	20	22	20	21								83	81
Level 2/G2	17	18	17	17								69	68
Level 2/G3	21	20	23	19								83	84
Level 3 /G4/Sci	24	22	24	21									
Level 3/G4/Math	24	15	24	13							15	91	92
Level 3 /G5/Sci	29	30	28										
Level 3/G5/Math	23	24	28								12	87	87
Level 3 Lit	26	23	28	23	26	24	27						
Total Students at Forest Glen												567	568

Hadley Jr. High

		SCSpEd	Total	10/07/13
Gr 6	370	8	378	378
Gr 7	400	11	411	412
Gr 8	386	18	404	405
Total Students at Hadley Jr High			1193	1195

Portables are used for 7/8 Math & Social Studies

District Totals

	Current	10/7/13
PreK/EC	132	132
Level 1/Kdg	330	332
Level 1/G1	378	375
Level 2/G2	374	372
Level 2/G3	360	361
Level 3 /G4	407	406
Level 3/ G5	411	410
Gr 6	378	378
Gr 7	411	412
Gr 8	404	405
Grand Total	3585	3583

New Resolutions, Amendments to Existing Positions, Reaffirmation of Existing Positions and Current Positions to be Reviewed for IASB November 2013 Meeting

ID	Subject of Resolution	Submitted By	Brief Description	Recommendation		Vote Result	Vote Description
				Res. Comm.	D41 Rep.		
New Resolutions							
1	Charter Schools Reimbursement	Sauk Village CCSD 168	Require IL Charter Schools to refund and/or return state funding received for enrollment of a child when it leaves or no longer enrolled at the Charter School.	N	N This is cov'd in Resolution 13 – with a "RECOMMEND" from IASB		
2	Pension - Normal Cost Shift	WW CUSD 200	Do not support a cost shift to local districts as a solution to the state of IL pension crisis.	Y	Y		
3	Virtual Charter Schools	WW CUSD 200	One of thee Charter Schools Resolutions submitted. This is a combined resolution agreed to by the submitting district. Charter School Commission to develop to ensure to follow the intent of current IL law prohibiting use of public funds for profit-driven educational firms.	Y	Y		
4	Funding Education with County Fines	Lake Villa CCSD 41	Require County Clerks of each county to establish an Education Fund to distribute fines/assessments to every school district equally. Also, authorize higher assessments for violation in sch. zones.	N	N		
5	Attorney General Monitoring	Woodland CCSD 50	IASB shall monitor monthly the AG website and notify monthly in writing all member school districts of binding orders.	N Submitted 2012 "N"	N		
6	School Board Member Discipline	New Lenox SD 122	State of IL develop laws, rules, etc. that all BOE members follow or face discip. Action	N	N		

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7	Transportation Reimbursement Changes	Mercer County SD 404	Change the distance of 1 and 1.5 miles or more to miles aligned with different geographic size for school transportation.	N	N		
8	Mandate Cost and Review	GE SD 41 Naperville SD 203	Strengthen the IL State Mandates Act for ISBE to provide timely info. on the cost of mandates incl. input from local BOE's.	Y	Y		
9	School Board Election Authority	New Lenox SD 122	Change the requirement of a school electoral board to serve as hearing officer regarding an objector's petition to the county clerk and two designated employees.	N	N HB 2418 signed on July 29, 2013 that removes the removed election auth. Duties from school board to county clerk's office.		

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Amendments to Existing Positions

10	Position Statem. 1.06 Preschool Programs	Alton CUSD 11	Include preschool students in school district's Average Daily Attendance to provide dependable funding for preschool education.	N	N	
11	Position Statem. 1.03 PE	Dunlap CUSD 323	Modification for students in grades 9-10 involved in non-varsity and varsity sports should have the same exemption as those in gr 11-12	Y	Y Does not impact D41 directly	
12	Position Statem. 1.02 Curricular Material	Geneseo CUSD 228	Support the right for school boards to determine its curricular content incl. opposing mandated curriculum that comes from the Common Core Standards.	Y	Y	
13	Pos. Statem. 2.27 Charter Schools	Wdind CUSD 50 WW CUSD 200 Saulk VIII. 168	State funding levels for Charter Schools to limit withholding of State funds from <u>host</u> school districts proportionately based on per pupil expenditures; require proof of cont. enrollment and attendance.	Y	Y	
14	Position Statem. 2.03 Mandated Programs	Wdl. CUSD 50	Require state leg. To comply with Stare Mandates Act; curtail unfunded mandates; sunset educa. mandates if sufficient funding is not provided.	Y	Y Aligns with GE D41 / Nap. SD 203	
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Reaffirmation of Existing Positions

Prevailing Wage Act (5.05) recommended to be reaffirmed by the Resolutions Committee.

Current Positions

Position Statements listed beginning on page 17-32 remain active by the Resolutions Committee.