

**Glen Ellyn School District 41**

Dr. Ann K. Riebock, Superintendent

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

**SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 14, 2011 – 7 P.M.**

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

Call to Order

President Steve Vondrak called the Special Meeting of the Glen Ellyn School District 41 to order at 7:06 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Bob Solak led in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Upon the roll being called, the following members answered present: Drew Ellis, Erica Nelson, Dan Smith, Terra Howard, Bob Solak and Steve Vondrak. John Kenwood joined the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Public Participation

There were no members of the public present who wished to address the Board.

Master Facility Plan (MFP): Next Steps

- A. Review of the MFP recommendations: Board members reviewed the PowerPoint previously presented, outlining the Finance Committee's MFP recommendations and had no questions about items in the presentation.
- B. Discussion of Spalding as a Viable Solution for a Pre-K – 5 Elementary School: Among the three options for consideration in constructing a new building, Spalding was discussed relative to the pros and cons of the site for a four-section elementary building. The pros included it was a parcel of land already owned by the school district and may serve a population of students that currently are bused to other schools. The disadvantage to the Spalding site is its size and the fact that no sidewalks lead to the school. The lack of sidewalks likely would make every student eligible for transportation, resulting in a large number of buses traveling through the neighborhood and to the small site. The Board determined the Spalding option was not a desirable location but, in the end, may be the only location that is viable.

- C. Discussion of Larger Land Parcels for Consideration (Pre-K – 5 or Junior High): The Board concurred that exploration of other possible, larger parcels of land should be pursued. It determined that the criteria for the search should include parcels that are eight plus acres in size, should not be primarily residential, and should have a limited number of property owners. What the property owner currently pays in property taxes should also be a consideration.
- D. Funding Potential for Land Purchases:
- Large Parcel: The Board deferred this discussion until such time a parcel is identified and the Board that is sitting at that time has the authority to make the decision.
 - Small Parcels Surrounding Existing Schools: The Board remains open to purchasing smaller pieces of property that are contiguous to existing schools that may create more green space or other opportunities for expansion of the school sites. The Administration will develop a long-term strategy for small parcel acquisition as part of the Master Facility Plan.
- E. Next Steps Prior to April 11, 2011 Meeting: Report on research related to working with a realtor to identify large parcels of land.
- F. April 11 Agenda Items:
- Demographic Study Consideration
 - Process for Determining Decision-making and Stakeholder Engagement

Adjourn to Closed Session

At 8:35 p.m. Mr. Kenwood moved and Mr. Smith 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": Solak, Ellis, Smith, Kenwood, Nelson, Howard and Vondrak; answering "Nay": None. Motion carried.

Return to Open Session

The Board returned to open session at 9:09 p.m.

Adjournment

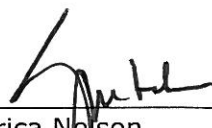
Mr. Ellis moved and Mr. Kenwood seconded to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Education at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Stecker, Recording Secretary



Steve Vondrak
President, Board of Education



Erica Nelson
Secretary, Board of Education

Minutes approved: March 21, 2011