



Glen Ellyn School District 41

A K-8 district serving parts of Carol Stream, Glendale Heights, Glen Ellyn, Lombard and Wheaton

Dr. Ann K. Riebock, Superintendent

**AMENDED MINUTES
GLEN ELLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT 41
PUBLIC HEARING
AND
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

**MAY 13, 2013
7:15 PM**

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SCHOOL
350 BRYANT AVENUE
GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS**

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2013 AMENDED BUDGET

Call to Order

The Public Hearing on the 2013 Amended Budget was opened at 7:15 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Public Testimony

Board President Sam Black stated that the 2013 Amended Budget in tentative form was made available on April 9, 2013 and notice of its availability and of the public hearing was published on April 11, 2013 in GateHouse Media Suburban Newspapers (d/b/a Suburban Life Publications), a newspaper of general circulation in DuPage County covering the communities of Glen Ellyn, Wheaton, Carol Stream, Lombard and Glendale Heights Mr. Black noted that to date, District officials have not received any comments regarding the 2013 amended budget and he asked if there were any members of the public who wished to provide testimony. Hearing none, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:17 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Kenwood led in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Presentations, Reports and Initiative Updates

A. Benjamin Franklin School Presentation: Led by Principal, Kirk Samples, Benjamin Franklin staff and students gave a presentation on the school's efforts this year to shift more instruction to a **Problem Based Learning (PBL)** structure, in which students work in groups to investigate authentic real-world issues and find real-world solutions. In PBL, various subjects are integrated, for example science, math and social studies, and students have opportunities to develop their District 41 Learner Characteristics. Among the projects Benjamin Franklin shared with the Board were the first grade plant project in which students looked at the impact on plant growth of water, sunlight and soil; the second grade work around communities in which students created 3-D depictions of urban, suburban and rural areas; the third grade entrepreneur unit and arcade project; the fourth grade project on the Emerald Ash Borer; and the fifth grade weather investigation.

Public Participation

A number of students, parents and teachers asked the Board to reconsider its decision to remove the book, "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" from Hadley.

- Students (Olivia Mullenax, Nicole Clapp, Cate Fanning, Maddie Howard, Loretta Olson Zainine and Brody Fanning) further requested a decision from the Board before Hadley graduation.
- Parent, Tracey Clapp encouraged the Board to remove the ban on Perks and noted that a more appropriate action would be for parents to share their reading choices with their students. She further noted that the process should require that Board members read the book.
- Parent Sarah Mical encouraged the Board to remove the ban as well noting that no book should be banned.
- Resident and former parent and Board member Willie DiFabio noted that it is not necessarily an issue of censorship, but rather an issue of trust. The students are responsible and we should trust their decisions about what they are reading. We should trust the teachers as role models.
- Parent and former Board member Terra Howard noted that in re-examining the District's reconsideration policy, perhaps age appropriate should be replaced with educationally appropriate. Mrs. Howard further noted that she is confident that the Board, superintendent and staff will re-examine the policy and take the appropriate steps to find resolution of this matter.
- Teacher Kelly Coleman cited excerpts from the American Library Association and said that she supported its beliefs including the affirmation that it is in the public's interest to make available the widest amount of reading materials; the opposition of prejudicial labeling and a rating system that violates a person's constitutional rights. Ms. Coleman asked that the ban be lifted and that no labeling system be implemented.
- Teacher Lynn Bruno complimented the students and thanked them for the respectful and articulate manner in which they voiced their opinions and beliefs. She further noted that their behavior represents the core of the Think Tank initiative and problem based learning. Ms. Bruno urged the Board to honor their request for a decision before Hadley graduation.

Dr. Riebock expressed appreciation for all the comments, particularly the students. Dr. Riebock noted that while the Board and administration will work on this issue to find a solution she is not certain the May 28 deadline can be met.

Mr. Kenwood suggested and Mr. Elger concurred, that if needed, a special meeting should be scheduled in order to resolve this issue by the deadline.

- Resident Jeff Cooper said that he appreciated Board member Joe Bochenski's response to his request regarding the District's check register and credit card statement and said that it is his understanding that these matters will be discussed on May 28 by the Finance Committee. Mr. Cooper also asked for more information on the 2012-2016 Teachers Contract and noted his disappointment in not having had an opportunity to meet with Mrs. Nelson and invited Board member Sam Black to meet with him.

Presentations, Reports and Initiative Updates

- B. PE Curriculum: Elementary physical education teachers Kerry Norton and Gay Murray presented the work the Elementary PE Committee has done on its curriculum to transition to a fitness-based approach that focuses on muscular strength and endurance, cardio/respiratory endurance, nutrition, teamwork and flexibility. The curriculum also aligns with the District 41 Learner Characteristics. The way PE is taught today helps all children be engaged and enthusiastic around improving their fitness levels cooperatively and safely. The elementary PE teachers will continue working with those at Hadley to ensure alignment, and to work with the STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts and math) Committee to develop integrated lessons.
- C. Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee Presentation and Recommendation: Hadley Assistant Principal Matt Adelman and teacher David King gave a PowerPoint presentation on the work of the Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee and the recommendations that were developed around school safety. The recommendations include safety education for all staff; safety drills that focus on training schools to respond to incidents that occur at lunch, recess and before or after school; examining more partnership opportunities with the police department; addressing safety issues related to facilities planning; after-hours building entry protocol; and Internet safety education.

The committee also had recommendations specifically related to Hadley:

- Student-created public service announcements related to safety and social media; explicit protocol for students who are bullying victims or bystanders; and enhanced opportunities for education around cyber bullying for staff, students and parents
- Re-establishing a homeroom connection to ensure that every student has an adult "go to"
- Hold afterschool programs to familiarize students with the many extra-curricular clubs and activities, similar to that which occurs at Glenbard West.

The Board discussed different scenarios and asked whether there is data that supports the notion that adding drills would enhance safety. Dr. Riebock said that perhaps more is not the appropriate word in the drill recommendation and that perhaps it should be focused on different scenarios before/after school, lunch and recess.

(Attachment)

Action Items

- A. Consent Agenda: Mr. Black asked if there were any items Board members would like removed from the consent agenda to be considered separately. Hearing none,

Board members Drew Ellis moved and Erica Nelson seconded to approve the reports and recommendations contained in the consent agenda which included:

1. *Human Resources*
 - a) *Personnel Report*
 - 1) *Employment Recommendations*
 - 2) *Resignations*
 - 3) *Other Matters*
 - a) *Board Meeting Minutes*
 - 1) *May 6, 2013 Special Meeting*

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

B. Superintendent's Recommendations

1. **2013 Amended Budget:** The public hearing on the 2013 Amended Budget preceded the Board meeting. The Administration recommended that the Board of Education approve an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget that puts the budget in compliance with the limit on administrative costs. The attached amendment moves copier expenses to the technology services function and adjusts revenues and expenditures to actual figures.

(Attachment)

Board members Drew Ellis moved and Joe Bochenski seconded to approve the 2013 Amended Budget as presented. On a roll call vote answering "Aye": Nelson, Elger, Ellis, Bochenski, Kenwood, Escalante and Black; answering "Nay": None. Motion carried.

2. **Copier Paper Bid Results:** The administration recommended that the Board of Education approve the low copier paper bid from Unisource for 1824 cases at \$26.20 for a total cost of \$47,788.80.

Board members Joe Bochenski moved and Erica 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.

3. **Elementary LMC and Classroom Laptop Refresh:** The Administration recommended that the Board of Education approve the acquisition of 1800 HP 6470b laptops from Tiger Direct through a three-year fair market value lease with American Capital Leasing. The approximate annual cost of the lease will be \$377,487. The administration further recommended that the Board approve a three-year lease of 150 iPads. The approximate annual cost of the lease is \$27,222.73 for a total cost over the course of the lease of approximately \$81,668.19.

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

4. **2013 Classroom Furniture Bid Results:** The administration recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of furniture for 32, 21st century classrooms at an approximate cost of \$213,237.08; the purchase of STEAM equipment at an approximate cost of \$77,964.87; the purchase of furniture for the Hadley LMC at an approximate cost of \$135,963.43 and miscellaneous purchases of approximately \$12,522.68 for a total cost of \$439,688.06.

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

5. **2013 Summer Painting Project:** The administration recommended that the Board of Education approve the bid from Bill's Painting Co. Inc. in the amount of \$118,580 for the interior painting of Hadley Junior.

Board members Joe Bochenski moved and Patrick Escalante seconded to approve the Administration's recommendation as presented. On a roll call vote answering "Aye": Bochenski, Ellis, Escalante, Elger, Nelson and Black; answering "Nay": Kenwood. Motion carried.

6. **2012-2013 Final School Calendar-Declaration of the Last Day of School:** The Administration recommended that the Board of Education approve the final 2012-2013 school calendar designating Thursday, May 30, 2013 as the last attendance day for eighth grade students and students in half-day programs (Kindergarten, Pre-Kindergarten and Early Childhood); Friday,

May 31, 2013 as the last attendance day for students in grades 1 through 7 with a noon dismissal; and, Monday, June 3, 2013 as the last teacher work day. Hadley Graduation is Thursday, May 30, 2013, 7:30 p.m. at Glenbard West High School. The District's end-of-year recognition activities will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, from 4:00-6:30 p.m. at Glendale Lakes Golf Club in Glendale Heights.

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

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Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Ann Riebock reported on the following items:

- Enrollment remains fairly stable
- Based on a request made by a member of the public, the reinstatement of the fulltime assistant principals at the elementary schools will be placed on the May 28, 2013 Board agenda for Board discussion.
- Assignments for the three remaining PTA meetings
 - Executive Council, May 15: Erica Nelson
 - Abraham Lincoln, May 16: Joe Bochenski
 - Churchill, May 16: Dean Elger

Mr. Bochenski asked for Kindergarten numbers for next year; Mr. Black noted the number of students in portable classrooms.

Board Reports

A. Board Committee Reports

1. Mr. Black reported on the following:
 - Attended the April 30 Spring Band Concert and congratulated the music department on a great job.
 - Policy Committee met on May 1 and reviewed Section I. It is tentatively scheduled to go to the Board for a first reading on May 28. The Committee also finalized its Board Policy Process Map, a guideline for reviewing the District's Board policies and procedures.
 - Mr. Black asked for feedback on the following recommendations for the 2013-15 Board Committee and liaison assignments.
 - - Policy Committee: Sam Black (Chair), Dean Elger
 - Finance & Facilities Committee: Drew Ellis (Chair), Joe Bochenski, Patrick Escalante
 - Team 21: Erica Nelson
 - CIT: Sam Black
 - PEP: Drew Ellis
 - IASB Delegate (to be formally appointed in the fall): Patrick Escalante
 - LEND: Erica Nelson
 - Supplemental Pay Committee: Erica Nelson

Mr. Kenwood inquired about the formation of additional committees (ad hoc, etc.) Mr. Black recommended having a goal-setting workshop prior to that discussion.

2. Mrs. Nelson reported on the following:
 - Powerful Outstanding Women (POW) Conference, a PTA sponsored event at Hadley and gave special thanks to the PTA, Hillary Shumate and other Hadley staff members for their contributions.
 - LEND Pension Reform. The next meeting is Friday, May 17. Mrs. Nelson will attend and provide Board members with an update.

Discussion

- A. Bid Results for Lunchroom Pocket Tables at Franklin and Churchill: The Board reviewed the Administration's proposal to purchase new lunchroom pocket tables for Benjamin Franklin and Churchill schools. Churchill and Franklin schools requested to go to one lunch period for the coming school year which will necessitate the need to replace/expand the existing wall mounted pocket cafeteria tables.

A school furniture bid was published on March 28, 2013, for an April 12, 2013 opening. Four bid packets were released to vendors and three packets were returned. Below is a summary of the bid results:

Vendor	Name of Manufacturer	Cost
Lowery McDonald	Palmer Hamilton	\$90,552
School Specialty	Palmer Hamilton	\$98,945
Carroll Seating	Mitchell	\$107,155

There will be additional staffing costs associated with implementing the single lunch period as one additional serving line will be required during serving time. These costs will be presented as part of the updated Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Marquardt District 15. Equipment for an additional serving line will be required at each of the schools for an approximate cost of \$2,500 per serving line.

The administration is recommending Board approval of the low bid for \$90,552 from Lowery McDonald and expects to take action on the matter at its May 28, 2013 meeting.

The Board discussed the impetus for this recommendation and how this change will affect class transitions.

- B. Elementary Physical Education Technology Recommendation: The Board discussed the administration's recommendation to approve the purchase of an audio and video system to support and enhance elementary physical education instruction by providing a large display screen for visual aids and demonstrating skills and techniques while teachers are working with students. The system will also be used for all-school events and professional development activities. This same projection system was installed at the Churchill school last year and is used often and effectively for the aforementioned purposes.

This recommendation includes five projection systems; Benjamin Franklin will receive one system and Abraham Lincoln and Forest Glen will receive two systems, one for each gym. This price includes installation costs and the implementation of this proposal will occur in two phases: the video equipment summer of 2013 and the audio equipment summer of 2014.

The administration is recommending Board approval of the purchase audio and video materials and installation costs from Chicago Office Technology Group for a total cost of \$58,175 (5 systems at \$11,635 each) and expects to take action on the matter at its May 28, 2013 meeting.

The Board discussed the initial and associated costs and how it might be used by the community and intergovernmental groups.

Upcoming Meetings

- A. May 28, 2013 Regular Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Central Services Office
 B. June 10, 2013 Regular Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Central Services Office
 C. June 24, 2013 Regular Board Meeting, 7:30 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 9:20 p.m. Board members John Kenwood moved and Drew Ellis seconded to adjourn to closed session to discuss the following matters:

- A. 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, Bochenski, Kenwood, Escalante, Elger, Ellis and Black; answering "Nay": None. Motion carried.

Return to Open Session

The Board returned to open session at 10:01 p.m.

Adjournment


Board members Erica Nelson moved and Joe Bochenski seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:01. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Stecker, Board Recording Secretary



Sam Black, Board President



Dean Elger, Board Secretary

Minutes approved: May 28, 2013