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**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**AUGUST 10, 2015
6:30 p.m.
CENTRAL SERVICES OFFICE
793 NORTH MAIN STREET
GLEN ELLYN, IL 60137**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Present: Committee members Kurt Buchholz, Patrick Escalante, Joe Bochenski, Board members Drew Ellis, Stephanie Clark, Superintendent Paul Gordon, Assistant Superintendents Bob Ciserella and Laurie Campbell, Karen Carlson Jack Hayes of FQC, Chief Communication Officer Erika Krehbiel and Recording Secretary Carolyn Gust.

Review and approval of minutes from the June 8, 2015, meeting

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

FQC Construction Budget Update

Mr. Hayes presented the construction update. At Franklin site paving and restoration work was completed. The only outstanding work item at Franklin that remains is final landscaping. Lincoln punch list items were completed and project close-out documentation are in progress. At Forest Glen all final interior finishes and MEP trim was completed. Removal of the portables occurred allowing final site grading and restoration. Final landscaping is complete. This job is substantially complete and has passed ROE occupancy inspection. The addition is available for move-in and punch list work is ongoing.

The project schedule for Churchill is a few days ahead of schedule pending some final millwork items. Final finishes and MEP trim are ongoing with site concrete and temporary egress paths being installed prior to August 17. A large portion of the north field greenspace has been turned over to the school to allow for both hard and soft play areas for the 2015-16 school year. Churchill will be substantially complete and ready for teacher move-in on August 17 as scheduled. Removal of the portable classrooms was accomplished as well as selective demolition to accommodate the Phase 3 work. Site utilities work is just underway.

The interior renovation work at the Lincoln LMC was constructed and is substantially complete. Furniture move-in is taking place and final punch list items are in progress.

TRS Compensation for Administrators

Ms. Campbell presented the background on TRS and THIS. The Illinois General Assembly created Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) of the State of Illinois in 1939 for the purpose of providing retirement benefits for educators employed in public schools outside of the city of Chicago.

Employee groups required to participate are:

- Teacher (as defined by TRS) - Teachers who are certified under the provision of the Illinois School Code, employed in Illinois public common schools located outside the city of Chicago, and employed in positions requiring certification by the Illinois State Board of Education are members of TRS. The law was revised in 2013 to establish that a teacher is deemed to be certified if required to be licensed by the Illinois State Board of Education. On July 1, 2013, Illinois implemented a new system of educator licensure that replaced the previous system of educator certification

District 41 employees covered by TRS include all certified staff who are licensed by the Illinois State Board of Education and are working in a position designated by TRS (i.e. teacher, social worker, school psychologist, substitute teacher, principal, assistant principal, director, superintendent, etc.) Staff working in positions designated by TRS must contribute to the pension system and are not covered by Social Security. Any D41 staff member who is not part of TRS would be covered by the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) as long as they work at least 600 hours per year.

The member contribution rate is currently 9.4%. Member contributions can be managed in two different ways: a salary reduction plan or salary schedule add-on method. D41 is required to pay the employer contribution for all staff enrolled in TRS. Currently the employer contribution rate is 0.58%. The state provides funding for TRS as a part of the state's annual budget and TRS investments are managed by TRS.

Starting July 1, 1995, all active TRS members are required to make contributions to the Teachers Health Insurance Security Fund (TRIP). TRIP is a comprehensive program of quality healthcare coverage for retired teachers and their eligible dependents. TRS's role is to provide members with basic coverage information, enroll them in the program, and collect the appropriate premiums.

Board members were encouraged to e-mail Ms. Campbell with suggestions for comparable districts in the area to look at with regard to the districts' payment of administrators' full TRS contribution. Ms. Campbell will look into as many districts as time allows and report results back to the committee.

STEMScopes Curriculum

Ms. Carlson will present this information to the full board at the meeting this evening. In the interest of time, discussion was not held on this topic.

This information will be presented to the Board of Education for discussion later this evening and for approval at the August 24, 2015, meeting.

Churchill Classroom Addition to Replace Remaining Portables – Revised Award Recommendation

On February 23, 2015, the Board of Education approved a second, four-classroom addition at Churchill School to replace the remaining portables. On May 21, 2015, FQC, district construction manager, received a total of twenty bid packages from seventy-nine contractors on behalf of Glen Ellyn School District 41 to support this work. At the June 8,

2015 board meeting the Board of Education approved the recommendations made by FQC relative to the Churchill construction. After contract review by FQC with American Grading, Inc. (American) of Schaumburg, Illinois, American Grading determined they could not meet the specifications as required per their original bid.

FGC has met with the second lowest qualified bidder (Bisbing Construction Co. Inc.) and they have agreed to complete BP #1-31 Earthwork in the amount of \$306,545. This represents an increase in the amount of \$17,406 from the original work, but still within the originally budgeted amount.

This information will be presented to the Board of Education for discussion and approval at the meeting later this evening.

Open Items

None

Other

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Gust
Recording Secretary