GLENDALE-RIVER HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
April 22, 2014

The meeting of the Glendale-River Hills Board of Education was called to order by President Bob Roska at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, in the Glen Hills Middle School Library. Others present: Jean Pereles-Strouse, Vice President; Bryan Kennedy, Clerk and Andrew Franklin, Assistant Clerk. Theresa Seem was absent due to travel.

Others present: Larry Smalley, district administrator, Jim Beckmann, operations manager, Shannon Kilton, Parkway principal, Haydee Smith, Glen Hills principal, staff members, students and community members.

Mr. Roska requested that all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Roska asked for consent approval of the Agenda, Minutes and Financial Reports.

It was moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Pereles-Strouse, to approve the Agenda, the Minutes of the 3-17-14 Regular Board meeting, the 3-4-14 and 3-31-14 Finance/Personnel Committee meetings and the 3-17-14 Policy Committee meeting, and the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending 3-31-14 and Accounts Payable for the month ending 3-31-14, as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Mr. Roska read the District mission statement and each Board member read a District belief statement.

Mrs. Murali, gifted and talented teacher, introduced the students who gave their Project Citizen presentation. Their project involved a proposal to increase after-school co-curricular offerings to increase student activity.

Mr. Smalley distributed two budget sheets showing projections for the next five school years. One sheet showed figures assuming an operating referendum does not pass in 2014/15, and one sheet showed figures assuming an operating referendum ($4,900,000.00) does pass in 2014/15.

Mr. Smalley stated that he received a letter of resignation from Ms. Meghan Watry, Occupational Therapist. As Ms. Watry is pursuing her doctorate and has a position at Concordia University, she no longer is able to maintain her position with the district.

It was moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Pereles-Strouse, to accept the resignation of Ms. Meghan Watry, effective at the end of the current school year, and wish her well in her future endeavors. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.
Mr. Smalley stated that Ms. Eryn Hatchell would like to take a year-long leave of absence to spend time with her family. She is currently the early childhood teacher. She intends to return for the 2015-16 school year.

It was moved by Mrs. Pereles-Strouse, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the Board approve a one-year leave of absence for Ms. Eryn Hatchell, for the 2014-15 school year. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Mr. Smalley stated that he has received a request for retirement under the provisions of the current Professional Staff Employment Handbook, from Ms. Vicki McLean to be effective at the end of the current school year. Ms. McLean is a special education teacher at Parkway and has been with the district for 9 years.

It was moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Franklin, that the Board approve the retirement of Ms. Vicki McLean, under the provisions of the current Professional Staff Employment Handbook, effective at the end of the current school year, and wish her well in her future endeavors. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Mr. Smalley stated that negotiations for the 2014-15 school year have not yet begun with the employee groups, and so it is appropriate at this time to issue letters of intent to continuing teachers. Contracts will be issued when salary and benefits have been determined for the 2014-15 school year.

It was moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Franklin, that the Board approve the issuance of letters of intent to continuing teachers for the 2014-15 school year. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Mr. Smalley informed the Board that the Glendale-River Hills Foundation has awarded three grants to the district for a total of $15,300. The grants are: 6 MacBook Pro’s 13” for the gifted and talented program, 6 iPad Mini’s for the 3rd grade program, and 8 iPad Air’s for the K4 program. Mr. Smalley thanked the Foundation for their continued support.

It was moved by Mrs. Pereles-Strouse, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to accept the three grants from the Glendale-River Hills Foundation, totaling $15,300, and thank the Foundation for its generosity. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Mr. Kennedy left the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Mr. Smalley announced that Mr. Kennedy was elected to another 3-year term on the School Board.

Mr. Smalley noted the Board Committee Preference Sheet in the packet and asked the board members to complete it and return it to Mary Dressel for consideration at the May meeting.

Mr. Smalley included this publication in the Board packet for the board member’s information.
There was no visitor participation.

There being no further business to be conducted at the April 22, 2014 regular meeting of the Glendale-River Hills School Board, it was moved by Mr. Franklin, seconded by Mrs. Pereles-Strouse, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Dressel
School Board Secretary

Bryan Kennedy
School Board Clerk