The meeting of the Glendale-River Hills Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Jean Pereles-Strouse at 6:35 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, in the Glen Hills Board Room. Others present: Theresa Seem, Treasurer; Bryan Kennedy, Clerk; Andrew Franklin, Assistant Clerk; and Larry Smalley, District Administrator. Mr. Roska arrived at 6:50 p.m.

Mrs. Pereles-Strouse moved, seconded by Mrs. Seem, resulting in the following roll call vote: Mrs. Pereles-Strouse – Aye, Mrs. Seem – Aye, Mr. Kennedy – Aye, Mr. Franklin – Aye, to convene in Executive Session as permitted by State Statute 19.85 (1) (e), specifically to discuss support staff and teacher contract negotiations.

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:14 p.m.

Others in attendance: Mr. Jim Kennedy, Business Administrator; Ms. Heidi Erstad, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Haydee Smith, Glen Hills Principal; Ms. Shannon Kilton, Parkway Principal; Mr. Jim Beckmann, Director of Operations; and staff 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.

Mr. Kennedy moved to amend the agenda to table item 12B. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Seem. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Seem, to approve the amended Agenda, the Minutes of the 11-18-09 Regular Board meeting, the 11-18-09 Policy Committee meeting, the 11-30-09 Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting, and the 12-3-09 Finance/Personnel Committee meeting; the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending 11-30-09; and Accounts Payable for the month ending 11-30-09, as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

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

Ms. Judith Bruni, of Feld Schumacher & Company, gave the auditor’s report for the year ended June 30, 2009. Ms. Bruni reviewed the audit summary that she distributed to the Board. The summary highlighted the statements of net assets and fund balance, statements of revenue, and a comparison of budget and actual expenses with an explanation of the difference.
Ms. Erstad gave a presentation on the implementation of the new gr. 4-8 Social Studies materials and instructional methods. The presentation included the decision-making process, teacher comments and a short video of a 5th grade social studies class in action.

On behalf of the Foundation, Mr. Smalley gave the Foundation Annual Report. Mr. Smalley’s report highlighted current Foundation activities as well as earnings. He noted that the Foundation has a cash balance of over $140,000 with $64,000 of that total in the Acorn Fund (an endowment fund). The Foundation is currently considering requests from the schools for 2009-10.

Mr. Smalley stated that, due to many of our expenses coming before the receipt of revenue, there is a need for additional short-term borrowing in the amount of $500,000. We have made arrangements with our current banking institution, U.S. Bank, for a $500,000 loan dated December 21, 2009 to January 17, 2010 at a 2.75% interest rate.

It was moved by Mrs. Pereles-Strouse, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the Board approve the following Resolution:

The School Board of the Glendale-River Hills School District authorizes temporary borrowing in an amount not to exceed $500,000 pursuant to Section 67.12(8)(a)(1), Wisconsin Statutes, in order to meet the immediate expenses of operating and maintaining the District during the 2009-10 school year and, for the purpose hereinabove set forth, shall award, authorize and deliver to the purchaser, U.S. Bank, notes in an amount not to exceed $500,000 at a net interest rate of 2.75%.

The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

This item was tabled at the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Smalley stated that Policy IHB-AR was modified in January 2009 to adjust class size guidelines to be school specific. He is recommending that the policy be changed to extend the JK-3rd grade class size guidelines through the 6th grade, as we will begin a transition of a larger number of 3rd grade class sections to Glen Hills. The recommended modification to the class size guidelines is 18-25 students per section for grades JK-6 and 20-25 per section for grades 7-8.

It was moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Seem, to approve the modification to Board Policy IHB-AR – Class Size, as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Mr. Smalley stated that he made a recommendation for each of the resolutions to be voted on at the WASB annual convention in January. Mr. Smalley and Mr. Kennedy, the district’s WASB delegate, collaborated on these recommendations. Mr. Kennedy elaborated on a few of the recommendations. There was discussion on the purpose of obtaining Board support of the recommendations.

It was moved by Mrs. Pereles-Strouse, seconded by Mrs. Seem, that the delegate use the above information, Board discussion, Delegate Assembly discussion and his own
understandings to vote in a manner consistent with the best interests of the District on these or other resolutions introduced during the 2010 Delegate Assembly. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Mr. Smalley noted the Budget Development Plan stating that the administrative team has begun work on the 2010-11 budget. The budget will be coming to the Board and the public for input beginning in January.

Mr. Smalley was pleased to inform the Board that the district received notification that we will be receiving an insurance premium refund in the projected amount of $10,225. This is from the Local Government Property Insurance Fund (LGPIF) which provides property insurance to most units of local government. The LGPIF has a surplus indicating the local governments have been paying too much in premiums.

Mr. Smalley invited the Board members to attend the annual meeting of the K-8/UHS Coalition on January 20 at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center. Several Board members will be attending with Mr. Smalley.

Mr. Smalley invited the Board members to consider attending the Fair Aid Coalition annual meeting, also to be held on January 20 at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center. Several years ago the Board discontinued their membership in the Fair Aid Coalition. Mr. Smalley stated that the Board may wish to reconsider membership in this organization at the February Board meeting when Board professional memberships will be decided for the 2010-11 school year. Mr. Smalley will attend this meeting.

Dr. Smith extended an invitation to the district holiday party on Thursday, December 17, at the Four Points Sheraton on Brown Deer Road.

There being no further business to be conducted at the December 16, 2009 regular meeting of the Glendale-River Hills School Board, it was moved by Mrs. Seem, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Dressel
School Board Secretary

Bryan Kennedy
School Board Clerk
GLENDALE-RIVER HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2009

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mrs. Pereles-Strouse, seconded by Mrs. Seem, resulting in the following roll call vote: Mrs. Pereles-Strouse – Aye, Mrs. Seem – Aye, Mr. Kennedy – Aye, and Mr. Franklin – Aye, to convene in Executive Session in the Board Room as permitted by State Statute 19.85 (1)(e) for the purpose of discussing teacher and support staff contract negotiations.

Additional attendee: District Administrator Larry Smalley. Mr. Roska arrived at 6:50 p.m.

Mr. Smalley and the Board discussed the status of the teacher and support staff contract negotiations.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Kennedy
School Board Clerk