

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205

Board of Education

7:00 PM –Monday, January 14, 2008

932 Harrison Street—Galesburg, Illinois

Regular Meeting

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Recognition of Visitors
(This is the time when visitors may request to address the Board of Education on any item germane to the role and function of the Board of Education. When the Board President so directs, persons should stand, give their name and address and begin their statements. Persons are asked to refrain from making any personal comments regarding any individual. The Board President reserves the right to limit presentations to five minutes.)
- V. Approval of Minutes
Approve minutes of regular meeting of December 10, 2007 and special meeting January 3, 2008.
- VI. Approval of Payrolls and Claims
Reported by Member Panther
- VII. Approval of Consent Agenda
(All items listed under the consent agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Education and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these unless a Board member or citizen so requests in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered individually.)
- VIII. Correspondence
- IX. Committee Reports
 - A. Recruitment for Educational Diversity
 - B. Budget
 - C. Buildings and Grounds
 - D. Insurance
 - E. Student Council

- X. Instructional Presentation
Gale School Raising Student Achievement Conference Presentation

- XI. Old Business
 - A. Alternative School Feasibility Recommendation

- XII. New Business
 - A. Approve Personnel Agenda
 - B. Adopt Resolution on Preparation of Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2008-2009
 - C. Revision of Policy 520.17—Board of Education—Suspension Without Pay
 - D. Approval of District Title 1 Plan

- XIII. Administrative Reports
 - A. Director for Human Resources
 - B. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
 - C. Knox-Warren Special Education Director
 - D. Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
 - E. Superintendent

- XIV. Comments By Board of Education

- XV. Closed Session
 - A. Negotiations

- XVI. Adjournment

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Instructional Presentation X.:

Gale School Raising Student Achievement Conference Presentation

Background:

A team of teachers from Gale School made a presentation at the Raising Student Achievement Conference in St. Charles on December 4th. Gale School was a featured school at the conference. The gathering is sponsored annually by the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools in cooperation with the Regional Offices of Education and Intermediate Service Centers. The team was comprised of Laura Saey, Kristen Lingafelter, Katie Laurin, and Colleen Noonan. The team will present a summary of their presentation which will guide the Board through Gale School's process to becoming a high achieving school by using the Standards Aligned Classroom (SAC) model. SAC topics include: writing Illinois State Learning Standards as "I can" statements, choosing and creating writing assessments with the target in mind, sharing with students and parents, and student self assessment.

Recommended Action:

None—Informational

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Old Business XI. A:

Alternative School Feasibility Recommendation

Background:

The Alternative School Feasibility Committee has been meeting since receiving the charge from the Board in September to explore the possibility of establishing such a school in the District. Mr. Estes will introduce Dr. Al Azinger, Consultant from Illinois State University, who has been leading the study and will be making a presentation to the Board. In the presentation, Dr. Azinger will give a summary of the information that the committee has compiled under the topics of: Programs Currently Available, Knox County Academy and the Off-Campus School, the Need for an Alternative School, Location Feasibility, Fiscal Feasibility, and Scenarios.

Recommended Action:

The committee is asking the Board to confirm the feasibility of proceeding with the study and establishing an alternative school.

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New Business XII. B:

Adopt Resolution on Preparation of Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2008-2009

Background:

This is a routine annual resolution to allow the administration to begin preparing the 2008-2009 budget. The Board annually adopts its tentative budget in July and its final budget in September.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution on Preparation of Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2008-2009 as Presented

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New Business XII. C:

Revision of Policy 520.17—Board of Education—Suspension Without Pay

Background:

The current Professional Personnel – Suspension Without Pay Policy (520.17) only allows for up to five days of unpaid suspension. More latitude is necessary in certain cases, so the proposed revision allows for up to ten days of unpaid suspension.

Recommended Action:

Approve Revision of Policy 520.17 as Presented

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New Business XII. D:

Approval of District Title 1 Plan

Background:

On December 11, 2007 all school districts in the State of Illinois were informed that all districts receiving Title I funds needed to develop and submit a Title I District Plan through the Illinois Interactive Report Card (IIRC) website. This is a requirement of NCLB law, Section 1112. The ISBE is expecting a Title I federal audit in the spring and wants to ensure that all districts have such a plan in place. To complicate matters, the ISBE is requiring school board approval and submission by January 15, 2008 (this requirement has subsequently been extended to February 1). There are fairly explicit ISBE rules for the completion of this document. The plan reflects what is done with Title I funds in District #205. A draft of District #205's Title I Plan has been posted on the District Website for review by parents and staff.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented