

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205
Board of Education
7:00 PM – Monday, February 11, 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 January 14, 2008, special meeting of January 28, 2008 and special meeting of February 6, 2008.
- VI. Approval of Payrolls and Claims
Reported by Member Strauch
- 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
 - F. Alternative School Feasibility Study
 - G. Commencement Committee Report

- X. Instructional Presentation
Martin Luther King Essay Winner – Stephanie Saey, Churchill Junior High

- XI. Old Business

- XII. New Business
 - A. Approve Personnel Agenda
 - B. First Student Contract Extension
 - C. Acceptance of Bid for Nielson and Steele Asbestos Removal
 - D. Acceptance of Bid for Nielson and Steele Core Area Renovations
 - E. Report on C.U.S.D No. 205 Farm Property
 - F. Lombard Middle School Waiver
 - G. Churchill Junior High School Waiver
 - H. Approval of 2008-2009 School Calendar

- 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. Personnel
 - B. Negotiations
 - C. Pending Litigation

- XVI. Adjournment

Next Meeting—Monday, March 10, 2008

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Instructional Presentation X:

Martin Luther King Essay Winner – Stephanie Saey, Churchill Junior High

Background:

Stephanie Saey, a seventh grader at Churchill Junior High School, won the Martin Luther King Essay Contest sponsored by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee. She received her first place award at the annual breakfast held on January 21st. Stephanie will read her award-winning essay concerning how she would have handled the 1957 integration of Little Rock Central High School had she been governor of Arkansas at the time. This presentation will be moved to the beginning of the Recognition of Visitors section of the agenda, since Stephanie has another commitment later on Monday evening.

Recommended Action:

None—Informational Only

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New Business XII. B.:

First Student Contract Extension

Background:

The District's transportation contract with First Student (formerly Laidlaw) expires on June 30. The options available are to seek Requests for Proposal for a new contract or extend the current contract for another year under the existing terms (costs to increase by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Items from April 2007 to April 2008). Given limited competition in transportation services and recent fuel increases higher than overall inflation, the administration believes it is in the best interest of the District to extend the current contract for one year.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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New Business XII. C.:

Acceptance of Bid for Nielson and Steele Asbestos Removal

Background:

The 2004 Life Safety Audit called for asbestos removal and renovation of all pod elementary schools. To date, such work has been done in all classroom pods, as well as the core areas of Gale, King and Lincoln. This summer the core areas of Nielson and Steele will be done, and the full Audit requirement will then have been met.

Three bids were received for the asbestos abatement phase of the Nielson / Steele project. The lowest bid for both buildings together is recommended for approval. The bid is in excess of the budgeted amount, but the difference can be made up from interest income generated to date in the Fire Prevention & Safety Fund.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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New Business XII. D.:

Acceptance of Bid for Nielson and Steele Core Area Renovations

Background:

The 2004 Life Safety Audit called for asbestos removal and renovation of all pod elementary schools. To date, such work has been done in all classroom pods, as well as the core areas of Gale, King and Lincoln. This summer the core areas of Nielson and Steele will be done, and the full Audit requirement will then have been met.

Seven bids were received for the core area renovation phase of the Nielson / Steele project. The lowest bid for both buildings together is recommended for approval. The bid is in excess of the budgeted amount, but the difference can be made up from interest income generated to date in the Fire Prevention & Safety Fund.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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New Business XII. E:

Report on C.U.S.D. No. 205 Farm Property

Background:

Annually, the financial results of the two farms owned by the District are reported to the Board. Proceeds from the Coldbrook Township farm fund four scholarships for business education students in college, and proceeds from the Kelly Township farm fund equipment purchases for the Business Department at GHS. Given higher crop prices this year, we will double scholarship levels next year to \$5,000 per student per year and will increase the equipment purchase budget this spring to \$40,000 (from \$18,000 last year).

Recommended Action:

None—Informational Only

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New Business XII. F:

Lombard Middle School Waiver

Background:

Mr. Thompson and the GEA representative at Lombard have presented to the staff the waiver to the contract that allows the school to continue to operate within the middle school model. There are no substantive changes in this year's waiver. With a vote of 37 to 2, the Lombard faculty has approved the waiver by more than the 75% majority vote required by the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Recommended Action:

Board Approval of the Waiver

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New Business XII. G.:

Churchill Junior High School Waiver

Background:

Mr. Arthur and the GEA representative at Churchill have presented to the staff the waiver to the contract that allows the school to continue to operate within the middle school model. There are no substantive changes in this year's waiver. With a vote of 55 to 2, the Churchill faculty has approved the waiver by more than the 75% majority vote required by the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Recommended Action:

Board Approval of the Waiver

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New Business XII. H.:

Approval of 2008-2009 Calendar

Background:

The 2008 – 2009 Calendar Committee has met on two separate occasions to discuss the recommendation for a school calendar for next year. After looking a range of possibilities, and considering the principles the Board adopted in March of 2006, the committee took a model calendar back to each of their buildings for consideration by the faculties. The recommended calendar is attached and represents a compilation of the recommendations made at the buildings. For the Board's information the Principles for Calendar Adoption have also been attached. Committee members were:

Bright Futures – Megan McCamon and Maury Lyon
Cooke – LEEANNE Scherpe and Jean Brown
Gale – Kathy Disbennet and Ellen Spittell
King – Margaret Tolley and Renee Wallace
Nielson – Kim Lakis and Matt LeClere
Silas Willard – Jenny Cummings and John Shelly
Steele – DeeAnn Spring and Rochelle Streeter
Churchill – Patti Keenan and Bart Arthur
Lombard – Cindi Roach and Neal Thompson
GHS – Dee Heck and Sharon Gonzalez
GEA – Isaac Triplett

Recommended Action:

Approval of the 2008-2009 School Calendar