

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205

Board of Education

7:00 PM –Monday, February 14, 2011

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 18, 2011 and Special Meeting of January 18, 2011
- VI. Approval of Payrolls and Claims
Reported by Member Swanson
- 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. Budget—Kyle Harding-Chapman and Cutler
 - B. Buildings and Grounds
 - C. Insurance
 - D. Recruitment for Educational Diversity
 - E. Student Council

- X. Instructional Presentation
 - A. School Calendar Preparations and Survey Results

- XI. Old Business

- XII. New Business
 - A. Approve Personnel Agenda
 - B. Wide Area Network Services
 - 1. Approval of Contingent Contract for “Lit” Services with Unite Private Networks and Authorize Submission of Form 471
 - 2. Approval of Contingent Contract for “Dark” Services with Unite Private Networks
 - C. Approval of Bond Issuance Notification Act (“BINA”) Notice for General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source)
 - D. Budget Projections
 - E. Approve Submission of Qualified Zone Academy Bond Application

- 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
 - B. Personnel

- XVI. Adjournment

Next Meeting—Monday, March 14, 2011

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Instructional Presentation X.A:

School Calendar Preparations and Survey Results

Background:

Preparations are under way for the development of the 2011-12 School Calendar recommendation to be brought to the Board in March or April. The same Calendar Committee of District staff and parents from last year has been reconvened to consider next year's calendar. This instructional presentation will highlight the results of the three surveys which have been made available to parents, staff, and students. Additionally, a preview of a preliminary calendar template will be given to illustrate the nuances of this year's calendar.

Recommended Action:

No Action Required - Presentation for Information and Input Only

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New Business XII. B-1:

Approval of Contingent Contract for “Lit” Services with Unite Private Networks and Authorize Submission of FCC Form 471

Background:

Two complimentary actions are called for herein and are part of the district broader Operation Rebuild-Achievement—20Year Master Facility Plan: (i) approval of a “lit” fiber contract the execution of which is (ii) contingent upon the submission and approval of a request for federal “E-rate” funding.

At its regular meeting in September the Board of Education authorized the publication of a Federal Communication Commission (“FCC”) Form 470. The Form 470, in this instance, was used to solicit interest from potential service providers for the lease by the district of a “lit” Wide Area Network and associated services. The respondent’s submission had to be FCC Universal Service Fund “E-rate” eligible. The solicitation called for the provisioning to the district of a network infrastructure that met the high speed bandwidth (1Gb) voice, video, data, internet and related service specifications of the district.

Unite Private Networks, LLC responded to the solicitation with the deployment of a “lit” wide area network infrastructure *to be built* to the district’s specifications under the FCC’s E-rate program. Their submission provisioned four strands of fiber connecting all eleven attendance centers at the GHS HUB and was in the amount of: \$960,000 pre-discount non-recurring charge plus \$4171 pre-discount monthly recurring charge. This action approving the contract is contingent upon the district receiving a Funding Decision Commitment Letter (“FDCL”) from the FCC’s School and Library Corporation (“SLC”), the likes of which would result in a 78% discount on the aforementioned pricing.

Complimenting the above action is the submission by the District of an FCC Form 471 which notifies the SLC that the district has negotiated a contract with a service provider consistent with its Form 470 solicitation and seeks funding for the same. The FCC’s SLC in turn will review the application for funding (Form 471) and issue a FDCL.

It is anticipated that the District will receive a funding commitment of 78¢ on the dollar, lowering the non- and monthly recurring charges to \$211,200 and \$918 respectively. (It should be noted that the non-recurring discount will be repaid to the district from the SLC over the course of two fiscal years.)

Only upon receipt of a satisfactory FDCL will the contract with Unite Private Networks, LLC be perfected.

Recommended Action:

Approve Contingent Contract for “Lit” Services with Unite Private Networks and Authorize Submission of FCC Form 471

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New Business XII. B-2:

Approval of Contingent Contract for “Dark” Services with Unite Private Networks

Background:

In a separate but related action, the Board of Education is asked to enter into a second agreement with Unite Private Networks, LLC for the provisioning of “dark” fiber facilities and services, the same being consistent with the broader Operation Rebuild-Achievement—20 Year Master Facility Plan.

Unite Private Networks, LLC (“UPN”) responded to the districts solicitation for the deployment of a wide area network infrastructure *to be built* to the district’s specifications under the FCC’s E-rate program. Their submission provisioned four strands of “lit” fiber connecting all eleven attendance centers at the GHS HUB. Subsequently, the District approached UPN seeking the provisioning of four additional but “dark” strands of fiber with an option to lease additional. The purpose of the additional fiber would increase the districts bandwidth potential and flexibility, provide for alternative paths/vendors to the Internet, allow for CSC, Knox College, the Galesburg Library and City of Galesburg to partner in its future use and open the door to the community for partnering with, for example, Google as in the “Google in Galesburg” initiative among other possibilities. The opportunity is made possible by and is contingent upon the district obtaining e-rate funding for its Wide-area Network leased facilities and services.

The cost to the district is pegged to the cost of the “lit” services and is equal to 10% of the pre-discount non- and monthly recurring services or \$96,000 and \$417 respectively.

Recommended Action:

Approve Contingent Contract for “Dark” Services with Unite Private Networks

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New Business XII. C:

Approval of Bond Issuance Notification Act (“BINA”) Notice for General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source)

Background:

Operation Rebuild-Achievement calls for the sale of \$30,000,000 in bonds for the implementation of Phase I of the district’s 20 Year Master Facility Plan. At its regular meeting in December the Board of Education authorized the publication of a Bond Issuance Notification Act notice for the sale of \$16,500,000 in General Obligation School Bonds (Fire Prevention and Safety Source). At its regular meeting in January the public hearing called for in the notice was held.

Now administration brings before the Board of Education a second BINA notice for the balance of the projects (\$13,500,000) contemplated in Phase I of Operation Rebuild-Achievement. The amount (\$25,700,000) has purposefully been set at the maximum amount of Alternate Revenue Bonds that may be issued at this time and repaid from the proceeds of the County School Facilities Sales Tax, less that amount necessary for “coverage.” This was done in large part to cover any fire prevention and safety amendments not approved by the State Board of Education for fire prevention and safety funding. (At this writing we have been given “no” indication from the State Board of education that the fire prevention and safety amendments submitted in December will be diminished.)

Recommended Action:

Approve Bond Issuance Notification Act (“BINA”) Notice for General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) as Presented

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New Business XII. D:

Budget Projections

Background:

Each February we share with the Board of Education our updated budget projections. This projection is important as it forms the basis for developing the subsequent years budget, as recently authorized by the Board of Education at its January meeting. This year the projections take on added importance as we enter teacher negotiations for a successor agreement, plan for annual reductions-in-force and finalize Operation Rebuild-Achievement bond financing.

At this meeting administration will update the Board of Education on the status of the current budget projected through June 30, propose several amendments to the same and forecast revenue and expenditures over the next five years. For this latter five-year forecast, we will share our budget assumptions and back-up for the same. In all, it is our hope to provide a blueprint for actions to be taken in the coming months related to contracts, staffing and borrowing and the impacts all the same will have on future revenue obligations including tax levies and expenditure commitments including staffing levels and contracts.

Provided on the pages to follow is a “high-end” snapshot of what administration will present.

Recommended Action:

None—Informational Only

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New Business XII. E:

Approve Submission of Qualified Zone Academy Bond Application

Background:

Operation Rebuild-Achievement provides for several and varied funding sources. Among those sources is a long-standing federal program for the subsidy of interest payments made by schools on bonds sold for construction purposes. Several exist but only the Qualified Zone Academy Bond (“QZAB”) program is currently available to school districts. The program allows for certain forms of debt issuance under Illinois law to be designated “zone qualified” providing for the purchasers of school district bonds to receive a federal tax credit from the Internal Revenue Service in lieu of interest payments from the district—i.e., an “interest-free” borrowing. The bonds are generally limited to 16-17 years duration and in some instances the principal is not repaid until the last year (a function of a “negotiated” sale by our underwriters).

Under this action, the Board of Education would authorize the district to seek a QZAB designation on its bonds from the Illinois state Board of Education—the State agency charged with administering the program. Under the State of Illinois’ current allocation from the federal government, up to \$15,000,000 in district bonds sold could be so designated. The District’s application—including the requirement for a 10% private match, seeks to obtain a portion or \$10,000,000 in bond designation.

The designation would be applied to the anticipated sale of Fire Prevention & Safety bonds, currently scheduled for March, as the same meet the criteria for “repair and renovation of educational facilities.”

The required 10% match would come from existing streams of money and/or in-kind services received by the district from the Community Schools Foundation and YMCA. Additionally, the district’s technology hardware, software and service provider—The Burwood Group—would extend to us their discount on the computer server equipment to be purchased by the district as part of the wide-area network services acted upon by the Board of Education earlier.

It is important to note that the submission of the application does not create an obligation on the part of the Board of Education until it subsequently chooses to proceed with a bond sale and actually utilize the designation that might be received from the State Board of Education.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented