

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205
Board of Education
7:00 PM – Monday, March 9, 2009
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 February 9, 2009 and special meeting of February 9, 2009.
- 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.)
 - A. Review and Approve Authorization for Staff Internet Access and Acceptable Use of the Internet
- VIII. Correspondence
- IX. Committee Reports
 - A. Budget
 - B. Buildings and Grounds
 - C. Insurance
 - D. Recruitment for Educational Diversity
 - E. Student Council
 - F. Alternative School
- X. Instructional Presentation
GHS School Improvement Plan Presentation

XI. Old Business

XII. New Business

A. Approve Middle School (6-8) Language Arts Textbook Adoption

B. Approve Personnel Agenda

C. Approve Recommendations on Adoption of Resolutions

1. Discussion and Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of CUSD #205 Teachers Due to Uncertain Grant Funding (RIF ITEM)

2. Discussion and Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Dismissal of CUSD #205 Probationary Teacher for Cause

3. Discussion and Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of CUSD #205 Educational Support Staff Personnel Due to Uncertain Grant Funding (RIF ITEM)

4. Discussion and Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of CUSD #205 Educational Support Staff Personnel Due to Uncertain Enrollment

5. Discussion and Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Dismissal CUSD #205 probationary Educational Support Staff Personnel

6. Discussion and Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Dismissal of Knox-Warren Special Education District Probationary Teachers for Cause

7. Discussion and Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Honorable Dismissal of Knox-Warren Special Education District Teachers

8. Discussion and Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of Knox-Warren Special Education District Support Staff Due to Uncertain Enrollment (RIF)

9. Discussion and Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Honorable Dismissal of Knox-Warren Special Education Support Staff Due to Lack of Required Certification

D. Acceptance of Bid for Paving Overlays at Gale, Silas Willard and Lincoln

E. Acceptance of Bid for Food Service Truck

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

Next Meeting will be April 14, 2009

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Approval of Consent Agenda VII A:

Review and Approve Authorization for Staff Internet Access and Acceptable Use of the Internet

Background:

In November, the Board approved the district's *Authorization for Staff Internet Access and Acceptable Use of the Internet* form, as it is required to do annually. Since then, two issues that need to be addressed in the form have come to the administration's attention, relating to attempts to bypass the district's internet filter and unacceptable personal uses of the district's email system. The form has been revised to address these two issues.

Recommended Action:

Approve Consent Agenda Item as Presented

Instructional Presentation X:

GHS School Improvement Plan Presentation

Background:

A Galesburg High School team comprised of Tom Chiles, Wes Olson, and several teachers will make a presentation concerning efforts of the School Improvement Team at GHS. This is a replication of a presentation which was made for the Illinois State Board of Education in Springfield on February 20th, since the high School has received RESPRO funding to conduct school improvement activities. The presentation will specifically detail the work that has been done in the English and Math Departments to respond to PSAE/AYP issues.

Recommended Action:

None—Informational Only

New Business XII. A:

Approve Middle School (6-8) Language Arts Textbook Adoption

Background:

A committee of middle school teachers and administrators has completed a three month review of middle school language arts curriculum, the Illinois Learning Standards, and available textbooks. As a result of that review, the committee (with extensive input from teachers) is recommending Glencoe Language Arts - Literature (© 2009) and Great Source - Write Source (© 2009) for the 6-8 textbook adoption. The Glencoe series was determined to be the superior literature text at all levels out of four series obtained for review. The Great Source - Write Source series was determined to be the superior writing/grammar text at all levels out of three series obtained for review. Both texts match quite well with Illinois State Learning Standards. Teacher input, at all levels from both schools, was obtained after an opportunity was given to all teachers to review the finalists. The middle school language arts proposal fits within the 2008-2009 textbook adoption budget, which includes both Illinois Textbook Loan Program and district funds.

Middle School Language Arts Textbook Committee Members:

Churchill Junior High - Bart Arthur, Elise Rasso, Teresa Bice, Ashley Lessner

Lombard Middle School - Neal Thompson, Heather Hayden, Debbie Cratty, Cary Jacobson, Shana Hinton;

Recommendation:

Approve Middle School (6-8) Language Arts Textbook Adoption as Presented

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New Business XII. D:

Acceptance of Bid for Paving Overlays at Gale, Silas Willard, and Lincoln

Background:

Bids were solicited to overlay the asphalt playgrounds at Gale and Silas Willard Elementary Schools, as well as the front part of the north parking lot at Lincoln Education Center. Both playgrounds are in need of resurfacing, and the Lincoln overlay will complete the work that was started there last summer when areas of the parking lot were dug out and replaced. At Gale, a new traffic lane will also be built in front of Rose Hoben Welch, to create a stacking lane for parent vehicles arriving at Gale to drop off or pick up students.

Three bids were received, and the low bid is recommended for acceptance.

Recommended Action:

Accept Bid for Paving Overlays at Gale, Silas Willard, and Lincoln as Presented

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New Business XII. E:

Acceptance of Bid for Food Service Truck

Background:

Bids were solicited for a new Food Service truck, as our current one is ten years old and has 140,000 miles on it. Our notice was published in a local newspaper, and from it we received bids from two local and two out-of-state dealers. The lowest bid did not meet our published specifications, so we recommend approval of the second-lowest bid, which met specifications.

There is no trade-in offset against the bid price, because we plan to keep the old truck. Currently, it makes all meal deliveries from production kitchens at GHS, Churchill and Lombard to the elementary schools. Next year, we plan to use both the new and old trucks for elementary delivery runs, cutting as much as one hour off the time between meal production and service to students. The second delivery should take less than an hour, and be done by existing maintenance department staff.

Recommended Action:

Accept Bid for Food Service Truck as Presented