

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205
Board of Education
7:00 PM – Monday, March 10, 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 February 11, 2008 and special meeting of February 20, 2008
- 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
 - B. Buildings and Grounds
 - C. Insurance
 - D. Recruitment for Educational Diversity
 - E. Student Council
 - F. Alternative School Feasibility Study

G. Commencement Committee

X. Instructional Presentation

Technology in the Classroom—Use of SmartBoards

XI. Old Business

XII. New Business

A. Approve Elementary (K-5) Science Textbook Adoption

B. Approve Schedule of Board of Education Meetings (May, 2008 – April, 2009)

C. Approve Personnel Agenda

D. Accept Bid for Churchill and Cooke Asbestos Removal

E. Accept Bid for New Steele Parking Lot Design

F. Accept Bid for Lombard Hallway and Classroom Asbestos Abatement

G. Approval of Gatekeeper 403b Service Provider Contract

H. Approve Recommendations on Adoption of Resolutions

1. Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of CUSD #205 Teachers Due to Uncertain Grant Funding
2. Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of CUSD #205 Teachers Due to Uncertain Enrollment
3. Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of CUSD #205 Educational Support Staff Personnel Due to Uncertain Grant Funding
4. Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of CUSD #205 Educational Support Staff Personnel Due to Uncertain Enrollment
5. Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Dismissal of Knox-Warren Special Education District Teachers Due to Lack of Required Certification
6. Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Dismissal of Knox-Warren Special Education District Probationary Teachers
7. Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Honorable Dismissal of Knox-Warren Special Education District Teachers
8. Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of Knox-Warren Special Education District Support Staff Due to Uncertain Enrollment
9. Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Dismissal of Knox-Warren Special Education District Probationary Support Staff

- 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

- XVI. Adjournment

Next Meeting will be April 14, 2008

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Instructional Presentation X:

Technology In the Classroom—Use of SmartBoards

Background:

Two teachers from Churchill, Carole Allert and Debbie Savory, along with Mr. Arthur will give an instructional presentation to the Board about the use of SmartBoard® technology in the classroom. Numerous teachers in buildings across the district are using these devices in their instruction. Basically, the technology allows a teacher and a class to have enhanced interactive ability in the classroom. Teachers can control the presentation of material, access to the internet, and shared interaction using a large touch screen that is aligned with a computer and projector. The Churchill teachers have been trained on the use of this technology and will introduce the Board to unique ways that the uses of these tools are improving teacher instruction and student engagement.

Recommended Action:

None—Informational Only

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New Business XII. A:

Approve Elementary (K-5) Science Textbook Adoption

Background:

A committee of elementary teachers and administrators has completed a four month review of the elementary science curriculum, the Illinois Learning Standards, and available science texts. As a result of that review, the committee (with extensive input from teachers) developed an Essential Elementary Science Curriculum. To coordinate with that curriculum and the ILS, the committee is recommending Scott Foresman Science (2008) for K-5 textbook adoption. The Scott Foresman series was determined to be the superior text at all levels out of four series obtained for review. Teacher input, at all levels from all schools, was obtained after an opportunity was given to all teachers to review the finalists. The Scott Foresman proposal fits within the 2007-2008 textbook adoption budget, which includes both Illinois Textbook Loan and district funds.

Elementary Science Committee

Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent

Nancy Sandall, Kindergarten – Silas

Katie Lauren, 2nd Grade – Gale

Shelly Golden, 4th Grade – Cooke

Laura Boosomworth, 5th Grade - Nielson

Renee Wallace, King Principal

Misty Stetcher, 1st Grade – King

Karen Steck, 3rd Grade – Steele

Recommendation:

Approve Elementary (K-5) Science Textbook Adoption as Presented

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New Business XII. B:

Approve Schedule of Board of Education Meetings (May, 2008 – April 2009)

Background:

In past years the Board of Education meetings have been scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month except those months in which Monday falls on a holiday. This year Columbus Day is on Monday, October 13, 2008, making it necessary to schedule the Board meeting on Tuesday for the month of October. Additionally the last day of Spring Break for 2009 is on Monday, April 13, 2009, making it necessary to schedule the April 2009 Board meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2009.

Also included is a listing of Board Members scheduled to read Payroll and Claims information at each meeting.

Recommended Action:

Approve Schedule of Board of Education Meetings (May, 2008 – April 2009) as Presented

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New Business XII. D:

Accept Bid for Churchill and Cooke Asbestos Removal

Background:

Bids were solicited for removal of asbestos ceiling tiles in the kitchen area at Cooke Elementary and removal and replacement of asbestos pipe insulation at Churchill Junior High School. Both projects will be paid from Life Safety funds. The two projects were combined in the bidding process.

A total of four bids were received for the combined work. The lowest bid is recommended for acceptance. It is within the limit of Life Safety funds approved for both projects.

Recommended Action:

Accept Bid for Churchill and Cooke Asbestos Removal as Presented

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New Business XII. E:

Accept Bid for New Steele Parking Lot Design

Background:

Bids were solicited for construction of a new bus lane in front of the building, redesign/reconstruction of the public parking lot, and redesign of the staff parking lot at Steele Elementary. This project, like the ones last summer at Nielson and King, is designed to improve the safety of students by separating the traffic and pedestrian flows of buses, parent vehicles, staff vehicles, and students during arrival and dismissal periods of the school day.

Bids for this project will be opened on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Once results are known, this page will be revised to recommend acceptance of the lowest bid.

Recommended Action:

Accept Bid for New Steele Parking Lot Design as Present

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New Business XII. F:

Accept Bid for Lombard Hallway and Classroom Asbestos Abatement

Background:

Bids were solicited for removal of asbestos floor tiles in one hallway and four classrooms at Lombard Middle School – the first in a series of summer projects to eventually eliminate asbestos from Lombard. The District's own maintenance staff will lay the replacement tiles once the contractor has removed the asbestos ones.

Bids were received from two contractors. The lower bid is recommended for acceptance.

Recommended Action:

Accept Bid for Lombard Hallway and Classroom Asbestos Abatement as Presented

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New Business XII. G:

Approval of Gatekeeper 403b Service Provider Contract

Background:

The IRS has issued new rules regarding 403(b) retirement savings plans that will take effect January 1, 2009. These rules place significant new burdens on school districts to issue plan documents and administer their 403(b) plans. Many districts are seeking the assistance of third party service providers to assist in implementing these requirements. District administration has solicited quotes from such service providers and has found Gatekeeper to be both the lowest cost and highest service provider. A service contract with Gatekeeper is recommended for Board approval. Using a service provider such as Gatekeeper will give the District the best assurance that we are fulfilling all of the IRS requirements.

Recommended Action:

Approve Gatekeeper 403b Service Provider Contract as Presented