

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205
Board of Education
7:00 PM – Monday, March 11, 2013
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, 2013, Special Meeting of February 11, 2013, Special Meeting of February 19, 2013, Special Meeting of February 28, 2013 and Special Meeting of February 28, 2013
- VI. Approval of Payrolls and Claims
Reported by Member Kessler
- 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. Intergovernmental Agreement—Agreement Between the City of Galesburg and Galesburg District #205
 - B. Approval of Job Descriptions for Teacher, Elementary Principal, Special Education Program Attendant, Speech/Language Pathologists, Coordinator of Speech/Language Services, Healthcare Services Attendant, Individual Attendant, Grant Writer
 - C. Construction Change Orders

- VIII. Correspondence

- IX. Committee Reports
 - A. Budget
 - B. Buildings and Grounds
 - C. Insurance
 - D. Recruitment for Educational Diversity
 - E. Student Council

- X. Instructional Presentation
 - A. LUDA Comparison and District #205 Efforts to Close the Achievement Gap

- XI. Old Business
 - A. Approval of Board Policies 8:25 and 4:150 Revisions (Second Reading)

- XII. New Business
 - A. Approve Personnel Agenda
 - B. Approval of Lunch Price Increase
 - C. Approval of Construction Design for Galesburg High School—Phase One
 - D. Discussion of Early Enrollment for Kindergarten

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

- XIV. Comments By Board of Education

- XV. Closed Session
 - A. Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of an Employee
 - B. Acquisition of Property

- XVI. Adjournment

*Special Board Meeting March 26, 2013
Next Regular Meeting April 8, 2013*

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Consent Agenda VII. A:

Intergovernmental Agreement—Agreement Between the City of Galesburg and
Galesburg District #205

Background:

For the past forty years, CUSD No. 205 has enjoyed a mutually beneficial agreement with the City of Galesburg to share our facilities and fields, in most cases, at no cost to the other party. This relationship began on July 16, 1973 with an agreement to build and share the baseball and tennis facilities and has been amended and expanded to other areas ever since. This latest updated version, which ties together several separate agreements, amendments, and letters of understanding into one covenant, would remain in force for one year with an automatic one-year extension, unless either party gives written notice 60 days prior to the last day of the term of its intent not to renew the agreement.

The new agreement cleans up some of the language of the old agreements, and clarifies where each entity has responsibilities for supervision, maintenance, and repairs, utilities, and insurance. While there were no significant changes to the overall language, one major change to point out is that the City no longer has use for the baseball diamond. Mr. Triggs has reviewed the agreement prior to our last meeting with the City and complimented both governmental units for working together so well for so many years.

Both the City and school district would incur additional rental costs if the agreement were to end, so local taxpayers are the real winners. The City has been an excellent partner over the years, as we hope we have been to the City. Both entities appear to be happy to invest in the agreement for the good of the students and community.

It is anticipated that the City Council will consider this agreement at its March 4, 2013 meeting and District #205 will consider this agreement at the March 11, 2013 board meeting.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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Consent Agenda VII. B:

Approval of Job Descriptions for Teacher, Elementary Principal, Special Education Program Attendant, Speech/Language Pathologists, Coordinator of Speech/Language Services, Healthcare Services Attendant, Individual Attendant, Grant Writer

Background:

Job descriptions are to reflect the role and responsibilities of the positions. Modifications to be made from time to time to keep the descriptions current. That is indeed the case for eight positions listed here. With the advent of a part-time grant writer, a job description was developed for that particular position.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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Consent Agenda VII. C:

Construction Change Orders

Background:

Two areas where most change orders have been and will be needed for our Operation Rd-Build projects will fall into two categories – life safety issues discovered in our older buildings during construction and security measures added to the project after the fact. The two changes orders for consideration tonight fall within these categories.

Change Order RFP 21 involves two measures at Steele -

1. Security upgrades to doors and a new buzzer system with its electrical system.
This will be paid for using life safety bonds.
2. In addition, Steele found a way to keep its old basketball hoops and wall pads in the original gym/cafeteria for tournaments and exercise for its younger students. The new gymnasium will have new hoops and wall pads via a combination of school, PTO, Booster Club and project contingency money.
3. The total cost is \$36,497.61 (minus \$3,000 in donations).

Change order RFP 46R2 at Lombard involves the discovery of a smoke vent problem in the auditorium that is more serious than thought as the project was being designed. The total to replace the smoke vent and repair/replace the surrounding ceilings, insulation, flashing, roof deck, support steel and paint the exposed stage roof structure is \$41,105.06.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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Instructional Presentation X. A:

LUDA Comparison and District #205 Efforts to Close the Achievement Gap

Background:

Mr. Arthur will make a PowerPoint presentation to the Board of Education regarding data with comparisons of similar LUDA school districts. The presentation will include student achievement data and how District #205 is working to close the achievement gap.

Recommended Action:

None—Informational Only

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Old Business XI. A:

Board Policies 8:25 and 4:150 Revisions (Second Reading)

Background:

Facility improvements to the GHS and other campuses present an opportunity to augment the district's budget through expanding its advertising and naming rights policies. With decreasing state revenues and the current practice of curtailing capital equipment purchases, revenue generated by advertising has the potential to fill this looming void. With all the new construction supported by life-safety and alternate revenue bonds (which are not available for furnishings and equipment), having a dedicated source of revenue would lessen criticism of having new buildings with old equipment.

As you know, Jim has been meeting with a committee comprised of groups noted below. This is the group helping plan the projects to support the Board's efforts to raise money to purchase new furniture and equipment for the district. These ongoing discussions led to an amended Policy 8.25 (advertising) and Policy 4.15 (naming rights) being brought to the board tonight. The amended policy calls for a large increase in the kind and amount of advertising allowed on our campuses. It also would allow the naming of certain rooms, buildings, fields, etc., for very large donations. One powerful concept to raise money for new furniture and equipment is the establishment of a program much like the Board used to build Wicall Gym through the efforts of the Galesburg Public Schools Foundation. Troy McCrery, President of Wells Fargo Bank, has been chosen to chair the committee at its inception. A Board member will sit on the committee, while the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations will serve as an ex-officio member. Final decisions about purchases would be made by the Superintendent to ensure that needs are equitably met throughout the district. The committee further consists of heads of the various foundations and booster clubs that support our district along with prominent business and community leaders. Doug Mustain and Patti Bibb are the key members from the Galesburg Public Schools Foundation, which has already approved its role in this project and the concepts outlined above. As in the past, **the Board has final approval for all advertising and naming** of facilities and grounds.

Troy's committee will begin considering the following:

- A new name
- Initial membership
- Committee by-laws
- Appointing and assigning jobs to sub-committees
- A marketing plan
- Proposed levels of giving
- And more

Jim will keep the Board informed about how the policy is to be administered and ask for Board approval at the appropriate steps during the process. Several members of the committee to be named may be in attendance at the Board meeting. If so, Jim will introduce them.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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New Business XII. B:

Approval of Lunch Price Increase

Background:

The district will need a 10-cent increase in our lunch prices for paid customers each of the next two years. This became necessary when our free and reduced reimbursement grew to be more than we charge for our paid lunches. Rightly, the government does not want to subsidize lunch programs in this manner, hence the new rule included in the “Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.” The government is allowing districts to phase in this price increase over the next few years. Pam Webber used the formula below to determine the increased price above. You will find in the Board packet a two-year project of the price increase.

“Those SFAs that choose to increase the average paid lunch price must increase the average paid lunch price by a factor of two percent plus the annual inflation rate.”

During our district’s regular audit each year our food service budgets will be reviewed to ensure compliance with “Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010” rules. We bring this request to the Board as a first reading.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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New Business XII. C:

Approval of Construction Design for Galesburg High School—Phase One

Background:

As you know, the design phase of the Galesburg High School project has wended its way continually in and out of committees, on and off architects', engineers' and contractors' tables and to the Board for consideration and approval to proceed to the next step several times over the 20-month period needed to complete our work. Before you tonight are the construction documents necessary to go to out to bid and a request to allow the process to continue to the next stage.

After the last round of painful value engineering where the project was paired down another \$600,000 in order to fit within budget, we can bring to you the plans for a new multi-purpose building, football, soccer and track stadium, dedicated wrestling practice facility and renovated baseball and softball fields that is under the budget given to the project of \$15,770,600. In addition to the base bid, we have a list of prioritized alternates to add later should the bid prices come in under estimates and if there is contingency money left toward the end of the construction phase.

We have met with the Core and Implementation Committees and the Board Building Committee where some minor changes were made to the recommendation. Russell Construction will mail electronic copies of blue book Construction Document Estimates to us the Thursday before the Board meeting to be put into Board Packets or attached to Friday memos. Russell Construction will have the usual bound copies for members at the table the night of the Board meeting.

Recommended Action:

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New Business XII. D:

Discussion of Early Enrollment for Kindergarten

Background:

We have had some parents request the possibility of changing our Board Policy 7:50 to allow entrance to Kindergarten if the child's birthday does not meet the deadline of turning 5 years old before September 1. The request would include the addition of the language from the Illinois School Code of: "Based upon an assessment of a child's readiness to attend school, a school district may permit a child to attend school prior to the dates contained in this Section".

Recommended Action:

None—Discussion Item Only