

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205

Board of Education

7:00 PM – Monday, April 8, 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.)*

-Gale Elementary Academic Excellence Award Presentation

V. Approval of Minutes

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 11, 2013, Special Meeting of March 18, 2013 and Special Meeting of March 26, 2013

VI. Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Reported by Member Lindstrom

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.)*

A. Lombard Middle School Membership and Churchill Jr. High School

Membership in the Illinois Elementary School Association for 2013-2014

B. Membership for Galesburg High School in the Illinois High School Association for 2013-2014

C. Approval of Lombard Middle School Waiver

D. Approval of Churchill Junior High School Waiver

VIII. Correspondence

IX. Committee Reports

A. Budget

B. Buildings and Grounds

- C. Insurance
  - D. Recruitment for Educational Diversity
  - E. Student Council
- X. Old Business
- A. Approval of Board Policies 8:25 and 4:150 Revisions (Third Reading)
  - B. Approval of Board Policy 7:150 Revisions-Early Enrollment for Kindergarten (Second Reading)
- XI. New Business
- A. Approval of Personnel Agenda
  - B. Approval of Facilities Agreement Between District #205 and Galesburg American Legion Post #285
  - C. Approval of Board Policy Updates as Updated By Illinois Association of School Boards: 2:20, 2:30, 2:110, 2:125, 2:200, 4:45, 4:100, 4:170, 5:30, 5:125, 6:60, 6:110, 6:210, 3:40, 4:60, 4:120, 4:180, 5:70, 5:130, 5:280, 6:70, 6:145, 6:235, 6:290, 7:50, 7:80, 7:140, 7:220, 7:250, 7:275, and 7:340 (First Reading)
  - D. Approval of Authorized Depositories
  - E. Approval of Closed Meeting Minutes
- XII. 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
- XIII. Comments By Board of Education
- XIV. Closed Session
- A. Review Closed Meeting Minutes
  - B. Real Estate
- XV. Adjournment

*Next Meeting May 13, 2013*

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Approval of Consent Agenda VII. A:

Approval of Lombard Middle School Membership and Churchill Jr. High School Membership in the Illinois Elementary School Association for 2013-2014

Background:

The IESA Memberships are routine, annual matters.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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Approval of Consent Agenda VII. B:

Approval of Membership for Galesburg High School in the Illinois High School Association for 2013-2014

Background:

Galesburg High School Membership in IHSA is an annual request.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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Consent Agenda VII. C:

Approval of Lombard Middle School Waiver

Background:

Each of the middle schools, Churchill and Lombard, have conducted their annual staff votes to determine the continuation of the middle school model. The elections have been conducted following the waiver guidelines listed in the Teachers Contract, requiring at least 75% approval. The results are in and once again, the staff at each school has overwhelmingly supported the continuation of the middle school model. The GEA Executive Board has also voted to give approval. Actual results this year were:

Lombard: 46 for, 6 against – 88.5% approval

As stated in the past, the middle school model is a very significant factor in the high achievement of Lombard. One would be hard pressed to find a middle school in the state of Illinois with a 71.2% poverty level, along with 80% of their students meeting/exceeding standards overall.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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Consent Agenda VII. D:

Approval of Churchill Junior High School Waiver

Background:

Each of the middle schools, Churchill and Lombard, have conducted their annual staff votes to determine the continuation of the middle school model. The elections have been conducted following the waiver guidelines listed in the Teachers Contract, requiring at least 75% approval. The results are in and once again, the staff at each school has overwhelmingly supported the continuation of the middle school model. The GEA Executive Board has also voted to give approval. Actual results this year were:

Churchill: 46 for, 8 against – 85.2% approval

As stated in the past, the middle school model is a very significant factor in the high achievement of Churchill. One would be hard pressed to find a middle school in the state of Illinois with a 52.3% poverty level, along with 87.2% of their students meeting/exceeding standards overall.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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### Old Business X. A:

Approval of Board Policies 8:25 and 4:150 Revisions (Third Reading)

#### Background:

An amended Policy 8.25 (advertising) and Policy 4.15 (naming rights) are being brought to the board tonight. When meeting with Board members, most thought the policies were fine with perhaps a tweak, but wondered about how the policies would be implemented. Probably the one issue of most concern was the need for the Board to give direction to the Committee about an individual request for an advertisement or naming right before the Committee contacted the individual.

Jim met with the committee last Wednesday. Jim is struck by the sincere commitment of these folks in their desire to support our schools. Troy McCrery, Vice-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 will be made by the Superintendent to ensure that needs are equitably met throughout the district. The committee also 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. As in the past, the Board has final approval for all advertising and naming of facilities and grounds. The Committee readily agreed that the Board should be made aware of anyone they would like to approach prior to the contact. It would be embarrassing for everyone if someone was approached and then later turned down. The committee also wants the Board to see and approve agreements with advertisers since they may contain an "exclusivity" clause; for example, if Dove soap should desire a baseball field naming right for five years, part of the agreement would most likely contain a clause that the school district would only use Dove soap. I believe that the high school already has something like that with Pepsi. The potential advertisers will want to see the school district's agreement as well before committing. The committee has several sample agreements that other school districts in Illinois have adopted that could be used as a model when we create our own. Several members of the committee will attend the April Board meeting and be available for questions.

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 will be in attendance at the Board meeting. Jim will introduce them.

#### Recommended Action:

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Old Business X. B:

Approval of Board Policy 7:150 Revisions-Early Enrollment for Kindergarten  
(Second Reading)

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:

Approve as Presented



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New Business XI. B:

Approval of Facilities Agreement Between District #205 and Galesburg American Legion Post #285

Background:

For many years, American Legion Post #285 has enjoyed a beneficial agreement with the City of Galesburg to share our mutually owned Community/Sundberg baseball field in the summer months. Given that the City no longer shares the field with us, American Legion Post #285 will need an agreement with District #205 to continue using our field. Because the Legion develops many of our student baseball players, and because the Legion team is an institution in our community, the administration recommends forming this new partnership. After consulting with the Larry Cox (City), Ralph Henning (Athletic Director), Arnold Gonzalez (GHS Baseball Coach), Steve Cheesman (Legion Coach) and Kate Swise (District Attorney), Mr. Rich drafted the agreement that you have before you tonight.

This agreement would remain in force for one year with an automatic one-year extension, unless either party gives written notice 60 days after the last day of the Legion season of its intent not to renew the agreement. The Legion shall enforce all rules and regulations pertaining to school grounds. The Legion has already signed the agreement. Mr. Cheesman understands that construction will be going on around the field this summer and has agreed to switch three home and away dates to help Russell Construction. He is also aware that fans may need to park further away from the field this summer. Russell Construction, for its part, was kind enough to adjust its demo schedule a little to allow the Legion access to the field through July 2.

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New Business XI. C:

Approval of Board Policy Updates as Updated By Illinois Association of School Boards: 2:20, 2:30, 2:110, 2:125, 2:200, 4:45, 4:100, 4:170, 5:30, 5:125, 6:60, 6:110, 6:210, 3:40, 4:60, 4:120, 4:180, 5:70, 5:130, 5:280, 6:70, 6:145, 6:235, 6:290, 7:50, 7:80, 7:140, 7:220, 7:250, 7:275, and 7:340 (First Reading)

Background:

As part of our agreement with the Illinois Association of School Boards we receive continual policy updates to meet the requirements of the Illinois School Code and Illinois Law. These are the most recent updates as of March 28, 2013 and we recommend approval.

Recommended Action:

Review as Presented

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New Business XI. D:

Approval of Authorized Depositories

Background:

Donna Palmer, our Treasurer, has prepared the list of “Authorized Depositories” which is to be approved annually.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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New Business XI. E:

Approval of Closed Meeting Minutes

Background:

We are required by Statute to review closed meeting minutes every six months. Appropriate information will be made available during closed session, with action taken during open session.

Recommended Action:

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Closed Session XIV. A:

Review Closed Meeting Minutes

Background:

The current recommendation is that the closed meeting minutes for the period of July 1, 2001 to October 21, 2012 remain closed, released, or partially released as previously approved.

I have reviewed the closed meeting minutes for the period of October 21, 2012 to April 7, 2013 and it is my recommendation at this time that those referenced minutes remain closed or released as indicated.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented