

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205

Board of Education

7:00 PM – Monday, April 14, 2014

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.)

-NAACP

V. Approval of Minutes

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 10, 2014, Special Meeting of March 3, 2014, Special Meeting of March 11, 2014 and Special Meeting of March 25, 2014

VI. Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Reported by Member Palmer

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 2014-2015

B. Membership for Galesburg High School in the Illinois High School Association for 2014-2015

C. Approval of Lombard Middle School Waiver

D. Approval of Churchill Junior High School Waiver

E. Approval of Job Description:

— Director of Curriculum/Instruction and Pre-K Services

VIII. Correspondence

IX. Committee Reports

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

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

- A. Approval of Personnel Agenda
 - 1. Discussion and Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of CUSD #205 Support Staff Due to Sound Educational and Financial Planning (RIF Item)
- B. Approval of Board Policy Updates as Updated By Illinois Association of School Boards: 2:30, 2:110, 5:10, 5:30, 5:35, 5:180, 5:190, 5:240, 7:70, 7:140, 7:180, 7:190, and 8:95 (First Reading)
- C. Approval of Authorized Depositories
- D. Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$12,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) for the Purpose of Improving the Site of and Building and Equipping a New School Building
- E. Approval of Resolution Setting the Date and Time for a Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board to Sell Not to Exceed \$12,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) and Not to Exceed \$7,269,000 of School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds
- F. Approval of Resolution Expressing Official Intent of the Board to Reimburse the District for Certain Capital Expenditures with Bond Proceeds
- G. Acceptance of Transportation Bid for 2014-2017
- H. Approve Implementation of 1:1 Computer Program
- I. 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. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction/Superintendent

XIII. Comments By Board of Education

XIV. Closed Session

- A. Review Closed Meeting Minutes
- B. Negotiations

C. Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or
Dismissal of an Employee

XV. Adjournment

Next Meeting May 12, 2014

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Recognition of Visitors:

Since the Galesburg Branch of the NAACP was reactivated in the spring of 2012, they have made it their mission to educate young people. Over the past few years, the NAACP has partnered with the school district to provide quality activities for students, as well as the community.

The NAACP has partnered with the District's Recruitment for Educational Diversity committee to bring programs to the district. The first event was the Black Fatherhood Project with Jordan Thierry. Two evening events were held, one at GHS and one at CJHS. Filmmaker Jordan Thierry offered the group an honest exploration of fatherhood in Black America, as well as revealed a history much more complex than is often told. Powerful breakout sessions were also held

Another program, Project Excellence at Galesburg High School, has brought wonderful mentors to the schoolhouse through the Streak Dads and Streak Moms program. The mentors were provided training through a partnership with the NAACP and the Galesburg Public Schools Foundation. Mentors are present every day at GHS to provide encouragement to the students.

Journey Into a Dream, an assembly in celebration of Black History Month, was held at all the schools in February, as well as an evening community event was held in the Jack Larson Memorial Auditorium.

The District has also partnered with the NAACP so that District/Community Round Tables were held to bring awareness to the District's effort in closing the achievement gap, as well as provide information on the District's Recruitment for Educational Diversity efforts.

Other student activities sponsored by the NAACP include:

- Scholarships for graduating seniors
- Implementation of the ACTSO program which stands for the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics. It is a yearlong achievement program designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students.
- Held a Youth College Panel at the high school and middle school levels
- Held a Financial aid workshop in conjunction with CSC
- Held an Interviewing Skills Workshop
- They have held Anti-bullying Workshops
- And in the near future will offer a Police Interaction Educational Series

One can tell by this extensive list that the Galesburg Chapter of the NAACP cares deeply about the youth of Galesburg and is active in providing programs that will help them "Reach Their Dreams". It is because of these efforts that the Galesburg Community Unit District #205 recognizes the NAACP this evening.

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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 2014-2015

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 2014-2015

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, 2 against, 3 not in attendance – 99.2% approval

As stated in the past, the middle school model is a very significant factor in the high achievement of Lombard.

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: 48 for, 9 against – 84.2% approval

As stated in the past, the middle school model is a very significant factor in the high achievement of Churchill.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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Consent Agenda VII. E:

Approval of Job Description

Background:

A job description is to reflect the roles and responsibilities of the position. Due to the retirement of a principal and the need to combine administrative duties, the position of Director of Curriculum/Instruction and Pre-K Services was developed.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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New Business XI. B:

Approval of Board Policy Updates as Updated By Illinois Association of School Boards: 2:30, 2:110, 5:10, 5:30, 5:35, 5:180, 5:190, 5:240, 7:70, 7:140, 7:180, 7:190, and 8:95 (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 April 3, 2014 and we recommend approval.

Recommended Action:

Review as Presented

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New Business XI. C:

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. D:

Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$12,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) for the Purpose of Improving the Site of and Building and Equipping a New School Building

Background:

At the September 2013 regular meeting, the board approved the construction of a new Silas Willard school building at the current Silas Willard property. As partial financing for this construction, \$12 million a general obligation bonds (alternate revenue source) will need to be issued. The rest of the cost for the new construction will be from life safety bonds. This is the maximum amount we are able to issue in alternate revenue source bonds at this time. This resolution effectively gives notice that if a petition signed by 1,516 or more electors of the District (being equal to the greater of (i) 7.5% of the registered voters in the District or (ii) 200 of those registered voters or 15% of those registered voters, whichever is less) asking that the issuance of the Bonds be submitted to referendum is submitted to the Secretary of the Board of Education of the District (the "Secretary") within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice and the Resolution, an election on the proposition to issue the Bonds shall be held on the 4th day of November 2014.

Recommended Action:

Approve Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) as Presented

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New Business XI. E:

Approval of Resolution Setting the Date and Time for a Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board to Sell Not to Exceed \$12,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) and Not to Exceed \$7,269,000 of School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds

Background:

This resolution calls a public hearing to be held at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on May 12, 2014, in the Board Room at the Lincoln Education Center, 932 Harrison Street, Galesburg, Illinois, in the District, concerning the Board's intent to sell the Bonds and to receive public comments regarding the proposal to sell the Bonds.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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New Business XI. F:

Approval of Resolution Expressing Official Intent of the Board to Reimburse the District for Certain Capital Expenditures with Bond Proceeds

Background:

The board intends to issue alternate revenue bonds not to exceed \$12 million for the construction of the new Silas Willard building. This resolution states that the District reasonably expects to pay for these bonds by using proceeds from the county facility sales tax.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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New Business XI. G:

Acceptance of Transportation Bid for 2014-2017

Background:

The District's contract with First Student comes to an end of the end of this year. The State of Illinois requires a bid process to be followed. In early February, an Invitation for Bid was sent to four pupil transportation services companies that had expressed an interest in bidding for our business. Only two of the companies contacted submitted bid packages. Of those bids submitted, First Student, our current provider, had the overall lowest cost for the life of the contract.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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New Business XI. H:

Approve Implementation of 1:1 Computer Program

Background:

The technology department and administration have been working for several months to shape what the 1:1 computing project will look like at District 205. We shopped multiple vendors and think that we have squeezed out every dollar possible in the 1:1 budget. The current plan is to provide every student and their teachers in grades 6 through 12 with an Acer Chromebook. Grades 3 through 5 will have 2 carts of 25 computers for each grade level to share in every building. Grades K through 2 will get 12 Chromebooks to share per building. The Chromebooks for grades K -2 will be touchscreen as we feel that is more appropriate for this age group.

The 1:1 projected costs also include completely wiring both junior highs and the high school for wireless access. This will be a significant upgrade as the wireless infrastructure will accommodate every one of our students having a wireless device, and wireless coverage will need to extend throughout entire campus of each location.

Finally, the projected costs also include the Hapara Dashboard software which allows teachers to control the students in their classroom, communicate easily with them, trade documents and files, etc. It also includes a curriculum management component from Skyward.

Projected costs are estimated to be \$1,152,419. Of this, we will cover \$258,400 with funds from Title I and the technology budget. This will leave \$894,019 to be covered from the Ed fund.

The wiring and wireless access costs are one-time expenses. Although we are purchasing all of these computers at once, we will begin holding back money each subsequent year for a computer refresh cycle starting beginning with FY15. It is projected that computers will have a lifecycle of 3 years. A refresh cycle will be developed and it is expected that annual costs for computer replacement and licensing will run approximately \$350,000 a year. This cost is not out of line with what a district of this size should be spending annually on textbooks.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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New Business XI. I:

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:

Approve as Presented

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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 15, 2013 remain closed, released, or partially released as previously approved.

I have reviewed the closed meeting minutes for the period of October 15, 2013 to April 13, 2014 and it is my recommendation at this time that those referenced minutes remain closed or released as indicated.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented