

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205

Board of Education

5:00 PM – Monday, April 29, 2013

932 Harrison Street—Galesburg, Illinois

**Special Organizational Meeting**

Agenda

- I. Call to Order  
Mr. Bart Arthur, Superintendent, Presiding as President Pro Tem  
Recognize Members Elected in the April 9, 2013 Consolidated Election:

Mr. Rick Welty	April 2009 —April 2017
Mr. Robert Lindstrom	April 1997 —April 2017
Mr. Barry L. Swanson	April 2005 —April 2017
  
- II. Official Oath of Office for Newly Elected Board of Education Members
  
- III. Roll Call
  
- IV. Election of Board of Education Officers  
President, Vice-President, Secretary
  
- V. 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. Approval of Updated Indemnification Agreement for Board of Education
  - B. Approval of Resolution Appointing Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Deputy Treasurer for the Board of Education
  
- VI. New Business
  - A. Personnel Agenda
  - B. Appoint Board Committees
  - C. Approval of Schedule of Board of Education Meetings (June 2013—May 2014)
  - D. Approval of Galesburg High School Campus Design Development
  - E. Approval of Revised Dewberry Contract
  - F. Synthetic Turf Presentation—Dr. Carl Strauch
  
- VII. Closed Session
  - A. Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Public Body
  - B. Expulsion Hearing

VIII. Adjournment

*Next Regular Meeting—May 13, 2013*

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Election of Board of Education Officers IV:

President, Vice-President, Secretary

Background:

According to Board Policy 2:210 (attached), Officers shall be elected annually at the organizational meeting.

## Board of Education

### Organizational Board of Education Meeting

During a March meeting in odd-numbered years, the Board of Education establishes a date for its organizational meeting to be held sometime after the election authority canvasses the vote, but within 28 days after the consolidated election. The consolidated election is held on the first Tuesday in April of odd-numbered years. If, however, that date conflicts with the celebration of Passover, the consolidated election is postponed to the first Tuesday following the last day of Passover. At the organizational meeting the following shall occur:

1. Each successful candidate, before taking his or her seat on the Board, shall take the oath of office as provided in Board policy 2:80, *Board Member Oath and Conduct*.
2. The new Board members shall be seated.
3. The Board shall elect its officers who assume office immediately upon their election.
4. The Board shall fix a time and date for its regular meetings.

During an April Board meeting in even-numbered years, the Board considers organizational matters, such as, selecting individual members to fill offices with terms that expire this or the next month and fixing a time and date for its regular meetings.

### Election of Officers

Starting with the April 2003 organizational meeting, the office of President shall be filled with the most senior member of the Board of Education. Future Board Presidents will be based on seniority as established after the April 2003 school board member election. If more than one person has the same seniority, their order as Board president shall be determined by lot.

A Board Member may refuse an office. After a Member has served as Board President, he/she will not be eligible to serve as President for a period of seven years unless a Member refuses the office of Board President. No Member shall be Board President until he/she has served one year on the Board of Education.

After the election of the Board President, the Vice President and the Board Secretary shall be elected to the Board of Education from among its members.

The Board of Education shall appoint by resolution the Recording Secretary and the Treasurer with compensation as fixed the School Board. The Board of Education shall also appoint a Deputy Treasurer.

The Treasurer appointed by the School Board shall be at least 21 years of age, of approved integrity and not a member of the county board of school trustees. Should the office become vacant because of the Treasurer's death, resignation or removal from office, the School Board shall appoint a successor.

Should the Treasurer become temporarily incapacitated by illness, absent from the District or prevented from performance of his/her duties by any other cause, the duties shall be performed by the Deputy Treasurer. During an April Board meeting in even-numbered years, the Board considers organizational matters, such as, selecting individual members to fill offices with terms that expire this or the next month and fixing a time and date for its regular meetings.

LEGAL REF.: 10 ILCS 5/2A-1 et seq.  
105 ILCS 5/10-5, 5/10-16, and 105 ILCS 5/10-16.5.

CROSS REF.: 2:30 (School District Elections), 2:110 (Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers), 2:200 (Types of Board of Education Meetings), 2:220 (Board of Education Meeting Procedure), 2:230 (Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board)

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Consent Agenda V. A:

Approval of Updated Indemnification Agreement for Board of Education

Background:

The approval of an updated Indemnification Agreement for Board of Education Members is part of the procedure at the Organizational meeting.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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Consent Agenda V. B:

Approval of Resolution Appointing Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer for the Board of Education

Background:

The approval of a Resolution appointing the Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer for the Board of Education is part of the procedure required at the Organizational meeting.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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New Business VI. B:

Appoint Board Committees

Background:

It will be necessary for the newly elected President to appoint members of the various committees. Those committees are:

- Buildings and Grounds 3 members
- Budget 3 members
- Insurance 1 member
- Recruitment for Educational Diversity 1 member

Recommended Action:

Appoint Members



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New Business VI. C:

Approval of Schedule of Board of Education Meetings (June 2013-May 2014)

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. The exceptions this year are the June, July, October and November meetings due to conflicts and holidays. The June and July meetings will be the third Monday of the month, and the October and November meetings will be the second Tuesday of the month.

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

Recommended Action:

Approve Schedule of Board Meetings as Presented

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New Business VI. D:

Approval of Galesburg High School Campus Design Development

Background:

The Building Committee will meet on Friday, April 26, 2013 to review the bid results and subcontractors' award recommendations for the Galesburg High School Phase One project, and formalize a recommendation to the full Board for the Monday, April 29 meeting.

Find attached the bid results summary as prepared by Russell Construction on April 24, 2013. It includes more details than I have here.

Overall, we were very pleased with the bid results. After interviews with the two finalists under each bid category, the project came in about 4% under budget. During a meeting with the contractors and architects, we were able to reinstate the contingency fund to the original 5% level and add back ten plus alternates from the original list of nineteen. Even with these additions, we are \$42,592 under budget.

We will bring a recommendation regarding the football field covering to the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. This recommendation is contingent upon a funding source and the Board's approval of Dr. Strauch's report on artificial turf.

Lee Marbach and several others will be in the audience to help answer questions.

Recommended Action:

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New Business VI. E:

Approval of Revised Dewberry Contract

Background:

With Bob Johnson's help, we have come to an agreement with Dewberry that our attorney, Kate Swise, says is acceptable regarding the removal of the bonus clause from the Phase One contract. This will mean a potential saving for the district of \$260,000 (\$395,000 to \$135,000). However, Kate noticed several other clauses in the contract that she would not have approved regarding liability claims. The contract that Kate drafted for the Silas Willard project avoided this language and will be used going forward. Kate ended her review with: "Overall, the proposed addendum is a reasonable approach to removing that bonus provision, and we find the language acceptable under the circumstances." Don White, from Dewberry, accepted my invitation to attend our meeting in case there are any questions.

Recommended Action:

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New Business V. F:

Synthetic Turf Presentation—Dr. Carl Strauch

Background:

Dr. Strauch chaired a committee last fall to study synthetic turf, including its costs, safety and types. Its research included traveling to other school districts that already use synthetic turf on their fields, discussions with experts in the field, and research of best practices as contained in the literature. Serving on the committee were: Dr. Carl Strauch, MD, Dr. Michael Gernant, MD, Mr. Steve Hawkins, Mr. Troy McCrery, Mr. Robert Fulton, and Mr. Jamie Issacson. Ex Officio members were Mr. Ralph Henning and Mr. Guy Cahill. The Synthetic Turf Study Committee made the recommendation to the Building Committee to go with synthetic turf for the new football field, if the “delta” cost is not more than \$500,000 more than natural grass. The committee also recommended that synthetic turf be added to the plan as an Alternate. The committee voted 4-1 in support of recommending synthetic turf over natural grass with one member absent. The no vote was due to timing and the moving of the athletic fields up on the original schedule. All committee members agreed with the following, however:

Safety: Not much difference in numbers of injuries between turf and natural grass, with synthetic turf seeing fewer injuries to neck and head, and from sprains than with natural grass.

Costs: Synthetic turf, while more expensive on the front end, was found to be less costly than natural grass over a 40-year period when everything is taken into consideration.

Playability: With synthetic turf, the bounce is truer, the surface more even for consistency and predictability.

Usage: Synthetic turf can be used 24/7/365, while natural grass cannot. Marching band, soccer, PE classes, regular athletic practices, graduations, concerts, etc., can all use the field. There is no need for the surface to “rest.” No worries about mud and rainouts.

Aesthetically: Synthetic turf always looks green, mowed, lined and ready to play. Logos and other imprinted letters are easy to see and remain year round.

Recommended Action:

None—Informational Only