

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205

Board of Education

Monday, May 4, 2015

932 Harrison Street—Galesburg, Illinois

**Organizational Meeting**

Agenda

I. Call to Order (New Board)/Mr. Bart Arthur Presiding as President Pro-Tem

Recognize Members Elected in the April 7, 2015 Consolidated Election:

Tianna Cervantez (April 2015 – April 2019)

Joshua Gibb (April 2015 – April 2017)

Jean Ann Glasnovich (April 2015 – April 2019)

Amy Pickrel (April 2015 – April 2019)

Wayne Statham (April 2015 – April 2019)

Official Oath of Office for Newly Elected Board of Education Members

II. Roll Call

III. Election of Board of Education Officers

President, Vice-President, Secretary

IV. 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

V. New Business

A. Approval of Schedule of Board of Education Meetings (June 2015-May 2016)

VI. Comments By Board of Education

VII. Adjournment

*Next Regular Meeting May 11, 2015*

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Official Oath for Newly Elected Board of Education Members:

Background:

Effective June 20, 2006 State law requires that school board members take an oath of office before taking their seats on the board. Mr. Bart Arthur, Superintendent, will administer the formal “Oath of Office for School Board Member” to those members elected in the April 7, 2015 Consolidated Election. (105 ILCS 5/10-16.5)

## **Board of Education**

### **Board Member Oath and Conduct**

Each Board of Education member, before taking his or her seat on the Board, shall take the following oath of office:

**I, (name), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 205 in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.**

**I further swear (or affirm) that:**

**I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the School District's assets;**

**I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow Board members and others who seek a hearing before the Board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees;**

**I shall recognize that a Board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public Board meeting; and**

**I shall abide by majority decisions of the Board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels.**

The Board President will administer the oath in an open Board meeting; in the absence of the President, the Vice President will administer the oath. If neither is available, the Board member with the longest service on the Board will administer the oath.

The Board adopts the Illinois Association of School Boards' *Code of Conduct for Members of School Boards*. A copy of the *Code* shall be displayed in the regular Board meeting room.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-16.5.

CROSS REF.: 1:30 (School District Philosophy), 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification), 2:50 (Board Member Term of Office), 2:100 (Board Member Conflict of Interest), 2:105 (Ethics and Gift Ban), 2:210 (Organizational Board of Education Meeting)

ADOPTED: October 14, 2014

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Election of Board of Education Officers:

Background:

According to District Policy 2:210; “Starting with the April 2003 organizational meeting, the office of President shall be filled with the most senior member of the Board of Education” who has not been President within the last 7 years. No Board Member shall be President until he/she has served one year on the Board of Education. Thus, by Policy Member Lindstrom is the Presidential Slate. Once elected, President Lindstrom will preside over the election of Vice President and Secretary—both of whom shall be elected from among the remaining members.

## **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)

ADOPTED: April 23, 2012

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Consent Agenda IV. 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 Consent Agenda as Presented

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Consent Agenda IV. 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 Consent Agenda as Presented



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New Business V. A:

Approval of Schedule of Board of Education Meetings (June 2015-May 2016)

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 exception this year is the June meeting which is scheduled for Monday, June 29, 2016 due to the financial rollover of the District and the October meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2015 due to Columbus Day.

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