

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205

Board of Education

1:00 PM – Tuesday, May 28, 2013

932 Harrison Street—Galesburg, Illinois

Special Meeting

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. New Business
 - A. Personnel Agenda
 - B. Operation Re-Build Support Committee Update
 - C. Approval of Elementary and Secondary Codes of Conduct for 2013-2014
 - D. Approval of Purchase or Lease of Real Property for Use of the Public Body
 - E. Approval of Counselor and Legal Services
 - F. Approval of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) Bond Application
- IV. Adjournment

Next Meeting will be June 17, 2013

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New Business III. B:

Operation Re-Build Support Committee Update

Background:

The Operation Re-Build Support Committee (ORSC) has been busy organizing its efforts. Troy McCrery and several members will be in attendance at the Board meeting to present some preliminary information for your approval. Among the possible agenda items will be a draft of a contract template for a naming rights agreement. ORSC will return for the Board's June 17, 2013 meeting with further updates and recommendations.

Recommended Action:

Approve ORSC Recommendations as Presented

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New Business III. C:

Approval of Elementary and Secondary Codes of Conduct for 2013-2014

Background:

A District-wide discipline committee was formed to review and consider revisions to our present Codes of Conduct. The committee consisted of a Board member, parents, the Athletic Director, a school nurse, an administrator from each level and five teachers. Unlike past years, only a few revisions are being brought forward for the Board's consideration. It is important to approve the codes as soon as possible in order to have the document printed and available at registration.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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New Business III. D:

Approval of Purchase or Lease of Real Property for Use of the Public Body

Background:

Using Kit Wilcox as the Board's realtor, we have come to an agreement to purchase the house located at 460 Fifer Street. This purchase will offer needed space for Silas Willard School regardless which direction the Board decides to go with improvements to the school. The purchase price is \$118,500 plus closing costs. The estimated closing date is on or before August 9, 2013.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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New Business III. E:

Approval of Counselor and Legal Services

Background:

As part of our cost containment measures, we are recommending to award a counselor and legal services contract to Tom Miller and his firm, Miller, Tracy, Braun, Funk & Miller Ltd. Mr. Miller's firm has worked with District 205 for over 20 plus years regarding contract and negotiations and we are very confident that Tom and his partners will do a tremendous job representing the Board of Education of District 205. We appreciate the work of Dennis Triggs and his firm, Miller, Hall & Triggs LLC for this past year.

Administration was able to negotiate a contract to cover the scope of work solicited and reach a financial accord acceptable to both parties and within the range of retainage.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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New Business III. F:

Approval of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) Bond Application

Background:

This QZAB bond item is on the agenda as applications are due to Springfield by the end of May.

When the Board applied for its earlier QZAB bond, it did not utilize the entire amount approved by ISBE. Therefore, approximately \$1.9 million is available to help with Phase 1 projects. The beauty of QZABs is that the interest rate is very low. Our first QZAB bond has an interest rate of only .98%.

Mr. Kevin Heid, Senior Vice President of Stifel Underwriters, will be in attendance to explain this opportunity. Kevin was the Board's underwriter for the 2005 life safety bond when he worked for First Midstate. Stifel helped underwrite the Board's current 2011 QZAB bond.

Recommended Action:

Approve Application for QZAB Bond