

Public Hearings on Submission of Requests for Waivers Begin at 6:50 p.m.

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205  
Board of Education  
7:00 PM – Monday, July 9, 2007  
932 Harrison Street—Galesburg, Illinois  
Regular Meeting

Public Hearings on Submission of Requests for Waivers

- 6:50 P.M. Request for Waiver for Lincoln's Birthday  
Roll Call  
Presentation of Certificate of Publication of Notice of Public Hearing  
Review Request for Waiver for Lincoln's Birthday  
– School Code Requirements  
– Reason for Waiver  
– Proposed Date of Student Attendance  
Public Input  
Close Hearing
- 6:55 P.M. Request for Waiver of Teacher Evaluation Instrument  
Roll Call  
Presentation of Certificate of Publication of Notice of Public Hearing  
Review Request for Waiver of Teacher Evaluation Instrument  
– State Board of Education Requirements  
– Reason for Waiver  
Public Input  
Close Hearing

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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.)*
- V. Approval of Minutes  
Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 11, 2007, Special Meeting of June 13, 2007, and Special Meeting of June 25, 2007
- VI. Approval of Payrolls and Claims  
Reported by Member Panther
- 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. There will be no separate discussion of these unless a Board member or citizen so requests in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered individually.)*
- VIII. Correspondence
- IX. Committee Reports
  - A. Budget
  - B. Buildings and Grounds
  - C. Insurance
  - D. Recruitment for Educational Diversity
- X. Old Business
  - A. Galesburg High School Credit Recovery Program
  - B. Secondary and Elementary Codes of Student Conduct

XI. New Business

- A. Personnel Agenda
- B. Request for Waiver of Lincoln's Birthday
- C. Request for Waiver of Teacher Evaluation Instrument
- D. Increase to the Base in the Group Medical Insurance Premium and Modify Provisions of the Group Insurance Plan
- E. Revision of Policy 435.01 – Operational Services – Use of Video Cameras on School Buses
- F. Revision of Policy 743.00 – Students – Fines, Fees, and Charges
- G. Adopt Agreement Between Galesburg Area Vocational Center and Carl Sandburg College Involving GAVC Students Enrolled in CSC Classes During the 2007-2008 School Year
- H. Strategic Plan Five-Year Financial Projection—Action Team #1
- I. Discussion and Recommendation on Adoption of Resolutions of Tentative Budgets for 2007-2008:
  - Knox-Warren Special Education Cooperative
  - Galesburg Area Vocational Center
  - District #205
- J. Bid:
  - a. Nielson Elementary Parking Lot/Bus Lane

XII. Administrative Reports

- A. Director for Human Resources
- B. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
- C. Knox-Warren Special Education Director
- D. Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
- E. Superintendent

XIII. Comments By Board of Education

XIV. Closed Session

XV. Adjournment

*Next Meeting August 13, 2007*

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Old Business X. A:

Galesburg High School Credit Recovery Program

Background:

Tom Chiles and Joel Estes will make a presentation to the Board about credit recovery at GHS. As you know, the Board approved a revision of Policy 655.12, Academic Achievement – Credit From Outside Sources and new Policy 655.12a, Academic Achievement – Credit For Correspondence/Credit Recovery Courses at its June 11, 2007 meeting. The administration of GHS and the District will make a recommendation for the new credit recovery program that will include specifics about additional availability of correspondence coursework, tuition scholarships, and required tutoring as a part of the program. The recommendation will include allowable credit limits and the potential for use of this program in conjunction with recommendations for expulsion.

Recommended Action:

Approve Credit Recovery Program as Presented

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Old Business X. B:

Secondary and Elementary Codes of Student Conduct

Background:

A District-wide discipline committee was formed to review and consider any needed revisions to our present Codes of Conduct. The committee consisted of a Board member, two parents, two students, the Athletic Director, an ISSP supervisor, a school nurse, and an administrator from each level. Mrs. VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources, has provided members of the Board with a draft of recommended revisions to the Codes of Conduct.

Recommended Action:

Approve Secondary and Elementary Codes of Student Conduct as Presented

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New Business XI. B:

Request for Waiver of Lincoln's Birthday

Background:

The District is again requesting to apply for a waiver allowing District #205 students to attend school on Lincoln's Birthday, and observe Presidents' Day in lieu of Lincoln's Birthday. Taking Presidents' Day as a school holiday has allowed for more consistent scheduling and instruction, as it always falls on a Monday. This five year waiver was first submitted to and approved by the ISBE in July of 1998. The waiver was again submitted and approved in July of 2002 for a second five year period. The waiver is being submitted early during this cycle to allow the District more planning time in the event of a disallowance by the ISBE.

Recommended Action:

Approve Application for Waiver Request – Lincoln's Birthday

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New Business XI. C:

Request for Waiver of Teacher Evaluation Instrument

Background:

In 1997, CUSD No. 205 applied for and received a waiver from the Illinois State Board of Education that facilitated the development of a Professional Growth Plan for certified teachers. The waiver was renewed in 2003 for another five year cycle. The waiver allows the District to forego the required “excellent,” “satisfactory,” and “unsatisfactory,” rating system in favor of a goal setting form for tenured teachers. The waiver is being submitted early during the cycle to allow the District more planning time in the event of a disallowance by the ISBE.

Recommended Action:

Approve Application for Waiver Request – Teacher Evaluation Instrument

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New Business XI. D:

Increase to the Base in the Group Medical Insurance Premium and Modify Provisions of the Group Insurance Plan

Background:

Last year the base to the group medical insurance premium increased by 11% due to the fund balance dipping to a critically low level. The insurance Committee proposes a yearly cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase to the premium rather than a larger increase on an irregular, sporadic basis. Therefore, the proposed increase, effective September 1, 2007, for 2007-2008 is 3.3%. The fund balance is at a healthier level and even though health care rates are expected to rise by possibly 10%, the COLA increase should assist in keeping the fund balance at an appropriate level.

The Committee recommends the following changes to the plan (implemented 9/1/07):

- Offer a \$30 co-pay for an office visit as long as the visit is typically covered under the plan. The co-pay will not track toward deductible or out-of-pocket expense.
- Increase the dental out-of-pocket maximum from \$500 to \$750 per covered individual, as well as add a \$10.00 co-pay per cleaning per individual.

Recommended Action:

Approve Increase to the Base in the Group Medical Insurance Premium and Modify Provisions of the Group Insurance Plan as Presented



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New Business XI. E:

Revision of Policy 435.01 – Operational Services – Use of Video Cameras on School Buses

Background:

The revision of policy 435.01 is necessary due to the addition of video cameras in district schools. The policy is expanded beyond school buses to include use in schools. The student codes of conduct will be updated to include information regarding the use of cameras in schools.

Recommended Action:

Approve Revision of Policy 435.01 – Operational Services – Use of Video Cameras on School Buses as Presented

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New Business XI. F:

Revision of Policy 743.00 – Students – Fines, Fees and Charges

Background:

In 1989, PA 86-195 changed the criterion to qualify for a fee waiver from receipt of Public Aid to eligibility for free lunch and breakfast. The current Board Policy refers to both criteria. It is recommended that Policy 743.00 be changed to eliminate reference to Public Aid, in agreement with PA 86-195.

Recommended Action:

Approve Policy 743.00 – Students – Fines, Fees and Charges as Presented

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New Business XI. G:

Adopt Agreement Between Galesburg Area Vocational Center and Carl Sandburg College Involving GAVC Students Enrolled in CSC Classes During the 2007-2008 School Year

Background:

This is an agreement between the Galesburg Area Vocational Center (GAVC) and Carl Sandburg College (CSC) that is approved annually. It outlines the procedures and charges for GAVC students taking courses at CSC. This year, the procedures are the same as last year, while charges have been increased to reflect, according to CSC, "instructor salary increases". The new charges are shown in Paragraph 6 of the Agreement. Increases over last year are as follows, by course:

Dual Credit Auto Technology	4.0%
Vocational Manufacturing Exploration	9.2%
Dual Credit Welding	6.5%
Vocational Welding	not offered last year
Dual Credit Manufacturing Technology	CSC tuition/student (footnote)
Dual Credit Networking Technology	not offered last year

Recommended Action:

Approve Agreement as Presented

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Action Item XI. H:

Strategic Plan Five-Year Financial Projection—Action Team #1

Background:

At last month's meeting, the Board was presented the action plans developed by five of the six Strategic Planning Action Teams. This month, the work of Action Team #1, a Five Year Financial Projection, will be presented in combination with the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2007 – 2008.

Recommended Action:

None – Information Only

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Action Item XI. I:

Discussion and Recommendation on Adoption of Resolutions of Tentative Budgets for 2007-2008

- Knox-Warren Special Education Cooperative
- Galesburg Area Vocational Center
- District #205

Background:

Mr. Woehlke will give an overview of the Fiscal Year 2007 – 2008 Tentative Budget. Passing these resolutions will put the Tentative Budget on public display, as required by law. The final budget will be presented for adoption at the regular Board meeting in September.

Recommended Action:

Adoption of Resolutions of Tentative Budgets for 2007 – 2008 as Presented:

- Knox-Warren Special Education Cooperative
- Galesburg Area Vocational Center
- District #205

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Action Item XI. J:

**Bid:**

- a. Nielson Elementary Parking Lot/Bus Lane

Background:

Bids have been solicited for the project. The lowest bid will be recommended for approval.

Recommended Action:

Approve Nielson Elementary Parking Lot/Bus Lane Bid as Presented