

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205
Board of Education
7:00 PM – Monday, August 9, 2010
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.)
- V. Approval of Minutes
Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 21, 2010
- VI. Approval of Payrolls and Claims
Reported by Member Harrison
- 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.)
 - A. Special Bond Issue Bond for Karen Addis (Medical Trust Fund) and School Treasurer Bond for Amy Miller (GHS Treasurer)
- VIII. Correspondence
- IX. Committee Reports
 - A. Budget
 - B. Buildings and Grounds
 - C. Insurance
 - D. Recruitment for Educational Diversity
 - E. Student Council

- X. Instructional Presentation
 - A. District #205 Achievement 2010

- XI. Old Business
 - A. Approval of “Operation Re-Build – Achievement: 20 Year Master Facility Plan.” (Tabled Item)

- XII. New Business
 - A. Personnel Agenda
 - B. Approval of District 205 Attendance Goals and Plan

- XIII. 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

- XIV. Comments By Board of Education

- XV. Adjournment

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Consent Agenda VII. A:

Special Bond Issue Bond for Karen Addis (Medical Trust Fund) and School Treasurer Bond for Amy Miller (GHS Treasurer)

Background:

These bonds will protect funds that are contained in the Medical Fund Trust and the Galesburg High School Activity Account and Revolving Account.

Recommended Action:

Approve Special Bond Issue Bond for Karen Addis (Medical Fund Trust) and School Treasurer Bond for Amy Miller(GHS Treasurer)

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Instructional Presentation X. A.:

District #205 Achievement 2010

Background:

Mr. Estes will make a PowerPoint presentation to the Board of Education regarding final standardized achievement results for the District in the 2009-2010 school year. Included in the presentation will be ISAT and PSAE results, as well as the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) status for all schools and the District. School and District attendance records will also be presented. Comparisons with similar LUDA school districts will be made.

Recommended Action:

None—Informational Only

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Old Business XI. A.:

Approval of “Operation Re-Build-Achievement: 20 Year Master Facility Plan (Revised)” (Tabled Item)

Background:

At its June regular meeting, the Board of Education “tabled” adoption of “Operation Re-build – Achievement: 20 Year Master Facility Plan” (the “Plan”). At its June Committee of the Whole meeting, the Board took up consideration of the Plan and suggested several changes be taken up by the Master Facility Planning (“MFP”) Committee. At that time, the Board Committee of the Whole reached consensus on several items, including: advancing the penny sales tax referendum question (subsequently acted upon by the Board at a special meeting), maintaining the overall scope of the original Plan, and re-prioritizing certain projects within the Plan. The MFP Committee has met and adopted a revised Plan. The Plan changes are summarized below.

The Plan represents a comprehensive, long-term and bold initiative of the district to repair, replace, retrofit, remodel and where appropriate build new its fields and facilities for the next generation. The \$110,000,000, twenty year plan is designed to improve student achievement (and as a positive consequence graduation), increase home values (and as a positive consequence strengthen the tax base), create jobs (and as a positive consequence help to put people back to work in this recession), take advantage of state and federal grant programs (and as a positive consequence return tax dollars sent to Springfield and Washington to the local community), and complete without necessarily having to increase property taxes (and as a positive consequence shift a portion of the tax burden to others not living in Knox County).

The changes to the original Plan include the following:

- Moved away from an “artificial” turf characterization to the more description “surface turf enhancement” allowing for spring, summer and fall use by physical education, athletics, band and others (--e.g., community concert, graduation, etc.), reprioritized to the last year of the project, and subjecting the same to availability of funds.
- Reprioritized the Silas project to the 3rd year (from 1st) to allow time to (i) study the question of repairing versus replacing and (ii) as appropriate obtaining voter approval at referendum for the latter.
- While studying the repair-replacement question, made space available in the Old Giant Food store to relocate Kindergarten from Silas thus allowing for the special education and specialist classrooms in the basement to be moved to the first floor and the closing off of the basement to instructional use.
- Replaced Silas in the first year with work beginning on Lombard—the next highest priority school and the only other having a functional age in excess of 100 years.
- Moved Steele school to year two to create a model of what’s to come (for the other five elementary schools) insofar as security, energy conservation, air conditioning and similar enhancements.
- Re-characterized the “field house” to that of a “multi-purpose academic/athletic” facility capturing the initial use of the space for the purposes of housing students during GHS phased construction work.
- Moved all other athletic-related improvements not addressed above back a year.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Revised

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New Business XII. B.:

Approval of District 205 Attendance Goals and Plan.

Background:

At its July regular meeting the Board of Education engaged the firm Leadership Matters, Inc. (“LMI”) to assist the district in creating an attendance plan designed to increase average daily attendance (and as a consequence general state aid dollars and academic achievement). To that end, LMI has met with the district’s leadership team on several occasions and the newly formed “Attendance Oversight Committee.” The latter committee has worked with LMI in developing and refining the Attendance Plan that accompanies this cover and the companion marketing plan (not included).

The overall district goal: Increase student attendance district wide by 1%.

Each building will be assigned a goal by the Superintendent based upon the data; the Building principals have been informed that attainment of the goal will be included as part of their evaluation.

The marketing campaign has found several businesses here locally “stepping up” to out-compete one another in the preparation of the marketing materials which look to come in under \$4000 including the cost of the design layout.

A positive outcome already has been the Galesburg Police Department’s offering up a “truancy ‘hotline’” number for residents to call when they believe they see a student who should otherwise be in school. The Department will dispatch an officer to the scene to ascertain where the student should be and, as appropriate, transport the student to school, home, or the police station.

Recommended Action:

Approve the Goals and Plan as Presented.