

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205  
Board of Education  
7:00 PM – Monday, November 8, 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 October 12, 2010, special meeting of October 12, 2010 and special meeting of November 1, 2010
- VI. Approval of Payrolls and Claims  
Reported by Member Osborn
- 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. Review and Approve Submission of Grant for School Library Program
- 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 Improvement Plan—System of Support

- XI. Old Business
- XII. New Business
  - A. Approve Personnel Agenda
  - B. Approval of District Improvement Plan—System of Support
  - C. Adopt Resolution Setting the 2010 Tentative Tax Levy
  - D. Accept Audit
- 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

*Next Meeting—December 13, 2010*

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Approval of Consent Agenda VII. A:

Review and Approve Submission of Grant for School Library Program

Background:

Annually, the Illinois State Board of Education makes funds available to support the purchase of library books for libraries in the schools. Funds are limited, and this year should total approximately \$3,500.00. The use of these funds is alternated between elementary and secondary schools. This year the funds will be allocated to the elementary schools on a per pupil basis. The Board is asked to approve the grant request submission.

Recommended Action:

Approve Consent Agenda as Presented

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Instructional Presentation X. A:

District Improvement Plan—System of Support

Background:

Mr. Estes will make a brief presentation to the Board about this year's District Improvement Plan. The DIP is significantly different this year since the district has been placed in "Corrective Action" by ISBE for not meeting AYP benchmarks for a number of years. In ISBE's view, influenced by federal NCLB requirements, districts like ours need intensive assistance to make AYP. In that light, we have been assigned Regional System of Support (RESPRO) coaches. One of those coaches, Lori Loving from Two Rivers Professional Development Center, will assist with the presentation. The DIP will include information about how the District measures itself on indicators of highly successful districts. An action plan will be developed to address three indicators which the District feels are priorities and achievable. The plan is a reflection of the work which has been done by our District Leadership Team which has been required to meet weekly for the past couple of months. The presentation is for information only.

Recommended Action:

None—Informational Item

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New Business XII. B:

Approval of District Improvement Plan—System of Support

Background:

The Board will be asked to approve the Action Plan from the District Improvement Plan. Since the District is in Corrective Action, this step is required by the Illinois State Board of Education. The Board can expect updates to the progress of the plan every several months.

Recommended Action:

Approval of District Improvement Plan—System of Support as Presented

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New Business XII. C:

Adopt Resolution Setting the 2010 Tentative Tax Levy

Background:

The district requires \$47,090,822 to meet its ordinary and necessary expenses for the last half of Fiscal 2011 and first half of Fiscal 2012. The 2010 tax levy payable in calendar year 2011 for use in both fiscal years 2010-11 and 2011-12 has tentatively been set at \$16,328,285. This represents a zero change over the prior year's extension of \$16,328,285. It is made up of \$15,644,274 in corporate and special purposes property taxes representing a (0.045%) change over the prior year's extension of 15,651,256. Also included is \$684,011 in debt service property taxes representing a 1.03% change over the prior year's extension of \$677,029.

The District's levy was based upon an equalized assessed valuation ("EAV") expected to increase 0.18% to \$389,823,220, including nearly \$1,420,880 in new property. The EAV base does not include \$10,222,380 in tax increment financing ("TIF") or enterprise zone ("EZ") incentives.

A homeowner whose home is valued at \$100,000 fair market will see the District 205 portion of his/her tax bill *decrease* by roughly \$5 annually (assuming no year-over-year change in the value of his/her property).<sup>1</sup> Most of this change can be attributed to a modest increase in Warren County farm assessments and the capturing of new construction values.

It should be noted that while the total levy amount did not change, the items and amounts levied did as more fully shown in Exhibit 1. The "Lease Levy" is exercised for the first time in 2010 with significant increases to the retirement and tort levies. These were offset by zeroing-out the working cash and fire prevention levies, the latter assuming some implementation of the Master Facility Plan. The lease levy would be utilized for the fiber network not covered by e-rate and could be applied to the Xerox lease freeing up other Education fund dollars for other purposes.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution Setting the 2010 Tentative Tax Levy as Presented

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<sup>1</sup> The TIZ and EZ incentives, if accounted for, would have generated \$356,000 in additional income or decreased the tax levy by an equal amount and the corresponding tax rate by 9¢ (further lowering the \$100,000 homeowner tax bill by \$31).

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New Business XII. D:

Accept Audit

Background:

State Statute provides that school boards have an independent audit of their financial condition performed each year. In April the Board engaged the firm John E. Meister, CPA to conduct the district's audit. Principal auditor Ron Hilton has performed the audit of the district's financial accounts including Knox-Warren Special Education Association, Area Vocational Center and District 205. There were "no findings" to report nor adverse conditions which might give rise to concern.

Please find attached the annual financial reports. We will bring the audited financial reports to the meeting.

Recommended Action:

Accept Audit for Knox-Warren Special Education Association, the Area Vocational Center and CUSD 205 as presented.