

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205

Board of Education

7:00 PM – Monday, November 9, 2009

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 13, 2009, special meeting of October 13, 2009 and special meeting of October 28, 2009.
- VI. Approval of Payrolls and Claims
Reported by Member Swanson
- 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
 - B. Review and Approve Authorization for Student Internet Access and Acceptable Use of the Internet
 - C. Review and Approve Authorization for Staff Internet Access and Acceptable Use of the Internet
- VIII. Correspondence
- IX. Committee Reports
 - A. Budget
 - B. Buildings and Grounds
 - C. Insurance
 - D. Recruitment for Educational Diversity

- E. Student Council
- F. Food Service

- X. Instructional Presentation
 - A. Response to Intervention (RtI)

- XI. Old Business

- XII. New Business
 - A. Approve Personnel Agenda
 - B. Adopt Resolution Setting the 2009 Tentative Tax Levy
 - C. Accept Offer to Acquire Property Subject to Negotiating Acceptable Terms of a Sale Contract and the Securing of Certain Lease-Purchase Financing

- 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. Closed Session

- XVI. Adjournment

Next Meeting—December 14, 2009

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Approval of Consent Agenda VII A:

Review and Approve Submission of Grant for School Library Program

Background:

This grant is submitted each year to the Illinois State Library for public school library development. The grant is estimated to be funded this year at approximately \$3,307.00. Our six elementary schools and the three secondary schools alternate receiving the funds each year to supplement their book collection. For the 2009-2010 school year, the three secondary schools will share the \$3,307.00 for purchasing library books for students.

A review of the School Library Media Program has been completed as a part of the process of grant submission.

Recommended Action:

Approve Consent Agenda Item as Presented

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Approval of Consent Agenda VII B:

Review and Approve Authorization for Student Internet Access and Acceptable use of the Internet

Background:

The Technology/District Improvement Plan requires the Board to annually approve the Authorization for Student Internet Access and Acceptable Use of the Internet.

Recommended Action:

Approve Consent Agenda Item as Presented

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Approval of Consent Agenda VII C:

Review and Approve Authorization for Staff Internet Access and Acceptable Use of the Internet

Background:

The Technology/District Improvement Plan requires the Board to annually approve the Authorization for Staff Internet Access and Acceptable Use of the Internet.

Recommended Action:

Approve Consent Agenda Item as Presented

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Instructional Presentation X. A:

Response to Intervention (RtI)

Background:

Kim Lakis, District #205 Response to Intervention (RtI) Coordinator, will make an instructional presentation to the Board about the progress of the program. Mrs. Lakis will highlight present status and future plans including professional development and implementation tactics.

Recommended Action:

None—Informational Item

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New Business XII. B:

Adopt Resolution Setting the 2009 Tentative Tax Levy

Background:

The district requires \$47,002,855 to meet its ordinary and necessary expenses for the last half of Fiscal 2010 and first half of Fiscal 2011. The 2009 tax levy payable in calendar year 2010 for use in both fiscal years 2009-10 and 2010-11 has tentatively been set at \$16,323,371. This represents a 104.77% change over the prior year's extension of \$15,580,743. It is made up of \$15,560,091 in corporate and special purposes property taxes representing a 1.0492% change over the prior year's extension of 14,915,791. Also included is \$673,280 in debt service property taxes representing a 101.25% change over the prior year's extension of \$664,952.

The District's levy was based upon an equalized assessed valuation ("EAV") expected to increase 0.31% to \$384,655,837, including nearly \$2,909,790 in new property. The EAV base does not include \$9,994,419 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 increase by roughly 17¢ per day or \$60.20 annually (assuming no year-over-year change in the value of his/her property). Most of this change can be attributed to (i) a rise in municipal retirement costs where the district's rate set by the retirement system jumped nearly 70% and (ii) the artificial lowering of the tort immunity levy in prior years whereby the revenue received did not cover the expenditure expensed.

(Were the full value of District property to be found in the base—including TIF and EZ's, the \$100,000 homeowner's tax bill would rise \$24.38 annually.)

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution Setting the 2009 Tentative Tax Levy as Presented

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New Business XII. C:

Accept Offer to Acquire Property Subject to Negotiating Acceptable Terms of a Sale Contract and the Securing of Certain Lease-Purchase Financing

Background:

HCS, Inc. (parent company of Cottage Hospital) owns the property at the corner of Fremont and Seminary. The same is listed for sale with Century 21's Kit Wilcox. The list price is \$450,000. For some context, the property last appraised for \$890,000 (2005) and is on the tax rolls for \$921,220 (2008). The District has expressed an interest in the property and the administration, subject to the Board of Education's approval which is being sought tonight with this action, has made an offer. HCS has countered the administration's offer. Administration now brings before the Board for its consideration the counter offer of HCS.

While specific details of the transaction need to be worked out in the form of a contract including, especially, a lease-purchase arrangement (with either the seller directly or a third party lessor) the essential elements of the transaction would include the following: the District would acquire the property from HCS in a combination cash, charitable contribution transaction wherein \$200,000 would be paid HCS and the balance of the list price or \$250,000 would be "gifted" to the District. An estimate as to the cost to occupy the facility for instructional purposes is being developed by the District's architect, the same not expected to exceed \$300,000.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented