

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205
Board of Education
7:00 PM – Monday, November 10, 2008
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 14, 2008, special meeting of October 14, 2008 and special meeting of October 20, 2008.
- 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. 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. Alternative School Report

- X. Instructional Presentation
 - A. Lincoln Seminar
 - B. Reading @ the Crossroads II

- XI. Old Business

- XII. New Business
 - A. Approve Personnel Agenda
 - B. Adopt Resolution Setting the 2008 Tentative Tax Levy
 - C. First Student Presentation (Transportation)
 - D. Approval of 403(b) Plan Document and Policy Regarding Funding Vehicle(s)/Vendor(s) Selection and Deselection

- 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
 - A. Real Estate
 - B. Expulsion Hearing

- XVI. Adjournment

Next Meeting—December 8, 2008

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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 \$3,200.00. Our six elementary schools and the three secondary schools alternate receiving the funds each year to supplement their book collection. For the 2008-2009 school year, the six elementary schools will share the \$3,200.00 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:

Lincoln Seminar

Background:

GHS teachers from the Lincoln Seminar class will make a short presentation to the Board about the progress of the class. A couple of Lincoln Seminar students will represent what's been happening in the class. Presenters will be using the class "blog" at <http://lincolnseminar.blogspot.com/> as a focus for the presentation.



In Lincoln Seminar, every holiday has a Lincoln connection.

Recommended Action:

None—Informational Item

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Instructional Presentation X. B:

Reading @ the Crossroads II

Background:

Mr. Arthur along with teachers from Churchill and Lombard will make a presentation about the Reading @ the Crossroads II middle school literacy project. This year three nationally known authors will be visiting our schools as a part of the project. There is a possibility that students will be a part of this Instructional Presentation.

Recommended Action:

None—Informational Item

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New Business XII. B:

Adopt Resolution Setting the 2008 Tentative Tax Levy

Background:

The equalized assessed valuation (EAV) of property within the district has been projected for 2008 based on input from the City Assessor, and needs of both the District and the community have been considered in applying levy rates against that EAV. The proposed Tentative Levy is less than 105% of the 2008 tax extension, so no Truth in Taxation Hearing will be necessary this year.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution Setting the 2008 Tentative Tax Levy as Presented

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New Business XII. C:

First Student Presentation (Transportation)

Background:

The district's transportation contract with First Student will expire at the end of this fiscal year. First Student will present their view of the pros and cons of the district extending the contract another year instead of conducting a bid for a new multi-year contract.

Recommended Action:

Information Only – No Board Action Required

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New Business XII. D:

Approval of 403(b) Plan Document and Policy Regarding Funding Vehicle(s)/Vendor(s) Selection and Deselection

Background:

New IRS regulations taking effect January 1, 2009, require school districts to administer the 403(b) plans of their employees. Districts must adopt a Plan Document (conceptually comparable to an insurance plan document) and then ensure employees' compliance with it. In practice, many districts are outsourcing this administrative burden, and we have elected to do so. Our third party administrator is Gatekeeper Administration & Consulting, LLC. With input from district administrators, Gatekeeper has drafted a Plan Document for CUSD #205. This Plan Document needs to be adopted by the Board prior to January 1.

Recommended Action:

Approve 403(b) Plan Document as Presented (this item may be tabled to December for further review if the Board so wishes)