

6:45PM Closed Session—Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of an Employee(s)

7:00PM Public Hearing—Intent of the Board to Sell \$1,994,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205

Board of Education

7:00 PM – Tuesday, November 12, 2013

932 Harrison Street—Galesburg, Illinois

AMENDED 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 15, 2013, Special Meeting of October 24, 2013

VI. Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Reported by Member Gibb

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. Approval of District Improvement Plan

B. Approval of Change Order

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. Galesburg High School Four Block Presentation—Roy VanMeter

XI. Old Business

XII. New Business

(Formal action will be required on all Action Items. These items, unless of an emergency nature or routine nature, should have been previously submitted to the Board as a Discussion Item.)

- A. Approval of Personnel Agenda
- B. Approval of Energy Efficiency and Maintenance Grant Application Projects
- C. Acceptance of Audit:
 - District #205
 - GAVC
 - KWSED
- D. Adopt Resolution Setting the 2013 Tentative Tax Levy
- E. Approval to Engage Wells Fargo as the Bond Underwriter, Chapman and Cutler to Act as Bond Counsel and Ice Miller as the Underwriter's Counsel
- F. Approval of School Technology Revolving Loan Program Application
- G. Approval of Bond Resolution Issuing QZAB Bonds

XIII. Administrative Reports

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

XIV. Comments By Board of Education

XV. Closed Session

- A. Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of an Employee(s)

XVI. Adjournment

Next Meeting—December 9, 2013

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Consent Agenda VII. A:

Approval of District Improvement Plan

Background:

The District Improvement Plan (DIP) is required, as 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 will be assigned a District Liason and/or a District Assistance Team member through the Illinois Center for School Improvement. The DIP will include information about how the District measures itself on indicators of highly successful districts. An action plan has been developed to address indicators which the District feels are priorities and achievable. The plan is a reflection of the work that has been done by our District Leadership Team, which has been required to meet monthly for the past couple of years.

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 in the coming months.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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Consent Agenda VII. B:

Approval of Change Order

Background:

During the cost-cutting phase at Lombard in the construction planning, changes were made in the planning for the floor. The terrazzo was cut out in the middle but remains around the new VCT tile and up 6 inches or so on the wall. There are multiple places where terrazzo is missing due to items being removed during construction (water coolers, lockers, etc). These gaps were included to be replaced. However, there is decade's worth of old wax build-up on the old parts. Therefore, the new terrazzo would not match the existing. Additionally, door thresholds are broken out and were not included in the construction scope. Many places have broken terrazzo with chips or chunks missing. Those areas need to be repaired, also.

In order for the floor to look finished, the old terrazzo must be ground down and resealed and the rest repaired. The work will be done during Christmas Break.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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Instructional Presentation X. A:

Galesburg High School Four Block Presentation—Roy VanMeter

Background:

Galesburg High School Principal, Roy VanMeter will present a history/review of the four block high school instructional model.

Recommended Action:

None—Informational Item

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New Business XII. B:

Approval of Energy Efficiency and Maintenance Grant Application Projects

Background:

Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has announced that the School Energy Efficiency Project Grants (SEEG) applications are now open to Local Educational Agencies (LEA), to submit applications for a matching low grant of up to \$250,000. In FY 2010, the Governor signed the Capital Bill providing \$50 million for Energy Efficiency Grants. In 2011, round one, \$30,000,000 of that bill was awarded and distributed to 158 districts. In round two, there is a remaining sum of \$20,000,000 to be awarded in early 2014.

Metzger-Johnson creates the application on behalf of the district. I have directed the architect to focus the grant on the replacement of old, single glazed, non-energy-efficient windows at King, Nielsen, Gale, the GHS balconies and the GHS library south wall.

On August 22, 2013, Governor Quinn announced the release of an additional \$50 million for the Maintenance Grant Program as a part of the Illinois Jobs Now! Capital Program. The School Maintenance Project Grant is a dollar for dollar state matching grant program providing up to \$50,000 for the maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for educational purposes.

This grant is also created and submitted by the architect. This application is requesting matching funds for the replacement of the main electrical service including the main distribution panel and associated wiring at Churchill. The project also includes replacing the overhead transformers with a pad-mounted transformer, and replacing the branch panel in the boiler room.

Recommended Action:

Approve the Projects to be Included on the Applications

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New Business XII. C:

Acceptance of Audit:

- District #205
- GAVC
- KWSED

Background:

State Statute provides that school board have an independent audit of their financial condition performed each year. In May, 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 was one "finding" in the area of food service. The auditor found three students who are receiving free and reduced meals, but they did not have the required documentation on file.

Under separate cover will be found a copy of the respective audits and accompanying schedules and opinions or the ISBE required "Annual Financial Report."

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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New Business XII. D:

Adopt Resolution Setting the 2013 Tentative Tax Levy

Background:

The district requires \$ 61,742,299 to meet its ordinary and necessary expenses for the last half of Fiscal Year 2015.

The 2013 tax levy payable in calendar year 2014 for use in both fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 has tentatively been set at \$20,852,304 *before* a planned debt service levy abatement of \$2,025,269 bringing to \$18,827,035 the *net* levy for comparison to the prior year's extension. (The abatement will happen in February.) This represents a \$2,203,764 change over the prior year's extension of \$16,623,271. It is made up of \$16,409,827, in "corporate" and "special purposes" property taxes representing a minus 12.58% change over the prior year's extension of \$14,576,052. (This calculation, if over 5%, indicates whether or not a Truth in Taxation hearing must be held.) Also included is \$4,442,477 *before* abatement or \$2,417,208 *after* abatement in debt service property taxes representing a 2.19% or 0.92% change, respectively, over the prior year's extension.

The District's levy was based upon an equalized assessed valuation ("EAV") expected to increase only 0.7% to \$396,958,967. The EAV base does not include \$6,060,455 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 \$175.00 annually *after abatement* (and assuming no year-over-year change in the value of his/her property). It should be noted that while the total tax rate will not change—*after* abatement, the items and amounts levied are required to be shown in pre-abatement amounts in Exhibit 1.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution Setting the 2013 Tentative Tax Levy as Presented *Before* Abatement

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New Business XII. E:

Approval to Engage Wells Fargo as the Bond Underwriter, Chapman and Cutler to Act as Bond Counsel and Ice Miller as the Underwriter's Counsel

Background:

Wells Fargo along with Chapman and Cutler will act as advisors to the district for the next phase of our construction/renovation.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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New Business XII. F:

Approval of School Technology Revolving Loan Program Application

Background:

This program provides a three-year loan through ISBE with a 2% interest rate. This loan is targeted at certain populations and those targets change from year to year. This year, the loans are available to provide monies to use for students in grades K-8. The plan for 2014–15 is to institute 1:1 computing at the middle school and high school levels. The loan is based on student population and we qualify for \$487,600.

Specifically, this loan will used to provide funding to purchase laptops for all middle school students as well as provide the money to purchase laptop charging carts and some of the cost of the Pearson curriculum digital resources for use in classroom instruction.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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New Business XII. G:

Approval of Bond Resolution Issuing QZAB Bonds

Background:

These are the \$1,994,000 low interest bonds under the QZAB program to go towards the Galesburg High School roof replacement.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented