

6:00PM—Special Meeting—Donna Johnson, Illinois Association of School
Boards Superintendent Search

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205

Board of Education

7:00 PM – Monday, November 17, 2014

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, 2014, Special Meeting of October 16, 2014, and October 23, 2014

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).

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. Ron Clark Academy 2014

- XI. Old Business
 - A. Operation Re-Build Presentation—Steve Baumann

- 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. Discussion of Board Policy 6.310
 - C. Acceptance of Audit:
 - District #205
 - GAVC
 - KWSED
 - D. Adopt Resolution Setting the 2014 Tentative Tax Levy
 - E. Recommendation of Approval/Adoption of:
Adjustments to the Tentative Budget for 2014-2015 for:
 - a. Knox Warren Special Education
 - b. Galesburg Area Vocational Center
 - c. District #205

- XIII. Administrative Reports
 - A. Director for Human Resources
 - B. Director for Curriculum/Instruction & PreK Services
 - C. Knox-Warren Special Education Director
 - KWSED Decentralization Report
 - D. Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
 - E. Superintendent

- XIV. Comments By Board of Education

- XV. Closed Session
 - A. Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of an Employee(s)
 - B. Negotiations

- XVI. Adjournment

Next Meeting—December 8, 2014

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Instructional Presentation X. A:

Ron Clark Academy 2014

Background:

In October of 2013, Mr. Ron Clark was the keynote speaker at Galesburg CUSD #205's Teachers' Institute. Mr. Clark inspired many educators, which peaked their interest in traveling to Atlanta, Georgia to the Ron Clark Academy (RCA) development. Nineteen educators attended the RCA June 3-4, 2014, and it was a life changing experience. Four of the educators will be speaking about their experiences and how they have implemented what they learned in their schools/classrooms.

Recommended Action:

None—Informational Item

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Old Business XI. A:

Operation Re-Build Presentation—Steve Baumann

Background:

Steve Baumann with Russell Construction will present information regarding possible options for continuing Operation Re-build.

Recommended Action:

None—Informational Only

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New Business XII. B:

Discussion of Board Policy 6.310

Background:

Board Policy 6.310 was amended in March 10, 2014 and from the request of board members, we will discuss with no action at this meeting.

Recommended Action:

Discussion Only

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New Business XII. C:

Acceptance of Audit:

- District #205
- GAVC
- KWSED

Background:

State Statute provides that school boards have an independent audit of their financial condition performed each year. 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.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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New Business XII. D:

Adopt Resolution Setting the 2014 Tentative Tax Levy

Background:

The 2014 tax levy payable in calendar year 2015 for use in both fiscal years 2014-15 and 2015-16 has tentatively been set at \$20,479,298 *before* a planned debt service levy abatement of \$1,782,170 bringing the net levy to \$18,697,128. This represents a \$1,056,972 change over the prior year's extension of \$16,623,271. It is made up of \$15,986,484, in "corporate" and "special purposes" property taxes representing a minus 4.99% change over the prior year's extension of \$15,226,364. Also included is \$4,492,814 *before* abatement or \$2,710,644 *after* abatement in debt service property taxes.

The District's levy was based upon an equalized assessed valuation ("EAV") expected to increase only 0.18% to \$395,598,701. The EAV base does not include \$9,777,580 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 \$86 annually *after abatement* (and assuming no year-over-year change in the value of his/her property).

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution Setting the 2014 Tentative Tax Levy as Presented *Before* Abatement

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New Business XII. E:

Recommendation of Approval/Adoption of:
Adjustments to the Tentative Budget for 2014-2015 for:
a. Knox Warren Special Education
b. Galesburg Area Vocational Center
c. District #205

Background:

The proposed revised budgets for District 205, GAVC and KWSED will be found under separate cover. Accompanying those budgets are the respective resolutions for the filing of the same for public inspection. A budget was approved back in September to fulfill the state law. At the time it was passed, the strike had just ended and the payroll system needed a while to calculate an update each employee's rate of pay for FY15. Amounts for salaries and benefits have been updated. We have also made minor tweaks to make the budget as accurate as possible.

All three budgets will have been reviewed by the Board's Budget Committee prior to final adoption and public hearing will be held prior to a special meeting of the board on December 18, 2014.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolutions for FY2015 Revised Budgets as Presented