

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205

Board of Education

7:00 PM – Monday, December 8, 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 the special meeting of November 1, 2008, special meeting of November 5, 2008, and regular meeting of November 10, 2008.

VI. Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Reported by Member Lindstrom

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. Approve District Improvement Plan 2008/2009

B. Approve Galesburg High School Improvement Plan 2008/2009

VIII. Correspondence

IX. Committee Reports

A. Budget

- Review and Accept 2007-2008 Audit

B. Buildings and Grounds

C. Insurance

D. Recruitment for Educational Diversity

E. Student Council

- F. Alternative School

- X. Instructional Presentation
 - A. Food Service

- XI. Old Business
 - A. Approve 403(b) Plan Document and Policy Regarding Funding Vehicle(s)/Vendor(s) Selection and Deselection

- XII. New Business
 - A. Approve Personnel Agenda
 - B. Approve Resolution to Adopt December 2008 Certificate of Tax Levy
 - C. Approve Resolution Supporting Wind Energy Legislation

- 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. Negotiations

- XVI. Adjournment

Next Meeting—Monday, January 12, 2009

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Approval of Consent Agenda VII. A:

Approval of District Improvement Plan 2008/2009

Background:

The ISBE is requiring all Illinois school districts that are “In Status” to develop a District Improvement Plan (DIP) which has been approved by the Board of Education by January 1, 2009. Additionally, the ISBE is requiring that all school districts comply with Illinois Rule Part 226.130 which requires districts to complete an Response to Intervention (RtI) Plan to be embedded in the DIP. The plan must establish the use of a process that determines how children in the district respond to scientific, research-based intervention as a part of their learning evaluation. The District #205 RtI Leadership Team has been working for the last several months to complete this task.

Recommended Action:

Approve District Improvement Plan 2008/2009 as Presented

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Approval of Consent Agenda VII. B:

Approval of Galesburg High School Improvement Plan 2008/2009

Background:

The ISBE is requiring all Illinois schools that are “In Status” to develop a School Improvement Plan (SIP) which has been approved by the Board of Education by January 1, 2009. The GHS School Improvement Team has been working for the last several months to complete this task.

Recommended Action:

Approve Galesburg High School Improvement Plan 2008/2009 as Presented

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Instructional Presentation X. A:

Food Service

Background:

The District is required by law to conduct a bid process for food service for the next contract cycle (next school year and up to the following four years), as this is the fifth year of our current contract with Aramark. The Board will be presented with information pertinent to making decisions about that bid process.

Recommended Action:

None—Informational Only

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Old Business XI. A:

Approve 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 Plan Document and Policy as Presented

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New Business XII. B:

Approve Resolution to Adopt December 2008 Certificate of Tax Levy

Background:

Tax levy resolutions must be adopted by the Board this month, and be delivered to the Knox and Warren County Clerks by the last Tuesday in December. No changes are recommended to the tentative tax levy adopted last month.

Recommended Action:

Approve Resolution as Presented

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New Business XII. C:

Approve Resolution Supporting Wind Energy Legislation

Background:

The District has been a member of the Abingdon Wind Energy Consortium since 2006. The consortium is exploring the feasibility of building a wind turbine farm to generate enough electricity to supply the demand of the member school districts – Galesburg, ROWVA, Knoxville, Abingdon, Farmington, and Carl Sandburg College. Current legislation does not require electric utilities to offer “aggregate net metering”, the billing method that would offset electricity generated by a wind farm kilowatt-for-kilowatt against the total of member districts’ electricity usage. Such legislation is critical to the viability of a consortium wind turbine farm. The Board is asked to support the passage of aggregate net metering legislation.

Recommended Action:

Approve Resolution Supporting Wind Energy Legislation as Presented