

6:50PM—Public Hearing—Transfer of \$1,000,000.00 from Operations and Maintenance Fund to Education Fund

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205
Board of Education
7:00 PM – Monday, December 9, 2013
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.)
-Galesburg Public Schools Foundation
- V. Approval of Minutes
Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 12, 2013, Special Meeting of November 5, 2013, and Special Meeting of November 18, 2013
- VI. Approval of Payrolls and Claims
Reported by Member Welty
- 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 School Improvement Plans
 - B. Approval of SEPA Job Description Revision
 - C. Approval of Interim Superintendent Entry Plan
- 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 AP Biology Class Presentation
 - B. Galesburg High School North Achievement Data

- XI. Old Business
 - A. Approval of Resolution Adopting the 2013 District 205 Tax Levy

- XII. New Business
 - A. Approval of Personnel Agenda
 - B. Approval of Transfer of \$1,000,000.00 from Operations and Maintenance Fund to Education Fund
 - C. Approval of Resolution Providing for the Issue of \$1,994,000 of School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds (QZAB) of the District
 - D. Approval of Board Policy #5:125—Social Media (First Reading)

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

- XIV. Comments By Board of Education

- XV. Closed Session
 - A. Negotiations

- XVI. Adjournment

Next Meeting—January 13, 2014

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Recognition of Visitors:

Galesburg Public Schools Foundation

Background:

The Galesburg Public Schools Foundation (GPSF) has been a true partner with Galesburg CUSD #205. They have been in existence since 1987 and have positively impacted the students of #205 since their inception. The GPSF was first recognized by this Board in September of 2011. At that time the list of initiatives they supported were lengthy and substantial such as building the Mustain Pool and Wicall Gym, Richardson's Readers 1st Grade Program, the middle school Reading at the Crossroads, and the Jack Larson Rent Free Instrument Program, to name a few. They continue to add great programs to the repertoire. In September of 2013 the Galesburg Public Schools Foundation brought Rachel's Challenge to our middle and high schools. Rachel Scott was the first person killed in the Columbine High School shootings. This was an amazing two days where the students learned of Rachel Scott's life and dreams and how she was determined to make the world a better place. The presentations were powerful and an evening community event was also held to allow Rachel's message to reach beyond the schools' walls. Today our secondary schools continue to reap the benefits of that program by hosting Friends of Rachel (FOR) clubs whose focus is to continue the chain reaction of kindness and compassion in the schools and to help create a permanent cultural change. The Foundation was also the driving force behind Streak Dads which is a mentoring program held at Galesburg High School. The program is a collaborative effort between the GPSF, the NAACP and Galesburg High School. It aims to mentor students by providing them with positive, male role models. Community volunteers come into the school, five days a week, from the time classes start, until dismissal. Although the program is relatively new, the benefits have already begun to become apparent. The GPSF also continues to provide funding to the schools for their specific projects and the students have been the greatest benefactors. The Galesburg Public Schools Foundation deserves recognition and honor for everything they have done. They have been instrumental in "Helping Students Achieve Their Dreams."

Recommended Action:

Informational Only

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Consent Agenda VII. A:

Approval of School Improvement Plans

Background:

The School Improvement Plans (SIP) are required for schools placed “In Status” by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) for not meeting Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) benchmarks for two or more years in a row. In ISBE’s view, influenced by federal NCLB requirements, these schools need a comprehensive plan to address the student achievement levels required to make AYP. In that light, the district, under direction from ISBE, has assigned a district Internal Capacity Building Coach to provide guidance to all schools and their Leadership Teams in developing School Improvement Plans using the Rising Star planning tool on IIRC. The SIPs will include information about how each school measures itself on indicators and research-based strategies of highly successful and effective schools. All action plans have been developed to address indicators aligned to what both our District and schools feel are achievable priorities as well as identifying individual building strengths and weaknesses on which to focus and monitor. These plans are a reflection of the work done by the School Leadership Teams, which have been required to meet monthly for the past two years.

The Board will be asked to approve the Action Plans for the following schools; Galesburg High School, Churchill Junior High School, Lombard Middle School, Cooke, King, Nielson and Steele Elementary Schools. Since these schools have not met AYP for two consecutive years, this step is required by the Illinois State Board of Education. Although, Gale and Silas Willard Elementary Schools are not considered “In Status”, they have taken the initiative to also create School Improvement Plans that focus on successful research-based strategies to improve student achievement to further build upon their current strengths. The Board can expect updates on the progress of the plans in the coming months.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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Consent Agenda VII. B:

Approval of SEPA Job Description Revision

Background:

Dr. Dawn Michaud, Director of Knox-Warren Special Education, spent time last year updating all of KWSED job descriptions. At the March 2013 board meeting, you approved a newly updated special education para job description.

In reviewing the job description, line number 4 assumes all paras need to complete TCI/restraint training. The need is for center based (life skills, emotional disability, and early childhood) programs to complete the training and any other staff deemed necessary.

This new job description updates the intent of line 4.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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Consent Agenda VII. C:

Approval of Interim Superintendent Entry Plan

Background:

After much thought and consideration of the assignment given to me by the Board of Education, I am presenting for the Board's consideration, discussion and eventual approval, an Entry Plan that will give guidance to my work in the Galesburg Community School District #205. The completion of the plan will depend somewhat on the length of my work in the district, which is at the pleasure of the Board. I have begun many of the tasks, finished some and will devote my full energy and expertise to the successful completion of this Entry Plan as amended and approved by the Board.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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Instructional Presentation X. A:

Galesburg High School AP Biology Class Presentation

Background:

A group of students who were members of the AP Biology class during the 2012-2013 school year will be presenting information about the Arboretum project. The presentation will include reasons for establishing an Arboretum and the class' progress so far. The students involved are Keegan Davis, Megan Ladner, Savannah Ojeda, Emelia Smith, Matt Hawkins, Rachel Cabrera, Joel Nelson, and David Whittle.

Recommended Action:

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Instructional Presentation X. B:

Galesburg High School North Achievement Data

Background:

GHS North Principal, Jason Spring and teacher/administrative intern, Dan Powell will present information on student achievement data in regards to Explore/Plan testing and overall achievement at GHS North.

Recommended Action:

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Old Business XI. A:

Approval of Resolution Adopting the 2013 District 205 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. The overall proposed levy remains unchanged from that tentative presented last month. No changes are recommended from the tentative tax levy presented last month.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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New Business XII. B:

Approval of Transfer of \$1,000,000.00 from Operations and Maintenance Fund to Education Fund

Background:

This is being transferred to the Education Fund to cover a one-time expense from a shortfall in the construction project. \$1,000,000.00 was taken from the Education Fund to cover the shortage and this transfer replaces that money.

Recommended Action:

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New Business XII. C:

Approval of Resolution Providing for the Issue of \$1,994,000 of School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds (QZAB) of the District

Background:

These are the \$1,994,000 low interest bonds under the QZAB program to go towards the Galesburg High School roof replacement. The bond resolution was inadvertently approved at the November 12, 2013 meeting prior to the seven (7) day waiting period following a public hearing. The resolution has been brought for approval to be in accordance with the law.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented

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New Business XII. D:

Approval of Board Policy #5:125—Social Media (First Reading)

Background:

Recently, schools have been asking about doing activities with social media. They feel that social media is an excellent method of communication with the public and parents. This has never been allowed up to this point. Therefore, we are proposing this policy which was authored by press to allow for these activities.

Recommended Action:

Approve as Presented