

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205
Board of Education
7:00 PM – Monday, February 12, 2007
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 January 16, 2007, special meeting of January 25, 2007, and special meeting of February 6, 2007
- VI. Approval of Payrolls and Claims
Reported by Member Swanson
- 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. Recruitment for Educational Diversity
 - B. Budget
 - C. Buildings and Grounds
 - D. Insurance
 - E. Student Council

X. Discussion Items

(No action will be requested on any items under this heading as these items will be for information only or will be items that will appear at a later meeting under the heading of Action Items.)

- A. Churchill Middle School Waiver
- B. Lombard Middle School Waiver
- C. Proposed 2007-2008 School Calendar
- D. Report on CUSD No. 205 Farm Property
- E. Bank Survey Report

XI. Action Items

(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. Approve Personnel Agenda
- B. Approve Revision of Policy 270.10—Board of Education – School Board Meetings – Agenda – Order of Business
- C. Approve Revision of Policy 270.13—Board of Education – School Board Meetings – Minutes – Open Meeting
- D. Approve Resolution Adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- E. Approve Additional Authorized Depository
- F. Approve High School Textbook Adoption

XII. Administrative Reports

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

XIII. Comments By Board of Education

XIV. Closed Session

XV. Adjournment

Next Meeting—Monday, March 12, 2007

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Discussion Item X. A.

Churchill Middle School Waiver

Background:

Mr. Arthur and the GEA representative at Churchill have developed a waiver to the collective bargaining agreement that allows the school to continue to operate within the middle school model. There are no substantive changes in this year's waiver. The Churchill faculty has approved the waiver by more than the 75% majority vote required by the collective bargaining agreement.

Recommended Action:

None—For Discussion Only

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Discussion Item X. B.

Lombard Middle School Waiver

Background:

Mrs. Hanks and the GEA representative at Lombard have developed a waiver to the collective bargaining agreement that allows the school to continue to operate within the middle school model. There are no substantive changes in this year's waiver. The Lombard faculty has approved the waiver by more than the 75% majority vote required by the collective bargaining agreement.

Recommended Action:

None—For Discussion Only

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Discussion Item X. C.

Proposed 2007-2008 School Calendar

Background:

The District #205 Calendar Committee (including building representatives, principals, and GEA President) met on January 22, 2007 to investigate school calendar options for the 2007-2008 school year. At their initial meeting, the committee reviewed the District's guiding principles for calendar development and used them to review three possible options. Board members will recall that these guiding principles were endorsed by the Board last spring. Each committee member then took a calendar model back to their building for input from staff. Our February 5, 2007 committee meeting was canceled, as school was called off for the day due to inclement weather, therefore, committee members have been submitting calendar input via e-mail from their buildings. As a result of their work, the committee is recommending a proposed 2007-2008 school calendar for Board discussion.

Recommended Action:

None—For Discussion Only

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Discussion Item X. D.

Report on CUSD No. 205 Farm Property

Background:

Annually, the financial results of the two farms owned by the District are reported to the Board. Proceeds from the Coldbrook Township farm fund four scholarships for business education students in college, and proceeds from the Kelly Township farm fund equipment purchases for the Business Department at GHS. This year, we will maintain scholarship levels at \$2,500 per student per year and will increase the equipment purchase budget to \$18,000.

Recommended Action:

None—For Discussion Only

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Discussion Item X. E.

Bank Survey Report

Background:

Several local banks have approached board members and the administration touting their services and the preferential interest rates they could offer the district. To help judge whether changing banks is worth considering, the administration has conducted a survey of local banks' interest rates paid during the period October to December 2006. The results of that survey will be reported for the board's information.

Recommended Action:

None—For Discussion Only

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Action Item XI. B

Approve Revision of Policy 270.10—Board of Education – School Board Meetings – Agenda – Order of Business

Background:

It has been suggested that the Board of Education agenda no longer have items divided by “discussion items” and “action items” and return to the older style agenda which treats business as “old business” and “new business.” Discussion items would primarily be considered under the heading of New Business and then typically carried over to the next meeting as Old Business for Board action.

The purpose of the proposed revision of Policy 270.10 is to eliminate the expectation that items will not be acted upon the first time they appear on the agenda. From time to time, items come up which require prompt action and this change would facilitate the Board in taking final action at the meeting when the matter first appears.

Recommended Action:

Approve Revision of Policy 270.10—Board of Education – School Board Meetings – Agenda – Order of Business as Presented

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Action Item XI. C:

Approve Revision of Policy 270.13—Board of Education – School Board Meetings – Minutes – Open Meeting

Background:

Recent action by the legislature has created a requirement that districts shall post the minutes of all regular meetings on its website within seven (7) days after the approval of the minutes by the Board of Education. The proposed revisions to Policy 270.13 are necessary to reflect the statutory changes.

Recommended Action:

Approve Revision of Policy 270.13—Board of Education – School Board Meetings – Minutes – Open Meeting as Presented

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Action Item XI. D:

Approve Resolution Adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS)

Background:

Homeland Security Presidential Directive HSPD-5 established the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the unified and coordinated way for all levels of government to manage domestic incidents, terrorist or otherwise. The Federal government requires NIMS adoption by all entities receiving preparedness funding. The District receives no such funding, but relies on the City and County for emergency assistance, both of which do receive such funding. The City of Galesburg and the Knox County Emergency Management Agency have both adopted NIMS. The proposed resolution would adopt it for the District as well, and would authorize the Superintendent and his/her designees to act accordingly.

Recommended Action:

Approve Resolution Adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
as Presented

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Action Item XI. E:

Approve Additional Authorized Depository

Background:

Annually, the Board approves a list of authorized depositories for district funds, for both transaction and investment accounts. The administration recommends adding PFM Asset Management, LLC to this list. PFM uses as its investment vehicle the Illinois Institutional Investors Trust, a fund rated AAAM (the highest rating) by Standard & Poor's.

Recommended Action:

Approve Additional Authorized Depository as Presented

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Action Item XI. F:

Approve High School Textbook Adoption

Background:

Based on a comprehensive analysis of textbook needs, the Galesburg High School administration is presenting a recommendation to the Board for new textbook adoptions in various subject areas at the high school for the 2007-2008 school year. The majority of the cost for these purchases will be paid for out of the Illinois Free Textbook Adoption Program. As the Board will recall, this ISBE program uses a rotating grade level cycle to cover a limited number of texts for districts each year. The allocation for 2007 is basically intended to cover limited adoption needs for grades 9-12. Our allocation from the state for this program is \$58,913.49. The funds are only expendable for books at the high school level this year. A display of the recommended texts will be set up for Board examination prior to the Board meeting on February 12, 2007. We request that this be approved as an Action Item to facilitate completing ISBE paperwork prior to the March 15, 2007 deadline.

Recommended Action:

Approve High School Textbook Adoption as Presented