

MINUTESCommunity Unit School District #205
Board of Education
January 12, 2009Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM at 932 Harrison St., Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Swanson. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Harrison, Lindstrom, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Osborn (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Roll Call #1

Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Visitors – NoneApproval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Panther that the Minutes of the regular meeting of December 8, 2008, and special meeting of December 17, 2008 be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Harrison, Swanson (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation by Member Lindstrom of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as #527 as of January 12, 2009, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Panther that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Osborn, Strauch, Harrison, Lindstrom, Swanson (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent Agenda – None

Correspondence – Dr. Denisar informed the board that an email had been received from a parent regarding food service in the district. A copy was provided for each member.

Committee ReportsRecruitment for Educational Diversity

The R.E.D. Committee last met on December 8, 2008 at 4:15 p.m. at the Central Board Office. Recruitment visits are scheduled for U of I, ISU, Eastern, and Bradley for March 2009. The committee

will meet again prior to spring break at the Central Board Office.

Budget

Member Strauch stated that the Budget Committee will meet later this evening to (January 12, 2009) to review the investment portfolio performance against the benchmark. A report of that meeting will be presented to the Board next month.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Member Lindstrom stated that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met last Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. to review bids for Rose Hoben Welch window replacement project; design and specifications for the GHS Learning Center Wing renovation project which led to a final design change still being worked on; review the Life Safety amendment for asbestos abatement in the GHS Learning Center wing which has since been submitted to the ROE and State Board for approval; and review the scope of playground work at Gale and Silas Willard schools to be completed this summer. The next meeting of the committee has not yet been scheduled.

Insurance Committee

Member Harrison stated that the Insurance Committee continues to review our Plan design with Neil Seltz, insurance consultant; Russ Ullrich, GEA; and Deb Tuttle, IEA. The committee last met on January 8, 2009 and is scheduled to meet again on February 5, 2009. The committee is hopeful to have recommendations available for both bargaining teams in time for the February negotiations. The fund balance to date is reported at \$519,788.88. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 29, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

Student Council

Jane Simkins, Student Council President, informed the Board that the Council voted on Swirl themes for this year with

Masquerade being the winning theme. The Student Council will begin working on Swirl preparations beginning this week. Sweetheart Swirl will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2009.

Old Business

A. Report on Food Service Survey

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Paul Woehlke reviewed a PowerPoint presentation which provided summary information gathered from the food service survey which was distributed to all district parents through the schools. Following the presentation questions and discussion ensued by the Board Members. Mr. Woehlke proposed the recommendation of bringing the food service program "in-house" for a period of one year in an attempt to offer a higher quality lunch to the students of District #205. By bringing the program "in-house" the district will have the flexibility to try various food items which will be purchased through a consortium similar to that used by the Abingdon School District. Member Harrison motioned to accept the recommendation proposed and Member Panther seconded the motion. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

New Business

A. Approve Personnel Agenda

Diane VanHootegeem, Director for Human Resources, stated that the Personnel Agenda stands as presented and recommended its approval. It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Osborn to approve the Personnel Agenda as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert Personnel Agenda) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

B. Adopt Resolution on Preparation of Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2009-2010

Paul Woehlke, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, stated that this is a routine annual resolution to allow the administration to begin preparing the 2009-2010 budget. The Board annually adopts its tentative budget in July and its final budget in September and requests the adoption of the Resolution as presented. It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Lindstrom to Adopt the Resolution on Preparation of Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2009-2010 as presented (Insert Resolution) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

C. Accept Bid for Rose Hoben Welch Window Replacement

Paul Woehlke, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, stated that administration had received several bids for the window replacement project at Rose

Hoben Welch. The recommendation from administration is to accept the lowest bid received. It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Panther to accept the lowest bid as recommended. (Insert Bid Sheet) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

D. Approve Revision of Policy 415.07-Fiscal Management/Expenditures-Bidding Requirements

Paul Woehlke, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, stated that administration recommends the approval of the Revision of Policy 415.07-Fiscal Management/Expenditures-Bidding Requirements. Mr. Woehlke stated that the revisions to the policy bring District #205 into line with Public Act 095-0990, effective October 3, 2008, raised from \$10,000 to \$25,000 the general dollar limit on contracts that can be entered into without conducting a formal bid process (and from \$20,000 to \$50,000 the limit for certain maintenance, repair or construction contracts) unless Board policy sets a lower limit. Current Board policy reflects the old limit of \$10,000 and is silent on the \$20,000 limit. Bidding small dollar contracts adds to their cost, with no clear advantage over the lowest-quote procedures that the administration would follow in the alternative. It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Osborn to approve the revision of Policy 415.07-Fiscal Management/Expenditures-Bidding Requirements. (Insert Policy) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Panther, Strauch, Osborn (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

Administrative Reports

No comments were made.

Comments by Board of Education

Comments were made by Members Lindstrom, Panther, Swanson, and Strauch.

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Osborn that the meeting be adjourned—8:18 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Panther, Strauch, Osborn (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

Barry L. Swanson, President

ATTEST:

Robert Lindstrom, Secretary