

**MINUTES**

Community Unit School District #205

Board of Education

January 14, 2013

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, January 14, 2013 at 7:00 PM at 932 Harrison St., Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Kessler. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Colclasure, Kessler, Lindstrom, Palmer, Panther, Swanson (6) Absent: Welty (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 Panther and seconded by Member Swanson that the Minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2012 and special meeting of December 18, 2012 be approved without further reading and without correction or additions. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Kessler, Lindstrom, Palmer, Panther, Swanson, Colclasure (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation by Member Kessler of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as #576 as of January 14, 2013, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Colclasure that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Palmer, Panther, Swanson, Colclasure, Kessler (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent Agenda

It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Lindstrom to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

A. Approve GHS Restructuring Plan

B. Accept City of Galesburg Vehicle Donation to GAVC

On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Palmer, Panther, Swanson, Colclasure, Kessler, Lindstrom (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

Correspondence

Mr. Bart Arthur, Superintendent stated that there were two pieces of correspondence one from the Kroll family and one from the Ruehmer family.

Committee Reports

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Budget

Member Panther stated that the committee last met in November to review the audit and proposed tax levy. The committee will meet next in early February at which time it will review how the 2013-2014 budget is shaping up and take a look at preliminary budget projections for 2014. The most recent Financial Profile Score will also be reviewed.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Member Swanson stated that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met January 10, 2013 at which time they heard the recommendation coming from the GHS Core Implementation Committee. The recommendation was approved with a couple of modifications. The recommendation with modifications will be presented later in the board meeting. The committee will meet in late February or early March to review the Construction Design phase of the overall plan to go out to bid.

Insurance Committee

Member Lindstrom stated that the Insurance Committee last met on November 1, 2012. The fund balance is currently reported at \$1,826,179.02. The next Insurance Committee meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2013.

Recruitment for Educational Diversity

Member Colclasure stated that the R.E.D. committee last met on October 17, 2012. The sub-committee met and began work on the development of the video project on January 9, 2013. Spring Recruitment Fairs are scheduled for February 27, 2013 at EIU; March 5, 2013 at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Quad City Area Teacher Fair; and March 19, 2013 at ISU. The next sub-committee meeting is for Wednesday, February 6, 2013 January 17, 2012. The full RED committee meeting will be scheduled sometime in February or March 2013.

Instructional Presentation

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A. School Safety/Emergency Plans—Matt Lingafelter, Steele Elementary Principal

Mr. Lingafelter presented a brief PowerPoint presentation on the Steele schools emergency plan and the training that staff has participated in during the school year. The security design of the renovations were also presented.

Old BusinessA. Board Policy 8:25 Revision (Second Reading)

Member Kessler asked for revisions to be made to the policy. In places where the policy refers to 504C3 it should read 501C3. Discussion of the policy ensued. It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Lindstrom to table the approval of this policy until the February board meeting. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Swanson, Colclasure, Lindstrom, Palmer (5) NAY: Kessler (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

New BusinessA. 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 Palmer and seconded by Member Panther to accept the Personnel agenda as presented (insert). On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Colclasure, Kessler, Lindstrom, Palmer, Panther (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

B. Adopt Resolution on Preparation of Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2013-2014

Jim Rich, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, stated that this is a routine annual resolution to allow the administration to begin preparing the 2013-2014 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 Colclasure and seconded by Member Panther to Adopt the Resolution on Preparation of Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2013-2014 as presented (Insert Resolution) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Colclasure, Kessler, Lindstrom, Palmer, Panther, Swanson (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

C. Approve GHS Campus Design Development

Mr. Jim Rich, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, introduced architects and consultants who were present at the meeting. Design Development informational booklets by Russell Construction were distributed prior to the board meeting for each board member. The architects, engineers, consultants, and administrators met to do “value engineering” which looks at reducing costs. The group was able to come in under budget for the GHS Campus design. The Core Implementation Committee offered modifications to the plan which was then taken to the Building and Grounds committee. The Building and Grounds committee offered additional modifications to the plan. This process allowed for more people to notice details that were worked through prior to the board approval.

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Mr. Rich asked for the approval of the design development work as recommended by the Building and Grounds committee. Once approved, the Building and Grounds committee will instruct the architects to develop the construction documents which will be sent out for bid. The board will be asked to approve the work to begin at the April 2013 board meeting. The goal for GHS Campus design completion is the start of school in August 2014. It was noted that decisions by the Building and Grounds committee were made after many detailed discussions. The voices of faculty, staff, coaches, athletes, community members, and administration have all been heard. The plan includes a multi-purpose building as well as a 210 foot width soccer field/football field and track. The committees have worked to provide most of the needs and wants yet have kept the district under budget. A committee is looking at various options for the type of turf to be used in the design and will report their findings to the board. The use of artificial turf would enable the district to host IHSA events as well as regional events. The total amount budgeted for this project was \$16.2 million which is currently under budget at \$15.8 million. So far in Phase 1 of Operation Rebuild, \$10 million has been spent for Lombard, \$5.8 million has been spent for Steele, and \$15.8 million is budgeted for GHS. Of the \$15.8 million to be spent at GHS, \$13.2 million is "hard money" which means there will be an asset(s) for the district after the project is completed. \$2.6 million is to be spent as "soft money" which means it covers fees and other expenses. Of the \$13.2 million, \$7.2 million is proposed for the new multi-purpose building and \$6 million for other items such as new soccer/football field and sport complex items. The reason for the multi-purpose building to be built is to accommodate classes while other work is done within the current GHS building. No other alternatives have been given. The multi-purpose building is seen as the "WOW factor" of the project that will draw more people to Galesburg. This may or may not happen. Half of the budget for the GHS campus design is to be spent on a building that is not necessary after the project is completed. In 2009, the District #205 board partnered with the YMCA and CSC to create soccer fields which would be used for district events as well as YMCA and CSC events for the next 10 years. The agreement included District #205 to pay \$10,000 per year of which \$6,000 was for providing maintenance and mowing of the fields. One Board Member commented, "All of the architects and committees have done a wonderful job on the project. The project at GHS is beautiful but it is the wrong time to be spending this amount of money on athletics when the district should focus on building safety. GHS needs a more secure entrance. If money is spent on athletics and an incident such as Connecticut was to happen in Galesburg, the district would be ridiculed. The board has the chance to turn this decision around by voting no on the GHS Campus Design Development." Another Board Member remarked, "The process has been on-going for since September 2011 and money has been spent getting to this point of design. This project is needed and will enable the district to utilize the facilities for more than sporting events." The community could utilize the multi-purpose building or the field. Concerts and outdoor graduation were a few suggestions in addition to athletic events.

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In the beginning of the process there was rational as to why fields needed to be moved and why the multi-purpose building was needed. Another Board Member stated, "Proceeding with the design is the right thing to do for our students and for our community." Clarification was asked on if the district can afford to do the projects which have been committed to over the next several years. Mr. Rich stated that the penny tax enables us to afford these projects and that those funds have been coming in as scheduled. The big picture goal is to enable the district and community to benefit by drawing people to Galesburg. Safety concerns are legitimate and need to be addressed at every school in the district not just GHS. A suggestion was made for the board to meet with administration and determine extra safety measures that could be taken at GHS and other schools. With affirmative Board Action accepting the Design Development work, administration will direct the architects to proceed to construction documents. It was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Palmer to vote on the GHS Campus Design Development as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Colclasure, Kessler, Palmer, Swanson (4) NAY: Lindstrom, Panther (2) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

#### Administrative Reports

Mr. Arthur and Mr. Rich made comments to the Board.

#### Comments by Board of Education

Comments were made by Members Panther, Lindstrom, Swanson, Colclasure, and Kessler.

#### Adjournment

It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Panther that the meeting be adjourned—7:27 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Kessler, Lindstrom, Palmer, Panther, Swanson, Colclasure (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

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Natalie M. Kessler, President

ATTEST:

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Molly E. Palmer, Secretary