

MINUTESCommunity Unit School District #205
Board of Education
February 9, 2009Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 9, 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, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson (7) Roll Call #1

Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Recognition of Visitors – President Swanson welcomed his Knox College students to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Nelson that the Minutes of the special meeting of January 7, 2009, the regular meeting of January 12, 2009, and the special meeting of January 26, 2009 be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation by Member Osborn of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as #528 as of February 9, 2009, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Osborn and seconded by Member Strauch that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent Agenda

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Harrison that the following items be approved on the Consent Agenda as presented:

- A. Approve Revised Job Descriptions (insert)
- B. Approve New Job Description (insert)

On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson (7) Motion Carried. Roll Call #4

Correspondence – Dr. Denisar shared a thank you received from Susan Crawford for the flowers, thoughts and support upon the passing of her mother.

Committee ReportsRecruitment for Educational Diversity

The R.E.D. Committee last met on December 8, 2008 at the Central Board Office. Recruitment visits are scheduled for the University of Illinois, Illinois State University, and Bradley University in March 2009. The next meeting will be scheduled prior to spring break.

Budget

Member Strauch stated that the Budget Committee met after the Board meeting last month to review the investment portfolio performance against benchmark. Our portfolio continues to generate interest income at a rate more than one percentage point above the benchmark. The next meeting of the committee has not yet been scheduled.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Member Lindstrom stated that the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since last month's Board meeting. The committee will convene before the March meeting to review bid submissions for playground overlays at Gale and Silas Willard Elementary Schools.

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 February 5, 2009. Information will be distributed to participants for review and a written response will be prepared to present to the regular insurance committee to review the bargaining recommendation. The committee has tentatively scheduled a meeting for March 5, 2009. The fund balance to date is reported at \$348,715.09. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2009.

Student Council

Jane Simkins, Student Council President, reported that Student Council has been preparing for Swirl week which began today. The annual student/faculty basketball game will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.00. An assembly will be held on Friday, February 13, 2009 and the "Masquerade Ball" is scheduled for Saturday, February 14, 2009.

Alternative School

Wes Olson reported that the Alternative School committee met on January 28, 2009 to preview the APEX curriculum and discuss ways to incorporate its use at GHS. The APEX curriculum has been initiated at GHS with a few students and appears to be beneficial in keeping those students in attendance at GHS. The Alternative School proposal will be made at the April 2009 Board meeting. The committee will meet again prior to the April Board meeting.

Instructional PresentationMartin Luther King Essay Winner-Desirae Coleman, Churchill Junior High

Mr. Bart Arthur, Churchill Junior High School Principal, introduced Desirae Coleman, the Martin Luther King Essay Winner at Churchill Junior High. Desirae read her winning essay to the board.

Old BusinessNew 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 Lindstrom 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: Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

B. Lombard Middle School Waiver

Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, stated that Mr. Thompson and the GEA representative at Lombard have presented to the staff the annual waiver to the contract which allows the school to continue to operate within the middle school model. There are no substantive changes in this year's waiver. With a vote of 43 to 7, the Lombard faculty has approved the waiver by more than the 75% majority vote required by the Collective Bargaining Agreement. It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Strauch to approve the Lombard Middle School Waiver as presented. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

C. Churchill Junior High School Waiver

Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, stated that Mr. Arthur and the GEA representative at Churchill have presented to the staff the annual waiver to the contract which allows the school to continue to operate within the middle school model. There are no substantive changes in this year's waiver. With a vote of 59 to 6, the Churchill faculty has approved the waiver by more than the 75% majority vote required by the Collective Bargaining Agreement. It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Nelson to approve the Churchill Junior High School Waiver as presented. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

D. Policy Revisions

Diane VanHootegeem, Director for Human Resources, stated that administration recommends the approval of the Revision of Policy 356.00-Administrative Responsibility of Building Principal. It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Nelson to approve the revision of Policy 356.00-Administrative Responsibility of Building Principal. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

Paul Woehlke, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, stated that administration recommends the approval of the Revision of 410.06-Non-Resident Tuition. It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Strauch to approve the revision of Policy 410.06-Non-Resident Tuition. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, stated that administration recommends the approval of the Revision of Policy 705.08-Non-Resident Student Policy. It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Osborn to approve the revision of Policy 705.08-Non-Resident Student Policy. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

E. 2009-2010 School Calendar

Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, stated that administration recommends the approval of the 2009-2010 School Calendar. It was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Strauch to approve the 2009-2010 School Calendar. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

Administrative Reports

Mr. Paul Woehlke, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, added comments regarding possibilities of changes to his Friday update information based on the passing of the government stimulus package and the State of Illinois financial situation.

Comments by Board of Education

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

Closed Session

President Swanson stated that the Board move into a closed session for the purpose of possible litigation, negotiations, and personnel. Any action will be taken in open session. It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Strauch that the Board adjourn to closed session—7:39 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #12

Following the closed session, it was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Harrison that the regular meeting be reconvened—9:07 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #13

Personnel Litigation-Settlement Agreement

It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Osborn to approve the settlement therefore closing the pending litigation with the Department of Human Rights. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson (5) NAY: Strauch, Swanson (2) Motion carried. Roll Call #14

It was moved by Member Osborn and seconded by Member Lindstrom to direct the Board of Education president to sign the agreement. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson (5) NAY: Strauch, Swanson (2) Motion carried. Roll Call #15

It was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Harrison to approve payment of the settlement amount. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson (5) NAY: Strauch, Swanson (2) Motion carried. Roll Call #16

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Osborn that the regular meeting be adjourned—9:15 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #17

Barry L. Swanson, President

ATTEST:

Robert Lindstrom, Secretary