

MINUTES
Community Unit School District #205
Board of Education
February 9, 2015

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM at 932 Harrison St., Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Panther. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Kessler via phone, Welty, Palmer, Colclasure, Panther, Gibb (6) Absent: Lindstrom (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

Candy Webb spoke to the board regarding the NAACP in the schools. Mr. Brett Wolfe, Ms. Nancy Dillard and Ms. Gay Johnson all spoke to the board regarding online courses and board policy 6:310.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 20, 2015, special meeting of January 26, 2015, special meeting of January 27, 2015, special meeting of January 28, 2015, and special meeting of January 29, 2015 be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Kessler, Palmer, Panther, Colclasure, Gibb (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation by Member Kessler of payroll and claims filed in the Ledger Book as #601 as of February 9, 2015, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Gibb that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Kessler, Palmer, Colclasure, Gibb, Panther (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Red Cross Shelter Agreement

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Colclasure to approve the consent agenda item. On roll call the following Member voted AYE: Palmer, Panther, Gibb, Colclasure, Kessler, Welty (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

Correspondence

Mr. Bart Arthur, Superintendent read a letter to the board thanking them for all done during for the death of Mr. Donnie Westfall.

Committee Reports

Budget

Member Welty stated that the committee had not met.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Member Kessler stated that the committee had not met. A meeting will be scheduled for Silas Willard bids.

Insurance Committee

Diane VanHootegem stated that the Insurance Committee has not met since the last meeting. The fund balance is currently reported at \$3,048,031.42.

Recruitment for Educational Diversity

Member Colclasure stated that recruitment visits are scheduled for Easter Illinois University, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, and Illinois State University; February 25th, March 4th and March 5th respectively. The District is participating with the NAACP to provide a police interaction workshop at Churchill on Tuesday, February 10th at 6pm and the NAACP is sponsoring a video contest in our schools for Black History Month. Classrooms are to develop a 30-60 second video highlighting what black History Month or Juneteenth means to them. Prizes are awarded for the top videos.

Student Council

Jensen Rehn stated that they are currently getting ready for Sweetheart Swirl that will take place on Saturday, February 14, 2015.

Old Business—None

New Business

A. Approve Personnel Agenda

Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources, stated that the Personnel Agenda stands as presented and recommended its approval. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler to approve the Personnel Agenda as presented and

recommended by the administration. (Insert Personnel Agenda) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Kessler, Palmer, Gibb, Panther, Colclasure (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

B. Approval of Vision 20/20 Resolution

Mr. Bart Arthur, Superintendent, stated that many times statewide organizations are better known for what they oppose rather than those things for which they stand. In November 2012, the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) initiated a visioning process in partnership with the Illinois Principals Association (IPA), the Illinois Association of School Business Officials (IASBO), the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), the Superintendents' Commission for the Study of Demographics and Diversity (SCSDD), and the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS) to unite the education community and to develop a long-range blueprint for improving public education in Illinois. Together we stand for excellence in education for all Illinois children. Our organizations contributed their time, insight, and advocacy to the Vision 20/20 process. Together, we are committed to supporting and promoting the priorities of this vision. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Colclasure to approve the Vision 20/20 Resolution. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Palmer, Kessler, Colclasure, Panther, Gibb (6). Motion carried. Roll Call #6

C. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Working Cash Loan in the Amount of \$1,850,000

Mr. David Black, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, stated that When Knox County passed the County Facilities Sales Tax; the District issued Alternate Revenue Bonds and abated taxes in an amount that had not yet been collected by the school district. Because bonds were issued and payments pledged from funds that had not been collected yet, and because of the requirement to have 125% of the amount being abated available in the fund at the time of abatement, we need to loan \$1,850,000 to the bond and interest fund. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler to Approve the resolution authorizing working cash loan in the amount of \$1,850,000. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Colclasure, Gibb, Kessler, Palmer, Panther (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

D. Adopt Resolution Abating a Portion of the Taxes Levied for the Year 2014 to Pay Debt Service on the General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2011A, of Community Unit School District 205, Knox and Warren Counties, Illinois

Mr. David Black, stated that in December, the district levied \$1,634,606 in property taxes to pay this year's installment on the Series 2011A bonds (Health-Life-Safety Source). The master facility plan provided for the abatement of a portion of said levy by utilizing excess proceeds from the County School Facility Tax. The amount of this abatement varies according to the amount of distributions received from this tax. This year, the amount of tax to be abated is \$417,830. This abatement allows for the overall property tax rate of \$4.617 per \$100 EAV as stated by the Board of Education in December.

It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Gibb to adopt the resolution. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Kessler, Palmer, Colclasure, Gibb, Panther (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

E. Adopt Resolution Abating a Portion of the Taxes Levied for the Year 2014 to Pay \$1,782,156 Debt Service on Alternate Revenue Bonds Series 2011B and 2014B, of Community Unit School District 205, Knox and Warren Counties, Illinois

Mr. David Black, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, stated that these bonds are financed entirely by the County Facilities Sales Tax revenues collected throughout the year. Therefore, we are required to pay the entire amount of annual debt service owed. This year, that amount is \$1,782,156. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler to adopt the Resolution as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Kessler, Palmer, Panther, Gibb, Colclasure (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

Administrative Reports—None

Comments by Board of Education

Comments were made by Members Colclasure, Gibb, and Panther

Closed Session

President Panther stated that the Board would move into a closed session for the purpose of Personnel to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of employee(s). No action will be taken. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler that the Board adjourn to closed session-7:52PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Palmer, Kessler, Colclasure, Panther, Gibb (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

Following the closed session, it was moved by Member Colclasure and seconded by Member Gibb that the regular meeting be reconvened. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Palmer, Kessler, Colclasure, Gibb, Panther (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Palmer and seconded by Member Kessler that the regular meeting be adjourned—9:04 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Palmer, Kessler, Colclasure, Gibb, Panther (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #12

Michael D. Panther, President

ATTEST:

Joshua Gibb, Secretary