MINUTES
Community Unit School District #205
Board of Education
February 12, 2007

Call To Order/Roll Call
The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 12, 2007 at 7:00 PM at 932 Harrison St., Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Strauch. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Osborn, 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 – None

Approval of Minutes
It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Swanson that the Minutes of the regular meeting of January 16, 2007, special meeting of January 25, 2007 and special meeting of February 6, 2007 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 Swanson of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as #502 as of February 12, 2007, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Panther 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 – None

Correspondence – None

Committee Reports
Recruitment for Educational Diversity: Member Swanson reported that the R.E.D. Committee last met on January 22, 2007. Recruitment for the 2007-2008 school year is well underway with visits scheduled for ISU, U of I, Bradley, and Eastern IL University. We will be participating in a Virtual Recruitment Fair through Western IL University during the month of March, 2007. R.E.D. will have a publication in the next 'Pencil Points'. The next meeting

is scheduled for March 5, 2007 at 4:00 PM.

Budget: The Budget Committee met on February 12, 2007 and conducted the following business: Recommended adding PFM Asset Management LLC to the district's list of authorized depositories for invested funds; and received a report on the depository banks survey completed last month. The next meeting of the committee has not yet been scheduled.

Buildings and Grounds: Member Panther stated that the Buildings and Grounds Committee last met on Monday, February 5, 2007. At that time, the final design of the district's new security system was presented. Also, the 2007 summer projects were reviewed, and demolition of the Zephyr Dome at Lombard was discussed. Summer projects this year include: removing asbestos from, and renovating, the core areas at Gale and King; removing and replacing asbestos pipe insulation at Churchill; removing and replacing asbestos floor tile in the band hall and cafeteria at GHS; rebuilding the student parking lot at GHS, building a new employee parking lot at King Elementary; repairing Van Dyke Field bleacher supports, reconstructing ramps at Van Dyke and Sundberg Fields to make them ADA compliant, and repairing the roof flashing on all pod buildings. The next meeting has not been set.

Insurance: Member Harrison stated that the Insurance Committee last met on December 14, 2006. Our fund balance to date is reported at $371,416.97 ($80,000 loan balance due March 2007, final of five payments to the Education fund). The District's Annual Weight Challenge will begin February 15th! Teams of four participate in a six week challenge to see which team overall

loses the most weight. The biggest losers end up being the biggest winners! Cholesterol Screening, Ankle Brachial Index Screening (ABI)/risk for peripheral vascular disease and Spirometry (lung function) Screening will be offered free by Methodist Wellness Center, one of our preferred providers. The next scheduled meeting is February 15, 2007 at 5:00 PM.

Student Council: Nicole Olin, Student Council Representative stated that Sweetheart Swirl was a great success and a lot of hard work was put into the event. Their next project was planning for the Blood Drive which will be held at the end of March.

Discussion Items

A. Churchill Middle School Waiver

Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, stated that Mr. Arthur and the GEA representative at Churchill have developed a waiver (Insert Waiver) to the collective bargaining agreement that allows the school to continue to operate within the middle school model for the 2007-2008 school year. Mr. Estes pointed out that 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. Board action will be requested at the March meeting.

B. Lombard Middle School Waiver

Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, stated that Mrs. Hanks and the GEA representative at Lombard Middle School have developed a waiver (Insert Waiver) to the collective bargaining agreement that allows Lombard to continue to operate within the middle school model for the 2007-2008 school year, adding that 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. Board action will be requested at the March meeting.

C. Proposed 2007-2008 School Calendar

Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, stated that the District #205 Calendar Committee 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. These are the same principle's that were endorsed by the Board last spring. Each committee member then took a calendar model back to their building for input from staff. The February 5, 2007 committee meeting was cancelled,

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. (Insert proposed Calendar) Board action will be requested at the March meeting.

D. Report on C.U.S.D. No. 205 Farm Property

Mr. Woehlke, Director of Finance and Operations, stated that 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. (Insert Farm Report)

E. Bank Survey Report

Mr. Woehlke, Director of Finance and Operations, stated that 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 were reported to the Board. The information received showed that the district needs to go out for RFP's for competitive rates. Mr. Woehlke stated he will bring the information received from the RFP's back to the Board.

Action Items

A. Approve Personnel Agenda

Mrs. Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources stated that the Personnel Agenda stands as presented and recommended its approval. It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Swanson 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, Nelson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

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

Attorney, Tom West, reviewed with the Board Members the suggestion 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." 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. (Insert Policy) It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Panther that the Board approve the Revision of Policy 270.10—Board of Education—School Board Meetings—Agenda—Order of Business. On roll call the following members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

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

Attorney, Tom West, reviewed with the Board Members the recent action by the legislature which 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. (Insert Policy) It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Nelson that the Board approve the Revision of Policy 270.13—Board of Education – School Board Meetings – Minutes – Open Meeting. On roll call the following members voted AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther (7) Motion carried. Roll call #6

D. Approve Resolution Adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS)

Mr. Woehlke, Director for Finance and Operations, stated that last month John Cratty, Emergency Management Systems Director, explained to the Board what the District stood to gain from being dovetailed into the NIMS. 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. As Chief Cratty explained last month, it is extremely important that not just government agencies but also public agencies such as the school district, work and plan together to help make response times and procedures much better in the case of an emergency. (Insert Resolution) It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Osborn that the Board approve the Resolution Adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS). On roll call the following members voted AYE: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

E. Approve Additional Authorized Depository

Mr. Woehlke, Director for Finance and Operations, stated that 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. (Insert Resolution) It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Harrison that the Board approve adding PFM Asset Management, LLC to our list of authorized depositories. On roll call the following members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

F. Approve High School Textbook Adoption

Mr. Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, stated that 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. 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. Mr. Chiles, Principal, GHS, explained to the Board members how the decisions were made as to what textbooks needed to be replaced. The administration polled each department as to what books were being used currently. The administration and department heads decided that textbooks dated 1997 and older and any new courses added at the high school would receive the new textbooks. The administration requests that this adoption be approved as an action item to facilitate completing ISBE paperwork prior to the March 15, 2007 deadline. (Insert Recommendations) It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Panther to approve the adoption of the new Galesburg High School textbooks in various subject areas as proposed for the 2007-2008 school year. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

Administrative Reports

Comments were made by Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Paul Woehlke, Director of Finance and Operations, and Dr. Gene Denisar, Superintendent.

Comments by Board of Education

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

Closed Session – None

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Osborn and seconded by Member Harrison that the meeting be adjourned – 8:00 PM. On roll call the following members voted AYE: Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

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Carl E. Strauch, President

ATTEST:

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Gloria P. Osborn, Secretary