

MINUTES

Community Unit School District #205
Board of Education
February 13, 2012

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 13, 2012 at 7:00 PM at 932 Harrison St., Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Welty. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Kessler, Lindstrom, Welty, Palmer (4) Absent: Swanson, Panther, Colclasure (3) Roll Call #1

Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Recognition of Visitors

Ms. Jennifer Robinson spoke regarding her concerns over course changes and staff reduction at Galesburg High School.

Ms. Julie Main spoke regarding cuts in courses at Galesburg High School.

Ms. Jen Main spoke regarding the cutting of American Studies at Galesburg High School.

Ms. Andrea Tenley spoke regarding bullying, poor communication with teachers, principal and outreach worker specific to Steele Elementary School.

Mr. Colton Kurtz spoke regarding the cutting of American Studies at Galesburg High School.

Ms. Tami Qualls spoke regarding her concerns of courses being cut, APEX offerings at Galesburg High School.

Mr. Shawn Hickey spoke regarding the cutting of American Studies at Galesburg High School.

Mr. Richard Lindstrom spoke regarding his support of Jack Larson and the naming of the Lombard School Auditorium after Mr. Larson.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Palmer that the Minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 2012, special meeting of January 17, 2012, special meeting of January 30, 2012 and special meeting of February 1, 2012 be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Kessler, Palmer (3) Abstained: Lindstrom (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation by Member Welty of payroll and claims filed in the Ledger Book as #565 as of February 13, 2012, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Lindstrom that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the

following Members voted AYE: Welty, , Lindstrom, Kessler, Palmer (4) Motion carried.
Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent Agenda - None

Correspondence – None

Committee Reports

Budget

Member Palmer stated that the Budget Committee met on February 9, 2012 to review the investment performance report, several proposed purchases under our new purchasing policy including a replacement of a cargo van, a further property tax abatement and legislative issues impacting the current and next year's budget. Of particular note were continued proration of general state aid, the possible elimination of transportation reimbursements, decreased special education funding and pension reform pushing the State's burden onto the local districts. Of immediate concern is the loss of general state aid totaling \$805,000, something that we are making our community aware of on our building marquees. The committee is next expected to meet February 23rd following the Governor's budget address held the day before. At that time the districts five year budget projection will be updated to reflect anticipated revenue to support fiscal 2013 programming.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Member Kessler stated that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met prior to the board meeting to review the construction/bid document work of the architect and the recommendation of administration to proceed to bid solicitation a select set of projects. The committee found the plans for Lombard Middle School to be on time, under budget and within scope for the first two bid packages and endorses the administration's recommendation to

authorize the architect and construction manager to proceed with the solicitation of bids. Separately, the committee reviewed the results of the Steele School Charrette work including the participation of the Steele School Core committee and the district side implementation committee. The committee likewise found the plans for Steele school to be on time, under budget and within scope through the pre design phase and endorses the administrations recommendation to authorize the architect to proceed to schematic design.

Insurance Committee

Member Lindstrom stated that the Insurance Committee has not met since the last meeting. The fund balance is currently reported at \$1,478,854.24. The next regular committee meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Recruitment for Educational Diversity

Diane VanHootegem stated that the RED Committee met on Tuesday, January 17 to continue research and development of a DVD to showcase the rich ethnic history of Galesburg. The video will be shown to potential candidates during their visits to the District as well as an instructional tool in the classroom. Recruitment trips are scheduled for Illinois State University and Eastern Illinois University on February 28th and 29th respectfully. The next meeting will be scheduled following the spring recruitment efforts at ISU and EIU.

Student Council

Emily Schoonover, Student Council President stated that Student Council just finished Sweetheart Swirl week. The February charity of the month is the Special Olympics. Student Council has created a new event called Hope Week. All the money raised will go to St. Jude. Hope Week will take place at the end of March.

Lastly, there will be a blood drive in late March or early April.

Instructional Presentation

A. German American Partnership Program (GAPP)—Student Exchange—Mr. Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, introduced Mr. Eric Spindler, Galesburg High School German teacher, to update the Board on the German American Partnership Program.

Old Business—None

New Business

A. Approve Personnel Agenda

Diane VanHootehem, Director for Human Resources, stated that the Personnel Agenda stands as presented and recommended its approval. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Palmer to approve the Personnel Agenda as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert Personnel Agenda) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Welty, Kessler, Palmer (4) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

B. Approve Naming of Lombard Auditorium—The Jack Larson Memorial Auditorium

Dr. Gene Denisar, Superintendent, stated that Mr. Richard Lindstrom did a fabulous job remembering Mr. Jack Larson. Dr. Denisar stated that he highly recommends approving the naming of the Lombard Auditorium once the renovations are completed. It was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Kessler to approve naming the Lombard Auditorium the Jack Larson Memorial Auditorium. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Lindstrom, Palmer, Kessler (4). Motion carried. Roll Call #5

C. Approval of Counselor and Legal Services

Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, stated that with the passing of long-time district attorney Mr. Tom West the district embarked upon a process to replace his and his father before him and their some 60-years' service with new counsel and legal services representation. After preparation of a formal solicitation authorized by the Board of Education, due advertisement of a request for qualifications, receipt of submissions, paper screening and interview of four potential successor firms, the five member selection team including three board members and two administrative staff ranked the law firm of Miller, Hall & Triggs, PC ahead of three other finalists. Administration was able to negotiate a contract to cover the scope of work solicited and reach a financial accord acceptable to both parties and within the range of retainage sought by the three unsuccessful firms. The interview committee overwhelmingly supports the recommendation of administration to award a counselor & legal services contract to the law firm of Miller, Hall and Triggs, PC and lead attorney Dennis Triggs as more fully described in the attached contract. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Palmer to approve Miller, Hall and Triggs for the district Counselor

and Legal Services. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Kessler, Palmer (3) Abstain: Lindstrom (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

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

Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations stated that the District is to levy \$1,862,681.26 in ad valorem taxes to pay the first installment on the Series 2011 A bonds (Health-Life-Safety Source). The master facility plan provided for the abatement of a portion of said levy utilizing the proceeds from the County School Facility tax. This resolution perfects the district's intent to reduce its levy. (This Resolution replaces the original 2011 Series "A" Abatement Resolution first passed last November based upon revised, updated information.) This action along with a companion abatement of the Series 2011 B bonds (no change from the November-last action) will allow the district to maintain its overall property tax rate at the prior year's level of \$4.20 per \$100.00 EAV, all as called for in the original 20-year master facility plan—Operation Rebuild-Achievement. It was moved by Member Palmer and seconded by Member Kessler to adopt the resolution. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Kessler, Lindstrom, Palmer (4) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

E. Approve Resolution of Delegation of Annual Behavior Intervention

Dr. Gene Denisar, Superintendent, stated that P.A. 89-191 requires school districts to establish and maintain a committee on behavioral interventions for students with disabilities. The committee shall seek the advice of parents of students with disabilities and other parents, teachers, administrators, advocates for persons with disabilities and include individuals with knowledge and expertise in the development and implementation of behavioral interventions for persons with disabilities. This committee shall assist the Superintendent or designee in developing procedural guidelines for the implementation of behavioral interventions for students with disabilities. This committee must meet annually to review and revise these procedures. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Palmer to approve the Resolution of Delegation of Annual Behavior Intervention. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Kessler, Palmer, Lindstrom (4) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

F. Approval of Steele School Pre Design Recommendation

Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction stated that at each board member seat is the architect's proposed pre-design scope, sequence and budget for the repair, replacement, retrofit and remodeling work to be completed at Steele school, all as part of Phase I of Operation Rebuild – Achievement, the district's twenty year master facility plan. The pre-design details at a "10,000 ft." view the scope of work to be completed by a date certain within a given budget. The proposal is subject to further modification with each subsequent phase of the architectural process, the "schematic design and design development" phased being the next two in a series of four such reviews ultimately leading to a bid award. (With each phase of work, the architect

will refine its schedule and budget for subsequent Board review and approval.) At this time the Board is asked to approve the scope of work, schedule and budget for the Steele repair, replacement, retrofit, remodeling and new construction work as provided for, under separate cover (to be delivered following the Board Building Committees review and acceptance), in the Dewberry pre-design book. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Palmer to Approve the Steele School Pre Design Recommendation. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Kessler, Lindstrom, Welty, Palmer (4) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

G. Authorize Solicitation of Bids for Select Lombard Middle School Projects—Bid Package No. 1

Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations stated that at its January regular meeting the Board of Education authorized architect Dewberry to proceed to the Construction Drawing and Bid Package phase of the architect process. The first of two bid packages have been prepared and solicitations made. As more fully described on the attached, the first bid packages include items having either a long-lead time in material acquisition or are scheduled to begin within the next two months. The Board Building Committee is scheduled to review the proposed bid package in advance of the board meeting and it is anticipated they will support administration's recommendation to proceed with the solicitation as the items sought remain on-time, under budget and within scope. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Palmer to Authorize Solicitation of Bids for Select Lombard Middle School Projects-Bid Package No. 1. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Palmer, Welty, Kessler (4) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

H. Authorize Development of District Strategic Plan

President Welty stated that there will be no action taken on this item only discussion. Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations stated that the District last engaged in a strategic planning process in 2006 leading to the publication of the 2007-2012 District Strategic. Typically, strategic plans are updated every three to five years. Such plans provide both school boards and administration a roadmap toward achievement of a shared vision for the district. This shared vision is then used in shaping the development and subsequent deployment and alignment of human, fiscal and time resources. The proposed process, unlike traditional efforts, attempts to align the district's future success to that of the broader communities by acknowledging the need to grow the latter both socially and economically. To that end, the district must do its part to make the community most attractive to its existing base and to compete with other communities to lure those having choices of where they want to live, work, play and learn. By visioning how education will look in the year 2020, the district provides a basis for a new vision, a roadmap to achieving the vision and a plan for the deployment of its resources in support of all the same. Presented is a proposed process including goal, objectives and activities designed to focus the plans development on "growing" the district and its community socially and economically with a shared vision and plan of actions toward

“Galesburg 2020.” Discussion ensued. The item will be brought back for board action at the March meeting.

Administrative Reports

Comments were made by Mr. Cahill.

Comments by Board of Education

Comments were made by Members Kessler and Lindstrom.

Closed Session

President Welty stated that the Board will move into a closed session for the purpose of Personnel to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of employee(s). Action will be taken following closed session. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Palmer that the Board adjourn to closed session. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Palmer, Kessler, Lindstrom (4) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

Following the closed session, it was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Palmer that the regular meeting be reconvened. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Welty, Palmer, Kessler (4) Motion carried. Roll Call #12

I. Approve Resolutions Regarding Notices of Remediable Warning

A. It was moved by Kessler and seconded by Member Palmer to Approve the Resolution Regarding Remediable Warning for Teacher A. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Kessler, Palmer, Welty (4) Motion carried. Roll Call #13

B. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Palmer to Approve the Resolution Regarding Remediable Warning for Teacher B. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Kessler, Lindstrom, Welty, Palmer (4) Motion carried. Roll Call #14

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Palmer that the regular meeting be adjourned—10:04 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Welty, Palmer, Kessler (4) Motion carried. Roll Call #15

Rick Welty, President

ATTEST:

Barry L. Swanson, Secretary