

**MINUTES**Community Unit School District #205  
Board of Education  
March 9, 2009Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 9, 2009 at 7:00 PM at The Lincoln Education Center, 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, Strauch, Swanson, Panther, Osborn (6) Absent: Nelson (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

None

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Strauch that the Minutes of the regular meeting of February 9, 2009 and special meeting of February 9, 2009, be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Osborn, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Panther (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation by Member Panther of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as Exhibit #529 as of March 9, 2009, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Osborn that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent Agenda

It was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Strauch to approve the Authorization for Staff Access and Acceptable Use of the Internet. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

Correspondence

Dr. Denisar presented a letter that was sent to Dr. Tom Chiles, Galesburg High School Principal, in regards to Galesburg High School students.

Committee ReportsBudget

Member Strauch reported the Budget Committee had not met since the last Board meeting. The next meeting of the committee will be in April to review the District's investment portfolio performance versus the benchmark set by the Board's Investment Policy.

Buildings and Grounds

Member Lindstrom, reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee had not met since the last Board meeting. The next meeting will be prior to the April Board meeting to review bid results for the GHS Learning Center Wing project.

Insurance Committee

Member Harrison reported that the Insurance Committee last met February 18, 2009; taking under consideration the Plan review with the Consulting Committee, the Insurance Committee has made their recommendations for bargaining negotiations. The Insurance Committee will review the request for RFP proposals upon receipt with hope for recommendation being brought to the Board at the May 2009 meeting. The fund balance to date is reported at \$397,897.36. The next meeting will be prior to the May Board meeting.

Recruitment for Educational Diversity

Member Swanson stated that the R.E.D. committee last met on December 8, 2009. Recruitment trips have been made to ISU, U of I and Eastern IL University. Bradley University is scheduled for March 10, 2009. The next R.E.D. meeting will be scheduled prior to spring break.

Student Council

Jane Simkins, Student Council President, stated they are working on the blood drive. She also introduced Sara Main who is running for the office of corresponding secretary for next year.

Alternative School Feasibility

Wes Olson stated that the committee had not met since the last Board meeting and that they will meet prior to the next Board meeting to finalize their proposal.

Instructional Presentation

GHS School Improvement Plan—Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction introduced Dr. Tom Chiles, Principal, Galesburg High School to discuss the School Improvement Plan and how the high school is using RESPRO funding. Dr. Chiles stated that Galesburg High School was one of four schools invited by the Illinois State Board of Education to speak in regards to how RESPRO funding is being used to meet annual yearly progress standards. Dr. Chiles stated that Wes Olson, Jake Miller and Mary Gehring attended the conference. Wes Olson discussed how the school improvement plan and professional development have become a strong focus in an effort to increase test scores. He stated that data was collected from teachers in an effort to improve the curriculum. Mary Gehring discussed how the math department is implementing programs to focus learning.

Old BusinessNew BusinessA. Approve Middle School (6-8) Language Arts Textbook Adoption

Mr. Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, requested that the Board of Education approve the adoption of Glencoe Language Arts Literature and Great Source-Right Source 6-8 textbooks as presented. (Insert) The middle school language arts proposal fits within the 2008-2009 textbook adoption budget which includes both Illinois Textbook Loan and District funds. It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Osborn that the Board of Education, approve the 6-8 Glencoe Language Arts Literature and Great Source-Right Source Textbook Adoption as presented and recommended. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

B. Approve Personnel Agenda

Mrs. Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources stated that the personnel agenda is divided into two parts, with the first being Certified Staff Differential Appointment/Resignations/Dismissals and the second the Resolutions in regards to Reduction in Force. Mrs. VanHootegem presented the Personnel Agenda as it stands and recommended its approval.

It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Osborn that the Board of Education, approve the Personnel Agenda Certified Staff Differential

Appointment/Resignations/Dismissals as presented and recommended. (Insert Personnel Agenda) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Harrison, Lindstrom, Swanson, Osborn, Strauch (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

Approve Recommendations on Adoption of Resolutions

The Resolution for the following Reduction-In-Force Item was presented by Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources, and recommended for adoption:

1. Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of CUSD #205 Teachers Due to Uncertain Grant Funding (RIF Item)

It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Strauch that the Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of CUSD #205 Teachers Due to Uncertain Grant Funding be adopted as stated for: Ruth Ann Hanlon and Jill Huels, (Two (2) non-tenured part-time teachers) (Insert Resolution) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther, Strauch (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

The Resolution for the following Reduction-In-Force Item was presented by Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources, and recommended for adoption:

2. Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of CUSD #205 Educational Support Staff Due to Uncertain Grant Funding (RIF Item)

It was moved by Member Osborn and seconded by Member Panther that the Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of CUSD #205 Educational Support Staff Due to Uncertain Grant Funding be adopted as stated for: Evelyn Stroud (One (1) part-time pre kindergarten paraprofessional) (Insert Resolution) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther, Strauch (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

The Resolution for the following Reduction-In-Force Item was presented by Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources, and recommended for adoption:

3. Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of CUSD #205 Educational Support Staff Due to Uncertain Enrollment (RIF Item)

It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Strauch that the Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of CUSD #205 Educational Support Staff Due to Uncertain Enrollment be adopted as stated for: Debbie Pittard (One (1) part-time 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Paraprofessional) (Insert Resolution) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

The Resolution for the following Honorable Dismissal was presented by Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources, and recommended for adoption:

4. Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Honorable Dismissal of Knox-Warren Special Education District Teachers.

It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Osborn that the Resolution RE: Honorable Dismissal of Knox-Warren Special Education District Teachers be adopted as stated for: Jocelyn Saline and Susan Schar (Two (2) part-time speech/language pathologists) (Insert Resolution) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

The Resolution for the following Reduction in Force item was presented by Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources, and recommended for adoption:

5. Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of Knox Warren Special Education District Support Staff Due to Uncertain Enrollment (RIF Item)

It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Osborn that the Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of Knox-Warren Special Education District Support Staff Due to Uncertain Enrollment be adopted as stated for: Amy Bodenhamer, Thomas Rogers, Sherry Johnson, Ellie Little, Lisa Bleyart, Lynly Triplett, Laurie Allen and Carol Wolbers. (Six (6) full-time and two (2) part-time Special Education Paraprofessionals) (Insert Resolution) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

The Resolution for the following Dismissal was presented by Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources, and recommended for adoption:

6. Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Dismissal of Knox-Warren Special Education District Support Staff Due to Lack of Required Certification.

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Panther that the Resolution RE: Dismissal of Knox-Warren Special Education District Support Staff Due to Lack of Required Certification: Robin Raney (One (1) full-time Paraprofessional) (Insert Resolution) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Osborn, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Panther (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #12

D. Accept Bid for Paving and Overlays at Gale, Silas Willard and Lincoln

Bids were solicited to overlay the asphalt playgrounds at Gale, Silas Willard Elementary Schools as well as the front part of the north parking lot at Lincoln Education Center. Both playgrounds are in need of resurfacing and the Lincoln overlay will complete the work that was started there last summer when areas of the parking lot were dug out and replaced. At Gale, a new traffic lane will also be built in front of Rose Hoben Welch, to create a stacking lane for parent vehicles arriving at Gale to drop off or pick up students. Three bids were received and the low bid is recommended for acceptance. It was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Harrison to accept the paving and Overlays at Gale, Silas Willard and Lincoln. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Panther, Osborn, Strauch, Swanson (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #13

E. Accept Bid for Food Service Truck

Bids were solicited for a new Food Service truck, as our current one is ten years old and has 140,000 miles on it. Our notice was published in a local newspaper, and from it we received bids from two local and two out-of-state dealers. The lowest bid did not meet our published specifications, so we recommend approval of the second-lowest bid, which met specification. There is no trade-in offset against the bid price, because we plan to keep the old truck. Currently, it makes all meal deliveries from production kitchens at GHS, Churchill and Lombard to the elementary schools. Next year, we plan to use both the new and old trucks for elementary delivery runs, cutting as much as one hour off the time between meal production and service to students. The second delivery should take less than an hour, and be done by existing maintenance department staff. It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Panther to accept the second lowest bid from Louis Lakis Ford for a Food Service Truck. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Panther, Osborn, Strauch, Swanson, (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #14

Administrative Reports

Mr. Joel Estes stated that ISAT testing is halfway completed.

Mr. Paul Woehlke stated that the asbestos in Rose Hoben Welch is not as extensive as was first thought. The insulation is in good condition. Mr. Woehlke also stated that the stimulus funding is being dispersed but it is still unclear if schools will be able to spend the money due to the restrictions that are being put on the funds.

Dr. Denisar stated that negotiation proposals will be exchanged Friday, March 13, 2009. Negotiations will be March 23, 2009 through March 26, 2009.

Comments by Board of Education

Comments were made by Members Panther, Swanson and Strauch.

Closed Session

President Swanson called for a motion to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing Negotiations. No action will be taken. It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Harrison that the Board enter into closed session – 8:00 p.m. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #15

Following the closed session it was moved by Member Osborn and seconded by Member Lindstrom that the regular meeting be reconvened. On roll call the following Members vote AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #16

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Panther to adjourn the meeting – 9:10 p.m. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #17

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Barry L. Swanson, President

ATTEST:

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Robert Lindstrom, Secretary