

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

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 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: Lindstrom, Panther, Gibb, Palmer, Colclasure, Kessler, Welty (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 Kessler and seconded by Member Gibb that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 9, 2015 and special meeting of February 10, 2015, special meeting of February 11, 2015, special meeting of February 12, 2015, special meeting of February 17, 2015, and special meeting of February 20, 2015 be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Gibb, Lindstrom, Palmer, Panther, Welty, Colclasure (6) Abstained: Lindstrom (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation by Member Lindstrom of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as Exhibit #602 as of March 9, 2015, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Kessler that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Colclasure, Kessler, Palmer Lindstrom, Gibb, Welty (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent Agenda

It was moved by Member Gibb and seconded by Member Lindstrom to approve the consent agenda items:

A. Approval of Surplus Items

On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Palmer, Panther, Gibb, Lindstrom, Welty, Kessler, Colclasure (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

Correspondence—None

Committee Reports

Budget

Member Welty reported that the Budget Committee has not met since the last meeting.

Buildings and Grounds

Member Kessler reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on February 17, 2015 and March 9, 2015. Silas Willard and GHS projects were discussed at those meetings. The committee chose the final design for the GHS lobby and entrance at GHS. The committee also reviewed plans for electrical updates and asbestos abatement. Due to the large amount of asbestos abatement at GHS, the project was split into two phases to take place during the summers of 2015 and 2016. The committee also reviewed and approved an office design to be completed at a later date. Silas Willard construction estimates were reviewed. The project at Silas continues to move forward on time and within budget, walls at Silas should be going up in the coming weeks.

Insurance Committee

Member Lindstrom reported that the Insurance Committee prior to the board meeting. The fund balance is reported at \$3,188,792.24. Due to the healthcare reform and plan compliance the district will be offering the MRP at open enrollment.

Recruitment for Educational Diversity

Member Colclasure stated that recruitment visits were conducted at Illinois State University, Eastern Illinois University, and Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. The NAACP sponsored a video contest in our schools for Black History Month. Prizes will be awarded for top videos.

Student Council

Student Council representative Jensen Rehn stated that Swirl week was a success. They are currently planning HOPE week to raise money for St. Jude and trying to make it a bigger success than years past with more advertisement.

Old Business—NoneNew BusinessA. Approve Personnel Agenda

Mrs. Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources stated that the personnel agenda is presented as it stands and recommended its approval. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler that the Board of Education, approve the Personnel Agenda as

presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Panther, Welty, Kessler, Palmer, Colclasure, Gibb (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

B. Approval of 2015-2016 School Calendar

Ms. Tammie Bolden, Director of Curriculum/Instruction and PreK Services, stated that a committee of administrators, teachers, and parents gathered several times and staff voted on two calendars that were presented. The staff chosen calendar is being presented tonight for approval. It was moved by Member Colclasure and seconded by Member Welty to approve the 2015-2016 school calendar as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Panther, Welty, Colclasure, Kessler, Palmer, Gibb (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

C. Approval of Calendar Committee

Mr. Bart Arthur, Superintendent, stated that the Board of Education president requested an additional committee from the Board. This committee would be known as the Curriculum Committee and would be comprised of board members, the Superintendent or his designee, building administrators, teachers, and parents. If approved this committee would be determined by the board president and be an additional standing board committee under policy 2:150. Discussion ensued between board members. It was decided that a clear vision for the committee needed to be made for the committee prior to the majority of board members being comfortable with creating a standing committee.

D. Approval of Varsity Softball Trip Request

Mr. Bart Arthur, Superintendent, stated that the varsity softball team would like to attend a tournament in Kentucky April 1-5, 2015. This is when they normally participate in an overnight tournament in Springfield. The team would travel using the District activity buses, taking advantage of the school holiday on April 3, 2015. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Welty to approve the varsity softball trip request as presented. On roll call the following members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Panther, Palmer, Gibb, Colclasure, Kessler, Welty (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

E. Approval of Resolution for Reclassification of Ralph Henning

Mr. Bart Arthur, Superintendent, stated that the Board of Education of Galesburg Community Unit School District No. 205 has considered the administrative performance of Ralph Henning, Athletic Director, in and for the District, who has completed at least four (4) or more years of administrative service as a Principal, specifically in the role of Athletic Director, for the district and it is the opinion and judgment of the Board of Education that it is in the best interest of Galesburg CUSD No. 205 that reclassification proceedings be initiated to reclassify Ralph Henning from the position of Athletic Director. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler to approve the resolution for reclassification of Ralph Henning. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Gibb, Palmer, Lindstrom, Panther, Colclasure, Kessler, Welty (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

Administrative Reports—none

Comments by Board of Education

Comments were made by Members Colclasure, Welty, and Panther.

Closed Session

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler to move to closed session for the purpose of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of an Employee(s). No action will be taken. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Palmer, Panther, Colclasure, Welty, Kessler, Lindstrom, Gibb (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

Following the closed session, it was moved by Member Gibb and seconded by Member Welty to return to open session. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Palmer, Panther, Gibb, Welty, Colclasure, Kessler, Lindstrom (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Welty to adjourn the meeting – 8:44 p.m. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Welty, Panther, Colclasure, Kessler, Palmer, Gibb (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

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Michael Panther, President

ATTEST:

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Josh Gibb, Secretary