

MINUTES
Community Unit School District #205
Board of Education
March 11, 2013

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 11, 2013 at 7:00 PM at The Lincoln Education Center, 932 Harrison St., Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Kessler. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Lindstrom, Panther, Swanson, Palmer, Colclasure, Kessler (6) Absent: Welty (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

Member Panther introduced Ms. Christine Brengelmann representing the German Exchange Students and their teachers. She stated that traveling with them this year are 16 students made up of 9th and 10th graders and gave a brief highlight of their school and language education.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Colclasure and seconded by Member Panther that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, 2013, special meeting of February 11, 2013, special meeting of February 19, 2013, special meeting of February 28, 2013 and special meeting of February 28, 2013 be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Kessler, Panther, Swanson, Colclasure (4) Abstained: Palmer, Lindstrom (2) Absent: Welty (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation by Member Kessler of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as Exhibit #578 as of March 11, 2013, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Lindstrom that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Colclasure, Kessler, Palmer Lindstrom, Swanson (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Member Welty entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- A. Intergovernmental Agreement—Agreement Between the City of Galesburg and Galesburg District #205 (Insert Agreement)

- B. Approval of Job Descriptions for Teacher, Elementary principal, Special Education Program Attendant, Speech/Language Pathologists, Coordinator of Speech/Language Services, Healthcare Services Attendant, Individual Attendant, Grant Writer
- C. Construction Change Orders

It was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Swanson to approve the consent agenda as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Palmer, Panther, Swanson, Lindstrom, Welty, Kessler, Colclasure (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

Correspondence

Mr. Bart Arthur shared a note from the Bright Futures staff and from the Regional Office of Education

Committee Reports

Budget

Member Panther reported that the Budget Committee met to review the 2012-2013 budget and look at early budget projections for 2014. Mr. Rich reported that the current year is progressing mostly according to plan but more cuts are expected in general state aid from the State of Illinois. At the meeting Jim estimated a loss of \$700,000 from FY13 totals. Since that meeting, Mr. Rich learned from a State consultant that it would be about double, which means a difference of approximately \$3.3 million compared to 2009 general state aid. The committee discussed the recent Financial Profile Score falling from 4.0 to 3.8, which is still in the Recognition category, but it is expected to fall further due to planned bond debt. Mr. Ray Coyne, Senior Vice President of Hutchinson, Shockey Erley & Company presented a review of the bond plan as it supports Operation Rebuild. Mr. Coyne suggested that bond rates are at a low point and that it may be a good time to consider adding the next round of bonds. Mr. Rich stated that there are 19.7 million in bond money remaining from 2011 bonds and about \$25 million in expected costs during the next 18 months, through August 2014 which will finish off the Phase One work at Steele (August 2013), Lombard (August 2013), and GHS (August 2014). Mr. Coyne has been invited to talk to the entire Board at a special meeting scheduled for March 26, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Buildings and Grounds

Member Swanson reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met to review the recommendation from the GHS Core Implementation Committee to approve the GHS Phase One construction documents as value engineered to stay within budget. In addition, they reviewed the committee's list of alternate priorities. The Committee will next meet to tour the Lombard and Steele projects.

Insurance Committee

Member Lindstrom reported that the Insurance Committee last met on February 4, 2013. The fund balance is reported at \$2,181,620.56. The next meeting is set for April 29, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Recruitment for Educational Diversity

Member Colclasure stated that the RED sub-committee met on February 6, 2013 and plans to meet in April along with the full RED committee. Spring Recruitment Fairs at EIU were attended by Mr. Lingafelter and Mr. VanMeter on February 27, 2013 and Ms. VanHootegem and Ms. Hoschek attending ISU on March 19, 2013. The District is moving forward with the development of a recruitment DVD. The project should be completed prior to the 2013-2014 school year.

Instructional PresentationA. LUDA Comparison and District #205 Efforts to Close the Achievement Gap

Mr. Bart Arthur, Superintendent, gave a power point presentation comparing District #205 to other LUDA Districts and discussed an overview of District 205 students compared in groups by race and poverty levels as to their achievement in reading and math.

Old BusinessA. Approval of Board Policies 8:25 and 4:150 Revisions (Second Reading)

Mr. Jim Rich, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, presented revised board policies for approval that were reviewed by a committee and attorney Mr. Dennis Triggs. Mr. Rich discussed the changes. Board Member discussion ensued. Member Colclasure motioned to table the item until more discussion and Member Lindstrom seconded the motion. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Swanson, Welty, Colclasure, Lindstrom, Palmer (6) Abstained: Kessler (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

New 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. Ms. VanHootegem pointed out that a new Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Mr. David Black, is in attendance and on the agenda for approval. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Swanson 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, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

B. Approval of Lunch Price Increase

Mr. Jim Rich, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations stated that the district needs a 10-cent increase in our lunch prices for paid customers each of the next two years. This became necessary when our free and reduced reimbursement grew to be more than we charge for our paid lunches. Rightly, the government does not want to subsidize lunch programs in this manner, hence the new rule included in the “Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.” The government is allowing districts to phase in this price increase over the next few years. Pam Webber used the formula below to determine the increased price above. You will find in the Board packet a two-year project of the price increase. “Those SFAs that choose to increase the average paid lunch price must increase the average paid lunch price by a factor of two percent plus the annual inflation rate.” During the district’s regular audit each year the food service budgets will be reviewed to ensure compliance with “Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010” rules. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Swanson to Approve the Lunch Price Increase as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Panther, Welty, Colclasure, Kessler, Palmer, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

C. Approval of Construction Design for Galesburg High School—Phase One

Mr. Jim Rich, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, stated that the design phase of the Galesburg High School project has wended its way continually in and out of committees, on and off architects’, engineers’ and contractors’ tables and to the Board for consideration and approval to proceed to the next step several times over the 20-month period needed to complete our work. For approval are the construction documents necessary to go to out to bid and a request to allow the process to continue to the next stage. After the last round of painful value engineering where the project was paired down another \$600,000 in order to fit within budget, we can bring to you the plans for a new multi-purpose building, football, soccer and track stadium, dedicated wrestling practice facility and renovated baseball and softball fields that is under the budget given to the project of \$15,770,600. In addition to the base bid, a list of prioritized alternates to add later should the bid prices come in under estimates and if there is contingency money left toward the end of the construction phase. The Core and Implementation Committees and the Board Building Committee reviewed the information and some minor changes were made to the recommendation. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Swanson to Approve the Construction Design for GHS-Phase One. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Colclasure, Kessler, Palmer, Swanson, Welty (5) NAY: Panther, Lindstrom (2) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

D. Discussion of Early Enrollment for Kindergarten

Mr. Bart Arthur, Superintendent, stated that at some parents request the possibility of changing our Board Policy 7:50 to allow entrance to Kindergarten if the child's birthday does not meet the deadline of turning 5 years old before September 1. The request would include the addition of the language from the Illinois School Code of: "Based upon an assessment of a child's readiness to attend school, a school district may permit a child to attend school prior to the dates contained in this Section". This item is a first reading and for discussion. No action will be taken.

Administrative Reports—None

Comments by Board of Education

Comments were made by Members Colclasure, Panther, Lindstrom, Swanson

Closed Session

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Swanson to move to closed session for the purpose of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of an Employee(s) and Acquisition of Property. No action will be taken. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Palmer, Panther, Colclasure, Welty, Kessler, Lindstrom, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

Following the closed session it was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Palmer to return to open session. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Palmer, Panther, Swanson, Welty, Colclasure, Kessler, Lindstrom (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Swanson to adjourn the meeting – 9:25 p.m. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Welty, Panther, Colclasure, Kessler, Palmer, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

Natalie M. Kessler, President

ATTEST:

Molly E. Palmer, Secretary