

**MINUTES**  
Community Unit School District #205  
Board of Education  
March 29, 2011

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 29, 2011 at 6:00 PM at The Lincoln Education Center, 932 Harrison St., Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Harrison. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Harrison, Lindstrom, Strauch, Swanson, Osborn, Welty (6)  
Absent: Panther (1) Roll Call #1

Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Old Business

A. Approval of Board Policy 430.05 Investment Policy (Second Reading)

Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations stated that the District's investment policy references State statute as to the permissible investments to be made by the district. The state statute referenced in District Policy 430.05 is the Public Funds Investment Act (30 ILCS 235). Chapman & Cutler's Kyle Harding, during his presentation before the Board of Education during its February regular meeting, confirmed to the Board that authority exists in statute for the Board to invest in its own bonds. The statutory authorities lie in the Investment of Municipal Funds Act (50 ILCS 340) which provides in pertinent part:

Likewise, every county, park district, sanitary district, or other municipal corporation, by resolution or ordinance may ... [purchase] municipal bonds issued by the county, park district, sanitary district, or other municipal corporation ... [...] All interest upon these bonds or obligations and all money paid in redemption of these bonds or obligations or realized from the sale thereof, if afterwards sold, shall at once be credited to and placed in the particular fund used to purchase the specified bonds or obligations.

Accordingly, Administration proposes a change to the invest policy expanding the permissible investments to include those authorized by the Municipal Funds Act or 50 ILCS 340. (Insert) After discussion it was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Strauch that Board Policy 430.05 Investment Policy be approved. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Strauch, Welty, Harrison (4) NAY: Lindstrom, Osborn (2) Motion Carried. Roll Call #2

New Business

A. 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. Discussion and Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of CUSD #205 Teachers Due to Uncertain Enrollment (RIF Item)

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Swanson that the Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of CUSD #205 Teachers Due to Enrollment (RIF Item) be adopted as stated for: Three (3) part-time teachers Brad Gross, Jared Lacy, Margaret Renfroe, one (1) part-time music position and one (1) full-time science position. (Insert Resolution) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Strauch, Welty (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

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

2. Discussion and Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Dismissal of CUSD #205 Teacher Due to Lack of Required Certification

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Welty that the Resolution RE: Dismissal of CUSD #205 Teacher Due to Lack of Required Certification be adopted as stated for: One (1) full-time non-tenured teacher, Kristen Friemark (Insert Resolution) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Welty, Strauch (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

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

3. Discussion and 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 Strauch and seconded by Member Welty that the Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of CUSD #205 Educational Support Staff Due to Uncertain Grant Funding (RIF Item) be adopted as stated for: Kathleen Cecil and Roxanne Christianson (Two (2) full-time Preschool Parent Specialists), Patricia Leeson (One (1) part-time secretary), Kaylee Johnson (One (1) part-time Resource Specialist), Casey Allen, Amy Crum, Deanne Shexnaider, Shalane Worden, Bonnie Bair, Cheryl Heady, Vera Schneider, Beebe Young, Bonita Campbell, Linda Henderson-Farley, Sandra Scott, Debra Cline, Catherine Kniss, Nicole Stewart (Fourteen (14) part-time Kindergarten Aides, Mary Fecht and Diane Cox (Two (2) part-time paraprofessionals) (Insert Resolution). On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Strauch, Swanson, Welty, Harrison, Lindstrom (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

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

4. Discussion and Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of Knox-Warren Special Education District Teacher Due to Uncertain Enrollment

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Lindstrom that the Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of Knox-Warren Special Education District Teacher Due to Uncertain Enrollment: Joceylyn Saline (One (1) part-time speech/language pathologist) and one (1) Special Education Teacher position (Insert Resolution) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Welty, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

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

5. Discussion and Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Dismissal of Knox-Warren Special Education District School Psychologist

It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Strauch that the Resolution RE: Dismissal of Knox-Warren Special Education District School Psychologist be adopted as stated for: Edward Bockman, One (1) full-time non tenured teacher (Insert Resolution) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Strauch, Swanson, Welty, Harrison, Lindstrom (6) 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:

6. Discussion and Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Reduction In Force of Knox-Warren Special Education District Support Staff Due to Uncertain Enrollment

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Strauch that the Resolution RE: Reduction In Force of Knox-Warren Special Education District Support Staff Due to Uncertain Enrollment be adopted for: Michelle Jones, Cameron Line, Jennifer Kamano, Kimberly Reynolds and Tricia Kellogg (Five (5) part-time paraprofessional attendants) (Insert Resolution). On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Osborn, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Welty (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

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

7. Discussion and Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Honorable Dismissal of Knox-Warren Special Education District Support Staff Due to End of Grant Funding

It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Welty that the Resolution RE: Honorable Dismissal of Knox-Warren Special Education District Support Staff Due to End of Grant Funding be adopted for: Kathryn Bell (One (1) full-time secretary) (Insert Resolution) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Osborn, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, , Welty (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

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

8. Discussion and Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Reduction In Force of Knox-Warren Special Education Cooperative Educational Support Staff Due to Uncertain Grant Funding

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Lindstrom that the Resolution RE: Reduction In Force of Knox-Warren Special Education Cooperative Educational Support Staff Due to Uncertain Grant Funding for: Tara Dewitt, Ruth Roll (Two (2) part-time paraprofessional attendants) Kara Bent, Cynthia DeJaynes and Amanda Switzer (Three (3) full-time job coaches) (Insert Resolution) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Osborn, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Welty (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

Mrs. Diane VanHootegem stated that concludes the Reduction in Force items and that the Personnel Agenda is presented for approval without additions or corrections. It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Swanson that the Personnel Agenda be approved as stated. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Lindstrom, Osborn, Welty, Harrison (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

B. Approve Contract for Architectural Services with PSA Dewberry

Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, stated that at its December 2010 regular meeting the Board of Education authorized the solicitation of architectural services for Phase I of the District's 20 Year Master Facility Plan "Operation Rebuild-Achievement." During the course of the next several months the Board authorized Implementation Committee and administration worked to narrow a field of 15 submissions to four finalists. The four finalists were ranked by the Implementation Committee for presentation to the Board's Building Committee for endorsement. PSA Dewberry (Peoria, IL) was ranked first among the four firms followed by Cordogan Clark (Aurora), Wold Architects (Palatine) and Wm Ittner Architects (Fairview Heights, IL). With the endorsement of the Building Committee, the District's administration entered into contract negotiations, the outcome of which is found on the attached. Administration negotiated a contract price of 6.39% of estimated construction costs at the end of "design development" or approximately, \$1,597,500 plus expenses. The PSA Dewberry contract contains a 1.3% performance bonus which assumes the District will spend less than half its contingency. Under this arrangement PSA Dewberry could achieve an additional \$331,500 in compensation but the District would realize a net of \$2,218,500 in contingency savings. State Statute does not permit the award of a contract for architectural services to be based upon competitive pricing. However, by comparison, we do know that PSA Dewberry's base price was less than the three other finalists with the submissions ranging from 6.5% to 7.1% when a construction manager is also involved. Overall, the District had budgeted 10% for architectural and related services (Insert) It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Swanson that the Contract for Architectural Services with PSA Dewberry be approved. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Welty, Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Strauch (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #12

C. Approve Contract for Construction Manager Services with Russell Construction

Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations stated that at its December 2010 regular meeting the Board of Education authorized the solicitation of construction managers (as part of the architecture services) for Phase I of the District's 20 Year Master Facility Plan "Operation Rebuild-Achievement." During the course of the next several months the Board authorized Implementation committee and administration worked to narrow a field of 7 submissions to two finalists. The two finalists were ranked by the Implementation Committee for presentation to the Board's Building Committee for endorsement. Russell Construction (Davenport, IA) was ranked first among the two firms the other being Gilbane (Chicago, IL). With the endorsement of the Building Committee, the District's administration entered into contract negotiations, the outcome of which is found on the attached. Administration negotiated a contract price of 4.00% of estimated construction costs at the end of "design development" or approximately, \$1,020,000 plus expenses. On advice from the district's architect, Metzger Johnson, the 4.00% rate is considered to be within the reasonable range of costs. Overall, the District had budgeted 10% for architectural AND related services, of which the construction manger services would be considered "related." It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Welty to approve the Contract for Construction Manager Services with Russell Construction. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Swanson, Strauch (6) Motion Carried. Roll Call #13

D. Approval of Bond Purchase Agreement with Hutchison, Shockey, Erly & Co.

Mr. Guy Cahill stated that at its regular meeting March 14, 2011 the Board of Education authorized Hutchison, Shockey, Erley & Co. and Stifel Nicolaus to act as Underwriter and Co-manager, respectively, on the sale of the District's \$30,000,000 Phase I "Operation Rebuild-Achievement" bonds. Tonight's action sets forth the purchase by Hutchison, Shockey, Erley & Co, as Underwriter, and Stifel Nicolaus, as Co-Manager, of the District's proposed \$11,810,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2011A, and \$14,495,000 General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2011B bonds and associated covenants. (The \$5,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds (QZABs), Series 2011C will be brought before the Board of Education at the time of a QZAB award by ISBE now expected to be received in May 2011.) The covenants include the issuance of a final "official statement," providing for "continued disclosure," and certain documents. (Insert) It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Swanson to Approve Bond Purchase Agreement with Hutchison, Shockey, Erly & Co. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Strauch, Swanson, Welty (4) NAY: Lindstrom, Osborn (2) Motion carried. Roll Call #14

E. Resolution Providing for the Issue of Approximately \$10,425,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2011A, of Community Unit School District Number 205, Knox and Warren Counties, Illinois, and for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal and Interest on Said Bonds

Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations stated that at the regular meeting in August 2010 the Board of Education approved a 20 Year Master Facility Plan "Operation Rebuild-Achievement." At its March 2011 regular meeting the Board of Education approved the Preliminary Official Statement for the financing of Phase I of Operation Rebuild-

Achievement. This action approves the issuance of the Series 2011A General Obligation School Bonds. These bonds are specific to the fire prevention & safety items. Mr. Tom West read the resolution. (Insert) It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Swanson. On roll the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Welty, Harrison (4) NAY: Lindstrom, Osborn (2) Motion carried. Roll Call #15

F. Resolution Providing for the Issue of Approximately \$15,180,000 General Obligation Schools Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2011B, of Community Unit School District Number 205, Knox and Warren Counties, Illinois

Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations stated that at its regular meeting in August 2010 the Board of Education approved a 20 Year Master Facility Plan "Operation Rebuild-Achievement." At its March 2011 regular meeting the Board of Education approved the Preliminary Official Statement for the financing of Phase I of Operation Rebuild-Achievement. This action approves the issuance of the Series 2011B General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source). It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Swanson to approve the Resolution Providing for the Issue of Approximately \$15,180,000 General Obligation Schools Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2011B, of Community Unit School District Number 205, Knox and Warren Counties, Illinois. On roll the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Welty, Harrison (4) NAY: Osborn, Lindstrom (2) Motion carried. Roll Call #16

Adjournment

Dr. Denisar stated there was no need to go into closed session. It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Osborn to adjourn the meeting – 6:34 p.m. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Welty, (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #17

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Deborah Harrison, President

ATTEST:

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Michael Panther, Secretary