

MINUTES
Community Unit School District #205
Board of Education
April 14, 2008

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 14, 2008 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: Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Osborn (7) Roll Call #1

Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Election of Board of Education Officers

Member Strauch nominated Member Swanson for the office of President of the Board of Education. The nomination was seconded by Member Nelson. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Harrison (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Member Swanson assumed the position of President of the Board of Education.

Member Harrison nominated Member Nelson for the office of Vice President of the Board of Education. The nomination was seconded by Member Panther. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Harrison, Lindstrom (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Member Nelson assumed the position of Vice President of the Board of Education.

Member Strauch nominated Member Lindstrom for Secretary of the Board of Education. The nomination was seconded by Member Nelson. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Harrison, Swanson, Nelson (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

Member Lindstrom assumed the position of Secretary of the Board of Education.

Recognition of Visitors – none

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Harrison that the Minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2008, and special meeting of March 17, 2008 and special meeting of April 9, 2008 be approved without further reading or additions but with one date correction changing August to April under recognition of visitors in

reference to the Autism meeting. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Strauch, Harrison, Swanson, Osborn (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation by Member Harrison of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as #517 as of April 14, 2008, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Osborn that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Nelson, Panther, Strauch, Harrison, Lindstrom, Swanson, Osborn (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

Approval of Consent Agenda

Member Strauch requested that Item C—Approve Membership for Galesburg High School in the Illinois High School Association for 2008-2009 be taken off of the Consent Agenda and action to be taken on it separately.

It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Lindstrom that the following items be approved on the Consent Agenda as presented and recommended:

- A. Lombard School Improvement Plan
- B. Approve Lombard Middle School Membership and Churchill Jr. High School Membership in the Illinois Elementary School Association for 2008-2009 (Insert)
- D. Galesburg High School Textbook Adoption

On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

At the request of Member Strauch, President Swanson moved Consent Agenda Item C—Approve Membership for Galesburg High School in the Illinois High School Association for 2008-2009 from the Consent Agenda for action to be taken separately. It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Osborn to approve membership for Galesburg High School in the Illinois High School Association for 2008-2009 as presented. Member Strauch expressed his frustration with IHSA, adding that he feels the Board should not be voting on the topic. Member Lindstrom commented that he is disappointed with the recent comments to the Register Mail regarding the baseball players and the legion. He stated he feels the IHSA needs to know that the comments made by their representation and reported in the paper were inexcusable and he made a motion to amend the motion to include a letter be written to the IHSA informing them of the inappropriate behavior. Member Osborn seconded the motion to amend.

Motion to amend to include a letter to the IHSA accepted by Member Harrison. On roll call the following Members voted to accept the amendment to the motion. AYE: Harrison, Osborn, Strauch, Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

President Swanson then called for a vote on the motion as amended. The motion as amended was restated to approve the Membership for Galesburg High School in the Illinois High School Association for 2008-2009 to include a letter to the IHSA. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Swanson (6) NAY: Strauch (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

Correspondence – none

Committee Reports

Recruitment for Educational Diversity

The R.E.D. Committee last met on March 17, 2008. A scheduled visit to the District has been made by a secondary Spanish candidate. The first applications have been received and will be reviewed for the Chuck West Grant. The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2008.

Budget

Member Strauch stated that the Budget Committee met earlier in the evening, (April 14, 2008) to review the District's investment portfolio performance against the policy benchmark set for it last year, as required by policy. The portfolio continues to earn interest at a rate substantially above that benchmark. The next meeting of the committee has not yet been scheduled.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Member Lindstrom stated that the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since last month's Board Meeting. The next meeting of the committee has not yet been scheduled. The committee is still awaiting response from the State on the Zephyr Dome.

Insurance Committee

Member Harrison stated that the Insurance Committee had last met on April 13, 2008. The fund balance to date is reported at \$427,270.46. David Meyer of DMI Group Benefits Solutions made a presentation to the committee and will possibly make a presentation to the Board at a later date. Teresa Welch, Blucker, Kneer, reviewed the

annual audit, indicating a clean audit opinion with assets reported increasing. The next scheduled meeting is April 15, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

Student Council

Jane Simkins, Student Council President, informed the Board that the Council successfully completed both the blood drive which was on April 7, 2008 and the Spring Carnival which was held on April 11, 2008. At this time nothing is being planned.

Instructional Presentation

A. National Board Certified Teachers—Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, introduced teachers Carole Allert and Jean Kilpatrick-Ruebner presenting National Board Certified Teachers and efforts to expand the program. (Insert)

Old Business

A. Alternative School Feasibility—Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Joel Estes introduced Dr. Al Azinger to present the results on the Alternative School Feasibility Study and the recommendations to the Board. Dr. Azinger informed the Board of the status and recommendations of the committee which included the guidelines and parameters for the establishment of the school within the District. Specific items included were the timeline, leadership, grade structure, enrollment, core curriculum, budget and revenue, staffing and location. (Insert) It was moved by Member Harrison to approve the Alternative School Feasibility recommendations and seconded by Member Nelson. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

B. Commencement Procedure Recommendations

Paul Woehlke, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, presented a summary of the Commencement Committee's work and brought the recommendations of the committee to the Board for adoption. (Insert) It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Strauch to approve the recommendations of the commencement committee. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

New Business

A. Approve Personnel Agenda

Diane VanHootehem, Director for Human Resources, stated that the Personnel Agenda and addendum stand as presented and recommended its approval. It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Lindstrom to approve the Personnel Agenda as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert Personnel Agenda) On roll

call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #12

B. Approval of Middle School Social Studies Textbook Adoption

Paul Woehlke, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, and a committee of middle school teachers and administrators completed a review of the District's middle school social studies curriculum, the Illinois Learning Standards, and available textbook series. The outcome of that review included standardization of curriculum between schools, expansion of the curriculum to better match Learning Standards, and a recommendation for purchase of the textbook series published by McGraw Hill Glencoe. It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Lindstrom to approve the Middle School Social Studies Textbook Adoption as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Panther, Osborn, Harrison, Nelson, Lindstrom (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #13

C. Acceptance of Copy Paper Bid

This is a routine annual bid. Four bids were received and the lowest is recommended for approval. The price of paper will increase 12.8% next year, on top of 10% this year. The district is going paperless wherever practical. It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Harrison to approve the copy paper bid. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Strauch, Swanson, Nelson, Lindstrom, Panther, Osborn (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #14

Administrative Reports-None

Comments by Board of Education

Comments were made by Members Lindstrom, Panther and Strauch.

Closed Session—It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Osborn to move to closed session for review of closed meeting minutes as required every six (6) months. Action will be taken in open session. On roll call the following members voted AYE: Strauch, Lindstrom, Panther, Nelson, Swanson, Harrison, Osborn (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #15

Following the closed session it was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Harrison to return to open session. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Panther, Nelson, Osborn, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #16

E. Review of Closed Session Minutes

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Nelson to approve the recommendation that the closed meeting minutes for the period of July 1, 2001 to October 9, 2007 remain closed, released, or partially released as previously approved and the closed meeting minutes for the period of October 10, 2007 to April 14, 2008 remain

closed. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Strauch, Lindstrom, Panther, Osborn, Harrison, Nelson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call # 17

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Swanson that the meeting be adjourned—9:53 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Strauch, Harrison, Osborn, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #18

Barry L. Swanson, President

ATTEST:

Robert Lindstrom, Secretary