

MINUTES
Community Unit School District #205
Board of Education
April 14, 2014

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7:00 PM at 932 Harrison St., Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Colclasure. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Colclasure, Kessler, Lindstrom, Palmer, Gibb, Welty, Panther (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

Mrs. Diane VanHootegem stated that Since the Galesburg Branch of the NAACP was reactivated in the spring of 2012; they have made it their mission to educate young people. Over the past few years, the NAACP has partnered with the school district to provide quality activities for students, as well as the community. The NAACP has partnered with the District's Recruitment for Educational Diversity committee to bring programs to the district. The first event was the Black Fatherhood Project with Jordan Thierry. Two evening events were held, one at GHS and one at CJHS. Filmmaker Jordan Thierry offered the group an honest exploration of fatherhood in Black America, as well as revealed a history much more complex than is often told. Powerful breakout sessions were also held. Another program, Project Excellence at Galesburg High School, has brought wonderful mentors to the schoolhouse through the Streak Dads and Streak Moms program. The mentors were provided training through a partnership with the NAACP and the Galesburg Public Schools Foundation. Mentors are present every day at GHS to provide encouragement to the students. Journey Into a Dream, an assembly in celebration of Black History Month, was held at all the school in February, as well as an evening community event was held in the Jack Larson Memorial Auditorium. The District has also partnered with the NAACP so that District/Community Round Tables were held to bring awareness to the District's effort in closing the achievement gap, as well as provide information on the District's Recruitment for Educational Diversity efforts.

Other student activities sponsored by the NAACP include:

- Scholarships for graduating seniors
- Implementation of the ACTSO program which stands for the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics. It is a yearlong achievement program designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high

academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students.

- Held a Youth College Panel at the high school and middle school levels
- Held a Financial aid workshop in conjunction with CSC
- Held an Interviewing Skills Workshop
- They have held Anti-bullying Workshops
- And in the near future will offer a Police Interaction Educational Series

One can tell by this extensive list that the Galesburg Chapter of the NAACP cares deeply about the youth of Galesburg and is active in providing programs that will help them “Reach Their Dreams”. It is because of these efforts that the Galesburg Community Unit District #205 recognizes the NAACP this evening. Mr. Bart Arthur, Superintendent presented the NAACP members a certificate on behalf of the district.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Gibb that the Minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2014, special meeting of March 3, 2014, special meeting of March 11, 2014 and special meeting of March 25, 2014 be approved as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Kessler, Palmer, Gibb, Welty, Colclasure, Panther (7) 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 #591 as of April 14, 2014, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Welty that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Palmer, Gibb, Welty, Colclasure, Kessler, Panther (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- A. Lombard Middle School Membership and Churchill Jr. High School Membership in the Illinois Elementary School Association for 2014-2015 (Insert)
 - B: Membership for Galesburg High School in the Illinois High School Association for 2014-2015
 - C. Approval of Lombard Middle School Waiver
 - D. Approval of Churchill Junior High School Waiver
 - E. Approval of Job Description: Director of Curriculum/Instruction and PreK Services
- On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Palmer, Gibb, Welty, Colclasure, Kessler, Lindstrom, Panther (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

Correspondence—None

Committee ReportsBudget

Member Palmer stated that the budget committee has not met since the last meeting.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Member Kessler stated that the Buildings and Grounds Committee last met on April 9, 2014 to tour the Hawthorne Maintenance Facility. The committee also discussed the signage at the new stadium.

Insurance Committee

Member Lindstrom stated that the Insurance Committee had not met since the last meeting and that the next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2014. The fund balance is \$2,482,669.45.

Recruitment for Educational Diversity

Member Colclasure stated that committee had not met and the next meeting is anticipated at a later date.

Student Council

Student Council member Danielle Guterrez stated that they are currently working on the blood drive that will be on April 25, 2013.

New BusinessA. Approve Personnel Agenda

Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources, stated that the Personnel Agenda is recommended for approval and introduced the new Lombard Principal, Mr. Nick Sutton. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Welty to approve the Personnel Agenda as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert Personnel Agenda) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Gibb, Welty, Colclasure, Kessler, Lindstrom, Palmer, Panther (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

A1. Discussion and Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of CUSD #205 Support Staff Due to Sound Educational and Financial Planning (RIF Item)

It was moved by Member Kessler to approve the recommendation and seconded by Member Lindstrom. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Welty, Colclasure, Gibb, Kessler, Lindstrom, Palmer (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

B. Approval of Board Policy Updates as Updated By Illinois Association of School Boards: 2:30, 2:110, 5:10, 5:30, 5:35, 5:180, 5:190, 5:240, 7:70, 7:140, 7:180, 7:190, and 8:95 (First Reading)

Mr. Bart Arthur, Superintendent stated that these are the most current policies from the Illinois Association of School Boards and they are recommended for approval. Discussion ensued between members regarding two of the policies. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler to table the policies until the next meeting so that the district attorney could do some research to see if they have to be adopted. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Colclasure, Kessler, Lindstrom, Palmer, Gibb, Panther (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

C. Approval of Authorized Depositories

Mr. David Black, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, stated that Donna Palmer, our Treasurer, has prepared the list of "Authorized Depositories" which is to be approved annually. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Gibb to Approve the Authorized Depositories. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Kessler, Lindstrom, Palmer, Panther, Welty, Colclasure, Gibb (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

D. Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$12,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) for the Purpose of Improving the Site of and Building and Equipping a New School Building

At the September 2013 regular meeting, the board approved the construction of a new Silas Willard school building at the current Silas Willard property. As partial financing for this construction, \$12 million a general obligation bonds (alternate revenue source) will need to be issued. The rest of the cost for the new construction will be from life safety bonds. This is the maximum amount we are able to issue in alternate revenue source bonds at this time. This resolution effectively gives notice that if a petition signed by 1,516 or more electors of the District (being equal to the greater of (i) 7.5% of the registered voters in the District or (ii) 200 of those registered voters or 15% of those registered voters, whichever is less) asking that the issuance of the Bonds be submitted to referendum is submitted to the Secretary of the Board of Education of the District (the "Secretary") within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice and the Resolution, an election on the proposition to issue the Bonds shall be held on the 4th day of November 2014. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Welty to approve as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Gibb, Kessler, Palmer, Panther, Welty, Colclasure (6) NAY: Lindstrom (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

E. Approval of Resolution Setting the Date and Time for a Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board to Sell Not to Exceed \$12,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) and not to Exceed \$7,269,000 of School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds

This resolution calls a public hearing to be held at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on May 12, 2014, in the Board Room at the Lincoln Education Center, 932 Harrison Street, Galesburg, Illinois, in the District, concerning the Board's intent to sell the Bonds and to receive public comments regarding the proposal to sell the Bonds. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Gibb to approve as presented. On roll Call the

following Members voted AYE: Kessler, Palmer, Panther, Welty, Colclasure, Gibb (6)
NAY: Lindstrom (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

F. Approval of Resolution Expressing Official Intent of the Board to Reimburse the District for Certain Expenditures with Bond Proceeds

Mr. David Black stated that the board intends to issue alternate revenue bonds not to exceed \$12 million for the construction of the new Silas Willard building. This resolution states that the District reasonably expects to pay for these bonds by using proceeds from the county facility sales tax. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Welty to approve as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Palmer, Panther, Welty, Colclasure, Gibb, Kessler (6) NAY: Lindstrom (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

G. Acceptance of Transportation Bid for 2014-2017

Mr. David Black stated that the District's contract with First Student comes to an end of the end of this year. The State of Illinois requires a bid process to be followed. In early February, an Invitation for Bid was sent to four pupil transportation services companies that had expressed an interest in bidding for our business. Only two of the companies contacted submitted bid packages. Of those bids submitted, First Student, our current provider, had the overall lowest cost for the life of the contract. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Gibb to accept the transportation bid as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Palmer, Panther, Welty, Colclasure, Gibb, Kessler, Lindstrom (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #12

H. Approve Implementation of 1:1 Computer Program

Mr. David Black, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, stated that the technology department and administration have been working for several months to shape what the 1:1 computing project will look like at District 205. We shopped multiple vendors and think that we have squeezed out every dollar possible in the 1:1 budget. The current plan is to provide every student and their teachers in grades 6 through 12 with an Acer Chromebook. Grades 3 through 5 will have 2 carts of 25 computers for each grade level to share in every building. Grades K through 2 will get 12 Chromebooks to share per building. The Chromebooks for grades K -2 will be touchscreen as we feel that is more appropriate for this age group. The 1:1 projected costs also include completely wiring both junior highs and the high school for wireless access. This will be a significant upgrade as the wireless infrastructure will accommodate every one of our students having a wireless device, and wireless coverage will need to extend throughout entire campus of each location. Finally, the projected costs also include the Hapara Dashboard software, which allows teachers to control the students in their classroom, communicate easily with them, trade documents and files, etc. It also includes a curriculum management component from Skyward. Projected costs are estimated to be \$1,152,419. Of this, we will cover \$258,400 with funds from Title I and the technology budget. This will leave \$894,019 to be covered from the Ed fund.

The wiring and wireless access costs are one-time expenses. Although we are purchasing all of these computers at once, we will begin holding back money each subsequent year for a computer refresh cycle starting beginning with FY15. It is projected that computers will have a lifecycle of 3 years. A refresh cycle will be developed and it is expected that annual costs for computer replacement and licensing will run approximately \$350,000 a year. This cost is not out of line with what a district of this size should be spending annually on textbooks. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Panther to approve the implementation of 1:1 Computing as presented. Both Members Colclasure and Panther commented on the Leyden visit and the importance of moving in the direction of technology for the district. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Welty, Colclasure, Gibb, Kessler, Lindstrom, Palmer (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #13

Administrative Reports

Comments were made by Mr. Arthur

Comments by Board of Education

Comments were made by Members Panther, Lindstrom, and Colclasure

Closed Session

It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Gibb to move to Closed Session for the purpose of reviewing closed meeting minutes, negotiations, and appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Colclasure, Gibb, Kessler, Lindstrom, Palmer, Panther (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #14

Following the closed session it was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Gibb 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 #15

Review of Closed Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Welty to approve the recommendation that the closed meeting minutes for the period of July 1, 2001 to October 15, 2013 remain closed, released, or partially released as previously approved and the closed meeting minutes for the period of October 15, 2013 to April 13, 2014 remain closed. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Gibb, Colclasure, Kessler, Lindstrom, Panther, Palmer, Welty (7) Motion carried. Roll Call # 16

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Gibb and seconded by Member Kessler that the meeting be adjourned—9:12 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Panther, Palmer, Kessler, Colclasure, Gibb, Welty (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #17

Thomas Colclasure, President

ATTEST:

Michael Panther, Secretary