

MINUTES
Community Unit School District #205
Board of Education
April 16, 2007

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 16, 2007 at 7:00 PM at 932 Harrison St., Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Strauch. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Lindstrom, Panther, Nelson, Strauch, Swanson (5) Absent: Harrison, Osborn (2) Roll Call #1

Member Harrison entered the meeting immediately following the roll call – 7:00 PM.

Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Recognition of Visitors

Jim Jacobs, 912 Arnold St. – stated that he wanted to thank Dr. Denisar, the Board of Education and the Administration for keeping Cooke open for another year. He stated it was a tribute to Dr. Brown as an educational leader and to her staff. Mr. Jacobs commented that he would like to see the ISAT scores of the students who were moved from Cooke shown to the Cooke Teachers so that they could see the progress the students had made from the previous year and could address possible concerns with their current students.

Adelita Interrial, 1288 Moshier Ave. – expressed concern about rumors that the Administration is planning to move the Hispanic students from Cooke to their home schools. Ms. Interrial stated this is a good idea but wanted to know what kind of services these students would be getting at the home schools. Her first concern was whether or not there would be a bilingual teacher available to these students and 2) would the children moved from Cooke be able to come back to Cooke.

Emma Sargeant, 683 W. South St. – expressed her delight in Cooke School remaining open. Her concern as she stated it was that children should only have to move once. Cooke students are being moved twice. They were moved from Cooke School to Steele and now they will be moved to the Jr. High/Middle Schools. This would be two moves not one like they were promised. She stated that if at all possible she does not think incoming 5th graders at Cooke for the 2007-2008 school year should be made to go to Steele and then on to the Jr. High/Middle Schools.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Nelson that the Minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 2007, the special meeting of March 20, 2007 and the special meeting of March 29, 2007, be approved without further reading and without

correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation by Member Nelson of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as Exhibit #504 as of April 16, 2007, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Harrison that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Nelson, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent Agenda

Before approving the items on the consent agenda, Member Strauch requested that item B. Membership for Galesburg High School in the Illinois High School Association for 2007-2008 be moved to New Business.

It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Swanson that the following item 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 2007-2008
(Insert)

On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

Correspondence - None

Committee Reports

Budget

Member Nelson reported that the Budget Committee had not met since the last Board Meeting. The next meeting of the committee has not yet been scheduled, but must take place by April 30, 2007, to review the district's investment portfolio against the benchmark the Board established last year.

Buildings and Grounds

Member Panther reported that a meeting of the committee was held prior to this meeting at 6:00 PM. The committee reviewed the summer projects and the bids that had been received and are to be recommended at this evenings Board Meeting. It was decided that the Lombard Middle School football locker rooms and the resurfacing of the parking lot would be tabled for right now.

Insurance

Member Harrison reported that the committee last met on April 12, 2007. Our fund balance to date is reported at \$296,282.71 with a zero loan balance. For budgetary purposes only, the committee discussed and recommended a potential medical premium increase. Medical Plan attachments to be made on the District Web Site to include the Plan Document and internet connections to Mutual Medical and MEDCO. The next Insurance Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2007 at 4:00 PM at the Lincoln Education Center.

Recruitment for Educational Diversity

Member Swanson reported that the committee had last met on March 26, 2007. Gwen Torres, our March visitor to the District and the Galesburg area through the assistance of our Recruitment of Educational Diversity Business Partners, has accepted an elementary position for this fall. The next R.E.D. Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2007 at 4:00 PM at the Lincoln Education Center.

Student Council

Nicole Olin, Student Council Representative stated that the Spring Carnival was held at the High School on Friday, April 13, 2007. Nicole stated that it was a great success and included numerous games, Plinko, a pie throwing booth featuring Mr. Luna and Mr. Wolfe, along with a silent auction and food. A blood drive was held on Monday, April 16, 2007 with a number of faculty, staff and students donating blood. Student Council is now preparing for the "Breakfast of Champions."

Instructional Presentation

- A. Knox College/CUSD #205 collaborative Learning Partnership – Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, stated that District #205 is collaborating with Knox College to develop and refine a collaborative learning partnership. Centered on existing programs and new initiatives, the three focal points of the project are to:
- promote powerful professional development for Knox students and District #205 staff
 - value our diverse community, and
 - improve student learning.

Mr. Estes, introduced Donna Jurich, Interim Department Chair of Educational Studies at Knox College, who has been very instrumental in getting this project off the ground. Mr. Estes and Dr. Jurich presented an instructional presentation that illuminated details of the project. The Vision Statement for a Collaborative Learning Partnership reads: *Will design and implement a mutually beneficial, sustainable, integrated, inquiry-based pre-service and in-service professional development program that has the ultimate goal of improving student achievement.* Mr. Estes stated that it is just healthy for the two educational facilities to have a working relationship. Mr. Estes and Dr. Jurich stated that there are four main areas that are present or that they want to work toward attaining: creating a Professional Development School, Diversity Initiatives, Gale Scholars Program and Technology Integration. Dr. Jurich explained what is currently being done at Churchill Jr. High School with her students from Knox College. The whole idea boils down to ‘shared resources’. The whole idea behind the Professional Development Schools is to help the educational facilities learn to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Old Business – None

New Business

A. Award High School Diploma To Veteran (Charles W. Brown) per Policy 655.09(a) Academic Achievement—Diplomas for Veterans of World War II and Korean Conflict – postponed to next month due to illness.

B. Personnel Agenda

Diane Van Hootegeem, Director for Human Resources, stated that the Personnel Agenda stands as presented and recommended its approval. It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Panther 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, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

C. Meeting Date for May, 2007 Board of Education Meeting

Dr. Gene Denisar, Superintendent, stated that according to Board Policy, at its organizational meeting the Board of Education “shall fix the times and places for its regular meetings.” Typically, the Board holds its organizational meeting in April and approves the Schedule of Board of Education meetings for May – April at that time. This year, due to the lateness of the Board member election on April 17, 2007, the Board will need to set a date for its May meeting. Regular meetings of the Board are normally scheduled on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m., which would set the May meeting for Monday, May 14, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Panther that the Board of Education set the meeting date for May 14, 2007 as presented and recommended by the administration. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

D. Revision of Policy 720.14—Student Welfare – Administering Medications to Students

Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, stated that in the process of participating in the compliance visit of the Regional Superintendent of Schools, the District Office administration was made aware of a new School Code provision requiring a Board policy regulating the administration of psychotropic or psycho-stimulant medications to students (105ILCS 5/10-20.35). The recommended change to Board Policy 720.14—Student Welfare – Administering Medications to Students simply incorporates School code language into existing policy. The change has been reviewed and approved by District legal counsel, Tom West. It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Swanson that the Board of Education approve revision of Policy 720.14—Student Welfare – Administering Medications to Students as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert Policy) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Strauch (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

E. Bids

Mr. Woehlke, Director of Finance and Operations, reviewed the following bids and recommended approval as presented. The low bid was recommended in each instance.

a. Copy Paper - Paper 101, Ankeny, IA – \$54,480 (Insert Bid Summary) Mr. Woehlke did inform the Board that the price of paper has increased by more than 10% this year. It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Nelson that the above bid for Copy Paper be approved as presented and recommended. On roll the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Strauch, Swanson (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

b. Band Hall/Cafeteria Floor Tile Replacement—GHS – Moore’s Floors, \$15,599 (Insert Bid Summary) It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Harrison that the above bid for the Band Hall/Cafeteria Floor Tile Replacement at GHS be approved as presented and recommended. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

c. Pod Roof Flashing Repairs—Elementary Buildings – Dower’s Roofing, Galesburg, IL - \$117,730 (Insert Bid Summary) It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Nelson that the above bid for the Pod Roof Flashing Repairs – Elementary Buildings be approved as presented and recommended. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Nelson, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

d. Student Parking Lot Replacement—GHS – Gunther Construction, Galesburg, IL - \$719,634.60 (Insert Bid Summary) It was decided to go with the mid size lot rather than adding the alternate number 1 extension on the north side. It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Harrison that the above bid, without the alternate, be

approved as presented and recommended. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

F. Membership for Galesburg High School in the Illinois High School Association for 2007-2008

This item at the request of President Strauch, was moved from the Consent Agenda to New Business so that discussion could be held. Member Strauch stated he still does not understand why this has to be voted on by the Board when neither School Boards nor Principals have any say in what the IHSA does. Last year it was apparent that the IHSA was not receptive to any of the membership's ideas. One Member described the association as arrogant. Member Swanson stated that just one or two schools dropping out of the Association was not going to have any impact. What needed to be done to change or attempt to change the way the IHSA is run is to get together a coalition with a list of ideas and submit them personally to the IHSA as a group. After a brief discussion it was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Nelson that Membership for Galesburg High School in the Illinois High School Association for 2007-2008 be approved as presented and recommended. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson (4) NAY: Panther, Strauch, (2) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #12

G. Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recordings in Accordance with Board of Education Policy 270.14a

In accordance with Board Policy 270.14a, "After 18 months have passed since the meeting at which the audio recording was made, the Board may approve the destruction of the audio recording of the particular closed meeting, if it has approved the written minutes of the same closed session." Eighteen (18) months have passed since audio recordings of closed meetings for the period of April 11, 2005 – October 12, 2005 were made and they are now recommended for destruction. It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Harrison that the Closed Meeting Audio Recordings for the period of April 11, 2005 – October 12, 2005 be approved for destruction as presented and recommended. (Insert Closed Session Minutes Summary) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #13

H. Closed Meeting Minutes

President Strauch stated that action on the Closed Meeting Minutes would be deferred until after the closed session.

Administrative Reports – Comments were made by Joel Estes and Paul Woehlke

Comments By Board of Education – Comments were made by Members Panther, Swanson and Strauch.

Closed Session

President Strauch stated that the Board would be adjourning to a closed session for the purpose of reviewing closed meeting minutes. The only action to be taken when the Board returns from the closed session will be on the Closed Meeting Minutes.

It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Swanson that the regular meeting be adjourned to a closed session to review closed meeting minutes—8:10 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Strauch (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #14

Following the closed session, it was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Nelson that the regular meeting be reconvened—8:35 PM.. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Strauch, Swanson (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #15

Approve Closed Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Harrison that the closed meeting minutes for the period of July 1, 2001 to October 10, 2006 remain closed, released or partially released as previously approved and the closed meeting minutes for the period of October 10, 2006 to April 16, 2007 remain closed, be released or partially released as recommended. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #16

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Swanson that the meeting be adjourned—8:38 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Nelson, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #17

Carl E. Strauch, President

ATTEST:

Gloria P. Osborn