

MINUTES
Community Unit School District #205
Board of Education
April 29, 2013
Special Organizational Meeting

Call To Order

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a special organizational meeting on Monday, April 29, 2013 at 932 Harrison Street, Galesburg, IL. Mr. Bart Arthur, Superintendent, serving as President pro-tem called the organizational meeting to order. Mr. Arthur went on to recognize Barry Swanson, Rick Welty, and Robert Lindstrom who were elected to the Board of Education in the April 9, 2013 election.

Official Oath of Office for Newly Elected Board of Education Members

Mr. Bart Arthur, Superintendent, swore in the newly elected members to the Board.

Roll Call

The roll was read and the following Members responded: Lindstrom, Swanson, Panther, Welty, Colclasure, Palmer, Kessler (7) Roll Call #1

Election of Board of Education Officers

Member Swanson nominated Member Colclasure for the office of President of the Board of Education. The nomination was seconded by Member Kessler. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Welty, Kessler, Panther, Palmer, Colclasure, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

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

Member Kessler nominated Member Palmer for the office of Vice President of the Board of Education. The nomination was seconded by Member Swanson. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Panther, Lindstrom, Swanson, Palmer, Colclasure, Kessler (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

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

Member Welty nominated Member Panther for Secretary of the Board of Education. The nomination was seconded by Member Swanson. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Lindstrom, Welty, Swanson, Kessler, Colclasure, Palmer (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approve Updated Indemnification Agreement for Board of Education

- B. Approve Resolution Appointing Alison Boone as Recording Secretary, Donna Palmer as Treasurer and Karen Peters as Deputy Treasurer for the Board of Education (Insert)

On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Lindstrom, Welty, Swanson, Colclasure, Kessler, Palmer (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

New Business

A. Personnel Agenda

Diane VanHootezem, Director for Human Resources, stated that the Personnel Agenda stands as presented and recommended its approval. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler to approve the Personnel Agenda as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert Personnel Agenda) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Lindstrom, Swanson, Welty, Palmer, Kessler, Colclasure (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

B. Appoint Board Committees

President Colclasure appointed the following committees:
Recruitment for Education Diversity—Member Colclasure
Insurance Committee—Member Lindstrom
Budget Committee—Members Welty, Palmer, Panther
Building and Grounds Committee—Members Swanson, Kessler, Colclasure

C. Approve Schedule of Board of Education Meetings

The Board of Education meetings will be scheduled for 7:00 PM on the second Monday of each month except those months in which Monday falls on a holiday and other conflicts. This year Columbus Day is on Monday, October 14, 2013, making it necessary to schedule the Board meeting on Tuesday for the month of October. This year Veteran's Day falls on a Monday, November 11, 2013, making it necessary to hold the November meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2013. The other exceptions will be the June and July meetings, which are scheduled for the third Mondays of the month on June 17, 2013 and July 15, 2013. (Insert Schedule) It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler that the schedule of Board of Education Meetings for June, 2013 – May, 2014 be approved as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Welty, Panther, Swanson, Kessler, Colclasure, Palmer (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

D. Approval of Galesburg High School Campus Design Development

Mr. Jim Rich, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, stated that after interviews with the two finalists under each bid category, the project came in about 4% under budget. During a meeting with the contractors and architects, we were able to reinstate the contingency fund to the original 5% level and add back ten plus alternates from the original list of nineteen. Even with these additions, we are \$42,592 under budget. We will bring a recommendation regarding the football field covering to the May 13th meeting. This recommendation is contingent upon a funding source and the Board's approval of Dr. Strauch's report on artificial turf. Lee Marbach and several others will be in the audience to help answer questions. Following discussion, it was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Welty to approve the GHS Campus Design Development. On roll call the

following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Welty, Kessler, Palmer, Colclasure (5) NAY: Panther, Lindstrom (2) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

E. Approval of Revised Dewberry Contract

Mr. Bart Arthur, Superintendent, stated that With Bob Johnson's help, we have come to an agreement with Dewberry that our attorney, Kate Swise, says is acceptable regarding the removal of the bonus clause from the Phase One contract. This will mean a potential saving for the district of \$260,000 (\$395,000 to \$135,000). However, Kate noticed several other clauses in the contract that she would not have approved regarding liability claims. The contract that Kate drafted for the Silas Willard project avoided this language and will be used going forward. Kate ended her review with: "Overall, the proposed addendum is a reasonable approach to removing that bonus provision, and we find the language acceptable under the circumstances." Don White, from Dewberry, accepted my invitation to attend our meeting in case there are any questions. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Swanson to approve the Revised Dewberry Contract. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Lindstrom, Swanson, Welty, Kessler, Colclasure, Palmer (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

F. Synthetic Turf Presentation—Dr. Carl Strauch

Dr. Strauch chaired a committee last fall to study synthetic turf, including its costs, safety and types. Its research included traveling to other school districts that already use synthetic turf on their fields, discussions with experts in the field, and research of best practices as contained in the literature. Serving on the committee were: Dr. Carl Strauch, MD, Dr. Michael Gernant, MD, Mr. Steve Hawkins, Mr. Troy McCrery, Mr. Robert Fulton, and Mr. Jamie Issacson. Ex Officio members were Mr. Ralph Henning and Mr. Guy Cahill. The Synthetic Turf Study Committee made the recommendation to the Building Committee to go with synthetic turf for the new football field, if the "delta" cost is not more than \$500,000 more than natural grass. The committee also recommended that synthetic turf be added to the plan as an Alternate. The committee voted 4-1 in support of recommending synthetic turf over natural grass with one member absent. The no vote was due to timing and the moving of the athletic fields up on the original schedule. All committee members agreed with the following, however:

Safety: Not much difference in numbers of injuries between turf and natural grass, with synthetic turf seeing fewer injuries to neck and head, and from sprains than with natural grass.

Costs: Synthetic turf, while more expensive on the front end, was found to be less costly than natural grass over a 40-year period when everything is taken into consideration.

Playability: With synthetic turf, the bounce is truer, the surface more even for consistency and predictability.

Usage: Synthetic turf can be used 24/7/365, while natural grass cannot. Marching band, soccer, PE classes, regular athletic practices, graduations, concerts, etc., can all use the field. There is no need for the surface to "rest."

No worries about mud and rainouts. Aesthetically: Synthetic turf always looks green, mowed, lined and ready to play.

Logos and other imprinted letters are easy to see and remain year round. Following Dr. Strauch's presentation on Synthetic Turf, discussion ensued between Members of the Board, Turf Committee Members and architects.

Closed Session

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler to move to a closed session for the purpose of Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Public Body and an Expulsion Hearing. Action will be taken in open session. On roll call the following members voted AYE: Panther, Welty, Lindstrom, Swanson, Palmer, Kessler, Colclasure (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

Member Palmer exited the meeting.

Following the closed session it was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Kessler to return to open session. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Swanson, Lindstrom, Welty, Colclasure, Kessler (6) Motion Carried. Roll Call #11

Expulsion Recommendation

Considering the information presented at the discipline hearing, it was recommended that a Galesburg High School North student (Case #13-14) be expelled through April 29, 2015. The student may return on probation to Galesburg High School North beginning Term 3 of the 2013-2014 school year provided documentation of successful assessment and subsequent treatment by a certified professional counseling provider is submitted to school administration by December 1, 2013. Educational services will be provided as indicated by the IEP.

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler to approve the recommendation as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Kessler, Colclasure, Panther, Lindstrom, Swanson, Welty (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #12

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Kessler that the meeting be adjourned—7:05 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Welty, Panther, Swanson, Kessler, Colclasure (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #13

Tom Colclasure, President

ATTEST:

Michael D. Panther, Secretary