

MINUTES
Community Unit School District #205
Board of Education
May 11, 2009
Organizational Meeting

Call To Order

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in an organizational meeting on Monday, May 11, 2009 at 932 Harrison Street, Galesburg, IL. Dr. Gene Denisar, Superintendent, serving as President pro-tem called the organizational meeting to order and called Mr. Rick Welty forward to be seated. Dr. Denisar went on to recognize Barry Swanson, Rick Welty, and Robert Lindstrom who were elected to the Board of Education in the April 7, 2009 election.

Official Oath of Office for Newly Elected Board of Education Members

Mr. Tom West, Attorney, swore in the newly elected members to the Board.

Roll Call

The roll was read and the following Members responded: Harrison, Lindstrom, Swanson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Welty (7) Roll Call #1

Election of Board of Education Officers

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

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

Member Strauch nominated Member Harrison 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, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Harrison, Lindstrom, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

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

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

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

Recognition of Visitors

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

It was moved by Member Welty 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 Majdich as Recording Secretary, Donna Palmer as Treasurer and Karen Peters as Deputy Treasurer for the Board of Education (Insert)
- D. Approve Galesburg High School Textbook Adoption

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

Correspondence—None

Committee ReportsBudget

Member Strauch reported that the Budget Committee last met on April 23, 2009 to review the investment portfolio performance versus the benchmark. Our investment continues to track well above the benchmark level. The next meeting of the Committee has not yet been set.

Buildings & Grounds

Member Lindstrom reported that the Building & Grounds Committee met at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Board meeting to review bids for the restroom renovation/construction projects at GHS and Churchill. The next meeting of the committee has not yet been set.

Student Code of Conduct
(Random Drug Testing)

Mrs. Diane VanHootegem reported that the committee is made up of twelve (12) members including parents and community members. The committee has unanimously approved that they continue to investigate the possibility of random drug testing at GHS for the 2009-2010 school year. The committee has developed a survey which will be presented to the GHS, Lombard and Churchill staff, senior students and senior parents. The purpose is to provide health and safety of students engaged in interscholastic activities, undermine the affects of peer pressure by providing a legitimate reason to not consume drugs and alcohol and encourage students who use drugs and alcohol to enroll in a treatment program. Mrs. VanHootegem stated that the committee would like to move forward but wanted Board approval to do so. Discussion ensued and the board agreed that the committee should move forward.

Insurance

Member Harrison reported that the Insurance Committee last met on April 30, 2009, reporting the current fund balance as \$387,054.98. Upon review of the request for RFP and along with Neil Seltz, Consultant, the committee recommended the renewals

which were approved in the regular meeting. The next regular meeting will be scheduled prior to the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

Recruiting for Ed. Diversity Member Swanson reported that the Committee last met on December 8, 2009, the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2009 has been postponed to a date to be determined due to member conflicts. A meeting will be held prior to the end of the school year.

Student Council Jane Simkins, GHS Student Council Representative, introduced the new secretary, Sarah Main. Sarah stated that they will be re-writing the student council constitution as it is in need of updating. May 12, 2009 they will be initiating the new executive board. May 19, 2009 student council will be holding their annual banquet.

Instructional Presentation

Lincoln Seminar—Mr. Joel Estes introduced the GHS class teachers who helped to make the Lincoln Seminar class at Galesburg High School possible; Gayle Stewart, Glen Busse, Cheryl Hinman, Al Devore and Steve Hawes. Gayle Stewart introduced Jennifer Wilson, Jessica Cline, Diego Moore, Brandon Davis, Amelia Garza and Olivia Cooper to present information on the Lincoln Seminar class. The students presented their website and a book they made; both full of information documenting their trips to various places, speakers, discussions and what they have learned over the past year.

New Business

A. Appoint Board Committees

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

B. 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. This year Columbus Day is on Monday, October 12, 2009, making it necessary to schedule the Board meeting on Tuesday for the month of October. The other exception will be the June meeting which is scheduled for June 29, 2009 in order to close out the bills for this fiscal year. (Insert Schedule) It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Lindstrom that the schedule of Board of Education Meetings for June, 2009 – May, 2010 be approved as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Welty, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

C. Adopt Existing Board of Education Policies and Codes of Student Conduct

Adoption of the Board's policies and Codes of Student Conduct is an annual requirement for Boards. Faculty handbooks, administrative rules and regulations, emergency rules, and other

such day-to-day rules of engagement are included within the authority of the Board's policies. The Board's approval of the Student Codes of Conduct is for the balance of the current school year under the authority of the re-organized Board. It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Panther that the Board of Education approve the Existing Board of Education Policies and Codes of Student Conduct as recommended. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Harrison, Lindstrom, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

D. Approve Authorized Depositories

Formal approval on an annual basis is required for the District's financial depositories. Donna Palmer, District Treasurer, has prepared a list of Authorized Depositories for approval which has remained the same as last year (insert). It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Panther that the Board of Education approve the Authorized Depositories as presented. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Welty, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Harrison, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

E. Renewal of Bridgeway Contract for Insight Program

Mr. Paul Woehlke, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, stated that the District proposes to renew its contract with Bridgeway Inc. to provide Insight Program services during school year 2009 – 2010 to students with a first-time zero tolerance offense. The Insight Program includes a substance abuse evaluation/screening (\$100 per student) and an early intervention seminar for the student and parents (\$25 per hour per student). This fee structure is the same as for the current school year. The agreement is based on a presumed 40 students being referred to the Program each year but in 2008 – 2009 there were only three evaluations and two intervention seminars conducted. It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Strauch to renew the Bridgeway Contract for Insight Program. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Harrison, Lindstrom, Welty, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

F. Personnel Agenda

Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources, stated that the Personnel Agenda stands as presented and recommended its approval. It was moved by Member Strauch 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: Panther, Strauch, Harrison, Lindstrom, Swanson, Welty, Osborn (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

G. Accept Bid for Restroom Renovations at GHS and Churchill

Bids were solicited for renovation of the two restrooms nearest the cafeteria at Galesburg High School and construction of two new handicapped-accessible restrooms at Churchill Junior High School, near the gym. The lowest bid was not a legitimate one because the specified amount of bid bond was not submitted along with it. Therefore, the next lowest bid is recommended for acceptance. It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Swanson to accept the bid for restroom renovations at GHS and Churchill as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Harrison, Lindstrom, Swanson, Welty, Osborn (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

H. Acceptance of School Bus Purchase Bid

Bids were solicited for a 53 or 59 passenger diesel school bus to replace a 1999 35 passenger bus that is being traded in. Having a larger bus in the District fleet will give us greater flexibility in covering extracurricular trips. Tests have been conducted to confirm that the larger bus will fit indoors at the Hawthorne Center bus garage. Bid requests were sent to four bus dealers, and bids meeting specifications were received from two of them. A third dealer submitted an alternate bid for either a 34 or a 35 passenger bus. The lowest bid for a 53 passenger bus is recommended for acceptance. This is the lowest bid that met our specifications. It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Welty to accept the School Bus Purchase Bid as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Harrison, Lindstrom, Swanson, Welty, Osborn (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #12

I. Approval of Galesburg High School FFA Washington, D.C. Trip

The Future Farmers of America (FFA) of Galesburg High School is planning a trip for three students to the National FFA Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. during the week of July 7 – 12, 2009. Three female FFA students will be accompanied on the trip by GHS agriculture teacher Corrine Smith. The group will leave on Sunday, July 5th and stay in Columbus, OH that night. They will arrive in Washington, D.C. on Monday evening. Transportation and lodging will be paid for by the FFA Booster Club, GHS FFA, Perkins Grant funds, and the FFA students themselves. The GHS FFA requests Board approval for this overnight trip. It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Osborn to approve the GHS FFA Washington, D.C. Trip. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Harrison, Lindstrom, Swanson, Welty, Osborn (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #13

Administrative Reports

Mr. Paul Woehlke, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, informed the Board on the latest updates from Springfield in regards to the Budget.

Comments By Board Of Education

Comments were made by Members Panther, Strauch, Welty, and Harrison.

Closed Session

It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Panther to move to a closed session for the purpose of negotiations. No action will be taken. On roll call the following members voted AYE: Strauch, Panther, Welty, Harrison, Lindstrom, Swanson, Osborn (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #14

Following the closed session it was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Welty to return to open session. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Welty, Osborn (7) Motion Carried. Roll Call #15

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Panther that the meeting be adjourned—9:58 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Welty,

Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Harrison, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #16

Robert Lindstrom, President

ATTEST:

Gloria Osborn, Secretary