

**MINUTES**Community Unit School District #205  
Board of Education  
May 14, 2007  
Organizational MeetingCall To Order

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in an organizational meeting on Monday, May 14, 2007 at 932 Harrison Street, Galesburg, IL. Dr. Gene Denisar, Superintendent, serving as President pro-tem called the organizational meeting to order—7:45 PM.

Dr. Denisar recognized the members elected in the April 17, 2007 Consolidated Election:

Deborah J. Harrison	(April 2007 – April 2011)
Carl E. Strauch	(April 2007 – April 2011)
Gloria Osborn	(April 2007 – April 2011)
Michael D. Panther	(April 2007 – April 2011)

Mr. Tom West, Attorney for District #205, stated that a newly enacted State law, effective June 20, 2006 requires that school board members take an oath of office before taking their seats on the board. Mr. West then administered the formal “Oath of Office for School Board Member” to those members elected in the April 17, 2007 Consolidated Election. (105 ILCS 5/10-16.5) (Insert)

Roll Call

Dr. Denisar, Superintendent then asked that the roll be read. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson (7) Roll Call #1

Election of Board of Education Officers

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

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

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

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

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

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

Recognition of Visitors – None

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approve Resolution Appointing Angela James as Recording Secretary, Donna Palmer as Treasurer, and Karen Peters as Deputy Treasurer for the Board of Education. (Insert)
- B. Approve Updated Indemnification Agreement for Board of Education. (Insert)
- C. Approve Declaration of Surplus Property for Auction. (Insert)

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

Correspondence – None

Committee Reports

Budget

Member Nelson reported that the Budget Committee had not met since the last Board Meeting. The next committee meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Buildings and Grounds

Member Panther reported that the Building and Grounds Committee had not met since the last Board Meeting. The next committee meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Insurance

Member Harrison reported that the fund balance as reported at the last committee meeting was \$296,282.71. The next committee meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2007 at 4:00 PM.

Recruitment for Educational Diversity

Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources reported that tuition assistance to 'grow our own' teachers of tomorrow continues to be of committee interest. The

committee has set this goal and is currently in the process of identifying an exploratory committee. The next meeting will be determined at a later date.

### Student Council

Nicole Olin, GHS Student Council Representative stated that the Breakfast of Champions had been held and was a great success. The Student Council had held their banquet and elected new officers but no one had been chosen to fill in for Nicole yet. Finally, Sr. Prom was held on May 12, 2007 at Soangetaha Country Club with the theme of '007 Tomorrow Never Ends.'

### New Business

#### A. Appoint Board Committees

President Panther stated that all committees would remain the same except that Member Osborn would move to the Building and Grounds Committee and Member Panther would move to the Budget Committee. (Insert)

#### B. Schedule of Board of Education Meetings

Dr. Denisar, Superintendent, stated that in past years the Board of Education meetings have been scheduled at 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 8, 2007 making it necessary to schedule the Board meeting on Tuesday, for the month of October. (Insert) It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Swanson that the schedule of Board of Education Meetings for June 2007 May – 2008 be approved as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

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

Mrs. Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources stated that adoption of the Board's policies and the 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 Nelson and seconded by Member Strauch 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: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

D. Authorized Depositors

Mr. Woehlke, Director of Finance and Operations stated that this is one of the items required to be approved annually. Donna Palmer, District Treasurer, has prepared a list of Authorized Depositories for approval. It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Nelson that the Board of Education approve the Authorized Depositories as presented. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther Strauch, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

E. Request for Out of State Band Trip

Ben Bredemeier, GHS Band Director, made a presentation to the Board about plans that are beginning to be made for the GHS band trip to Florida next school year (this is a recurring field trip that is on a four year cycle). Board Policy 645.09 recommends a series of considerations when planning an extended overnight field trip of this sort. Additionally, the policy states that, "Guidelines and regulations implementing this policy shall be determined by the Superintendent and/or designees and shall be approved by the School Board." GHS staff is seeking Board approval so they may proceed with plans which will take the better part of a year to implement, mainly their fund raising. Mr. Bredemeier stated that the band would be giving two performances, one being at the Magic Kingdom. Currently the cost is estimated to be approximately \$623 per person. Band Boosters are hoping to pay \$100 to \$200 per member. A point system has been set up so that the students can earn money to go through the fund-raising. Mr. Bredemeier is estimating one chaperone per twelve students. The trip will be from March 23, 2008 through March 28, 2008. It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Swanson that the Board of Education approve the Request for the Out of State Band Trip. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

F. Galesburg High School Credit Recovery Program

Mr. Tom Chiles, GHS Principal made a presentation to the Board about credit recovery at the school. He stated that as everyone is aware, the demographics of GHS have changed drastically in recent years. We are charged with educating many more at-risk students than in the past, adding that unfortunately, many of these students have found themselves behind in credits for graduation. Ultimately, many of these students find themselves in a position to not be able to graduate on time, if at all. GHS has had summer school available for credit recovery only when enough students sign up for a given course to warrant its offering. In order to serve more of our at-risk students, the GHS staff has been working on ways for upgraded credit recovery that will include additional availability of correspondence coursework, tuition scholarships, and required tutoring as a part of the program. After a lengthy discussion between Mr. Chiles and the Board members it was decided that this item of business would be tabled and brought back to the Board at a later date. The Board

was asked by President Panther to think about additional questions or thoughts for the GHS staff regarding the credit recovery.

G. Renewal of Food Service Contract

Mr. Woehlke, Director of Finance and Operations, stated that this June completes our third year of contracted food service from Aramark. Regulations allow us to renew the annual contract 2 more times before re-bidding it. We are relatively satisfied with Aramark's performance, and recommend continuation of the contract for the 2007-2008 school year. Regulations allow the cost to be increased by no more than the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for Food Away From Home for calendar 2006. Under these rules, next year's contract will be 3.2% higher than this year. Mr. Woehlke also stated that the Board may want to consider looking around next year due to the fact that the Food Service contract will be up. A motion was made by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Harrison that the Board of Education approve Renewal of Food Service Contract with Aramark for the 2007-2008 school year. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

H. Renewal of Bridgeway Contract for Insight Program

Mr. Woehlke stated that the District proposes to renew its contract with Bridgeway Inc. to provide Insight Program services to students with a first-time zero tolerance offense. The Insight Program includes a substance abuse evaluation/screening (\$75 per student) and an early intervention seminar for the student and parents (\$25 per student). These fees remain the same as in prior years. (Insert) It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Lindstrom that the Board of Education approve Renewal of Bridgeway Contract for Insight Program as recommended. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

I. Reading Recovery – Intergovernmental Agreement with Pekin Elementary District #108

Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum/Instruction, stated that in the past three years we have participated in an intergovernmental agreement between our District and Pekin Elementary District #108. This agreement has been in support of the Reading Recovery Program and specifically has allowed District #205 to "purchase services" of Deb Leach, our shared Teacher Leader from Pekin. The purchased services have been paid for out of District #205's Title I budget. In the past, this agreement has been agreed to jointly by virtue of the signature of the Superintendent in both districts. Pekin has contacted us to inform us that Deb Leach's responsibilities in their district have increased and that they would like us to participate in obtaining a new Teacher Leader to be shared by both districts. As such, a new multi-year intergovernmental agreement has been constructed, establishing this new position in Pekin and setting provisions for cost sharing between the districts.

Since a new position is being created, Pekin's Board will be adopting the intergovernmental agreement at their next Board meeting. Upon the advice of Tom West, we are bringing this agreement before the Board for approval as well. It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Swanson that the Board of Education approve the Reading Recovery – Intergovernmental Agreement with Pekin Elementary District #108 as recommended. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #12

J. Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of Knox-Warren Special Education Cooperative Educational Support Staff

Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources stated that Knox-Warren Special Education has identified the part-time secretary position as unnecessary for the 2007-2008 school year. Therefore, the position will be cut as a cost containment measure. It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Osborn that the Board of Education approve the Recommendation on Adoption of Resolution RE: Reduction in Force of Knox-Warren Special Education Cooperative Educational Support Staff as recommended. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther (6) NAY: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #13

President Panther stated that Items IX. K – Personnel Agenda and IX.L – Consideration of a Possible Adoption of a Notice to Remedy would be held over until after the closed session.

Administrative Reports

Comments were made by Paul Woehlke

Comments By Board of Education

Comments were made by Members Swanson, Strauch and Panther.

Closed Session

President Panther stated that the Board would be adjourning to a closed session for the purpose of personnel. Action will be taken when the Board returns from the closed session on the Personnel Agenda and possibly Consideration of and Possible Adoption of Resolution of Notice to Remedy. It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Nelson that the regular meeting be adjourned to a closed session—8:56 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #14

Following the closed session, it was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Harrison that the regular meeting be reconvened—11:05 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #15

K. Approve 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 Harrison and seconded by Member Swanson that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Agenda as presented and recommended. (Insert Personnel Agenda) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #16

President Panther stated that no action would be taken on Item IX. L – Consideration of a Possible Adoption of Notice to Remedy at this time.

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Swanson that the meeting be adjourned—11:15 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #17

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Michael D. Panther, President

ATTEST:

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Mike Nelson, Secretary