

MINUTES

Community Unit School District #205
Board of Education
May 28, 2013
Special Meeting

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 1:00 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: Panther, Welty, Lindstrom, Colclasure, Palmer, Kessler (6) Absent Swanson (1) Roll Call #1

New BusinessA. 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 Lindstrom and seconded by Member Welty to approve the Personnel agenda as presented (insert). On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Panther, Colclasure, Palmer, Lindstrom, Kessler (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

B. Operation Re-Build Support Committee Update

Jim Rich, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, stated the Operation Re-Build Support Committee (ORSC) has been busy organizing its efforts. Several members were to be in attendance. However, Mr. Troy McCrery had an unexpected surgery and he stated that they would supply the board with more information prior to the June meeting. The committee hopes to present an official donation at the June 17, 2013 meeting. No action taken.

C. Approval of Elementary and Secondary Codes of Conduct for 2013-2014

Ms. Diane VanHootegem, Director of Human Resources stated that a District-wide discipline committee was formed to review and consider revisions to our present Codes of Conduct. The committee consisted of a Board member, parents, the Athletic Director, a school nurse, an administrator from each level and five teachers. Unlike past years, only a few revisions are being brought forward for the Board's consideration. It is important to approve the codes as soon as possible in order to have the document printed and available at registration. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler to approve the Elementary and Secondary Codes of Conduct revisions for the 2013-2014 school year. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Colclasure, Kessler, Lindstrom, Palmer, Panther (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

D. Approval of Purchase or Lease of Real Property for Use of the Public Body

Mr. Jim Rich, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, stated that using Kit Wilcox as the Board's realtor, we have come to an agreement to purchase the house located at 460 Fifer Street. This purchase will offer needed space for Silas Willard School regardless which direction the Board decides to go with improvements to the school. The purchase price is \$118,500 plus closing costs. The estimated closing date is on or before August 9, 2013. Discussion between members of the board ensued. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Welty to Approve the Purchase of Real Property for Use of the Public Body. On roll call the following Members responded AYE: Palmer, Panther, Welty, Colclasure, Kessler, Lindstrom (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

E. Approval of Counselor and Legal Services

Mr. Bart Arthur, Superintendent stated that as part of cost containment measures, we are recommending to award a counselor and legal services contract to Tom Miller and his firm, Miller, Tracy, Braun, Funk & Miller Ltd. Mr. Miller's firm has worked with District 205 for 20 plus years regarding contract and negotiations and we are very confident that Tom and his partners will do a tremendous job representing the Board of Education of District 205. We appreciate the work of Dennis Triggs and his firm, Miller, Hall & Triggs LLC for this past year. Administration was able to negotiate a contract to cover the scope of work solicited and reach a financial accord acceptable to both parties and within the range of retainage. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler to approve the appointment of Miller, Tracy, Braun, Funk and Miller Ltd as Counselor and Legal Services for District 205. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Welty, Colclasure, Kessler, Lindstrom, Palmer (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

F. Approval of Qualified Zone Bonds (QZAB) Bond Application

Mr. Jim Rich stated that the QZAB bond item is on the agenda as applications are due to Springfield by the end of May. When the Board applied for its earlier QZAB bond, it did not utilize the entire amount approved by ISBE. Therefore, approximately \$1.9 million is available to help with Phase 1 projects. The beauty of QZABs is that the interest rate is very low. Our first QZAB bond has an interest rate of only .98%. Mr. Rich introduced Mr. Kevin Heid, Senior Vice President of Stifel Underwriters, to explain this opportunity. Kevin was the Board's underwriter for the 2005 life safety bond when he worked for First Midstate. Stifel helped underwrite the Board's current 2011 QZAB bond. Mr. Heidt explained the bonds and discussion ensued with board members. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Welty to approve the QZAB Bonds Application. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Colclasure, Kessler, Lindstrom, Palmer, Panther (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler that the meeting be adjourned—1:42 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Colclasure, Kessler, Lindstrom, Palmer, Panther (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

Thomas Colclasure, President

ATTEST:

Michael D. Panther, Secretary