

**MINUTES**  
Community Unit School District #205  
Board of Education  
August 9, 2010

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 9, 2010 at 7:00 PM at 932 Harrison St., Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Harrison. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Lindstrom, Harrison, Panther, Welty, Strauch, Swanson via phone, Osborn (7) Roll Call #1

Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence in remembrance of the John Chapman family was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Visitors—None

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Panther that the Minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 2010 be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Harrison, Panther, Strauch, Welty, Swanson (6) Abstained: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as Exhibit #547 as of August 9, 2010, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Strauch that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Panther, Strauch, Welty, Lindstrom, Osborn, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Special Bond Issue Bond for Karen Addis (Medical Fund Trust) and School Treasurer Bond for Amy Miller (GHS Treasurer)

Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, recommended approval of The Special Bond Issue Bond for Karen Addis (Medical Fund Trust) and School Treasurer Bond for Amy Miller (GHS Treasurer). (Insert Bonds) It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Welty to approve the consent agenda as presented. On roll call the following members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Harrison, Welty, Lindstrom, Osborn, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

Correspondence—None

Committee ReportsBudget

Member Osborn stated that the Budget Committee met on April 23, 2010. The next meeting is set for August 19, 2010 to review the fiscal year 2010-2011 budget.

Building & Grounds

Member Panther reported that the Committee last met August 5, 2010 to receive the Master Facility Plan revisions which are on the agenda for discussion and approval.

Insurance

Member Harrison reported that the Committee last met on July 22, 2010. At that time the fund balance was reported as \$312,278.00. The next meeting will be scheduled at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

R.E.D.

Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources, reported that the Recruitment for Educational Diversity Committee last met on May 20, 2010. The next meeting of the Committee will be scheduled at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

Student Council

Representative Sarah Main stated that the first event of the school year is freshman orientation which takes place on August 10, 2010. Homecoming is being planned with the theme being "It's a Jungle Out There". School supplies are being given away anonymously to high school students in need. The August charity of the month is The Chapman Memorial Fund benefitting the children of Mr. John Chapman who recently passed away.

Instructional PresentationA. District #205 Achievement 2010

Mr. Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, presented a power point showing the achievement in District 205 despite the regarding final standardized achievement results for the District in the 2009-2010 school year. Included in the presentation were ISAT and PSAE results, as well as the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) status for all schools and the District. School and District attendance records were presented.  
(insert)

Old BusinessA. Approval of "Operation Re-Build—Achievement: 20 Year Master Facility Plan." (Tabled Item)

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Strauch to remove the old business item from the table for discussion. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Welty, Strauch, Swanson, Osborn, Panther (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations stated that At its June regular meeting, the Board of Education “tabled” adoption of “Operation Re-Build–Achievement: 20 Year Master Facility Plan” (the “Plan”). At its June Committee of the Whole meeting, the Board took up consideration of the Plan and suggested several changes be taken up by the Master Facility Planning (“MFP”) Committee. At that time, the Board Committee of the Whole reached consensus on several items, including: advancing the penny sales tax referendum question (subsequently acted upon by the Board at a special meeting), maintaining the overall scope of the original Plan, and re-prioritizing certain projects within the Plan. The MFP Committee has met and adopted a revised Plan. The Plan changes are summarized below.

The Plan represents a comprehensive, long-term and bold initiative of the district to repair, replace, retrofit, remodel and where appropriate build new its fields and facilities for the next generation. The \$110,000,000, twenty year plan is designed to improve student achievement (and as a positive consequence graduation), increase home values (and as a positive consequence strengthen the tax base), create jobs (and as a positive consequence help to put people back to work in this recession), take advantage of state and federal grant programs (and as a positive consequence return tax dollars sent to Springfield and Washington to the local community), and complete without necessarily having to increase property taxes (and as a positive consequence shift a portion of the tax burden to others not living in Knox County). The changes to the original Plan include the following:

- Moved away from an “artificial” turf characterization to the more description “surface turf enhancement” allowing for spring, summer and fall use by physical education, athletics, band and others (--e.g., community concert, graduation, etc.), reprioritized to the last year of the project, and subjecting the same to availability of funds.
- Reprioritized the Silas project to the 3<sup>rd</sup> year (from 1<sup>st</sup>) to allow time to (i) study the question of repairing versus replacing and (ii) as appropriate obtaining voter approval at referendum for the latter.
- While studying the repair-replacement question, made space available in the Old Giant Food store to relocate Kindergarten from Silas thus allowing for the special education and specialist classrooms in the basement to be moved to the first floor and the closing off of the basement to instructional use.
- Replaced Silas in the first year with work beginning on Lombard—the next highest priority school and the only other having a functional age in excess of 100 years.
- Moved Steele school to year two to create a model of what’s to come (for the other five elementary schools) insofar as security, energy conservation, air conditioning and similar enhancements.
- Re-characterized the “field house” to that of a “multi-purpose academic/athletic” facility capturing the initial use of the space for the purposes of housing students during GHS phased construction work.
- Moved all other athletic-related improvements not addressed above back a year.

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Strauch to approve Operation Re-Build-Achievement: 20 Year Master Facility Plan as revised. (Insert Plan) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Welty, Harrison (4) NAY: Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther (3) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

New BusinessA. Personnel Agenda

Mrs. Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources, recommended approval of the Personnel Agenda as presented. It was moved by Member Panther to approve the personnel agenda as recommended by the administration and seconded by Member Lindstrom. (Insert Personnel Agenda) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Panther, Welty, Strauch, Lindstrom, Osborn, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

B. Approval of District 205 Attendance Goals

Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, stated that at the July regular meeting the Board of Education engaged the firm Leadership Matters, Inc. ("LMI") to assist the district in creating an attendance plan designed to increase average daily attendance (and as a consequence general state aid dollars and academic achievement). To that end, LMI has met with the district's leadership team on several occasions and the newly formed "Attendance Oversight Committee." The latter committee has worked with LMI in developing and refining the Attendance Plan and the companion marketing plan. The overall district goal is to increase student attendance district wide by 1%. Each building will be assigned a goal by the Superintendent based upon the data; the Building principals have been informed that attainment of the goal will be included as part of their evaluation. The marketing campaign has found several businesses here locally "stepping up" to out-compete one another in the preparation of the marketing materials which look to come in under \$4000 including the cost of the design layout. A positive outcome already has been the Galesburg Police Department's offering up a "truancy 'hotline'" number for residents to call when they believe they see a student who should otherwise be in school. The Department will dispatch an officer to the scene to ascertain where the student should be and, as appropriate, transport the student to school, home, or the police station. Leadership Matters, Inc. representative Dr. Fisher gave a small presentation and answered questions from the Board. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Swanson to approve the District 205 Attendance Goals. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Panther, Strauch, Lindstrom, Welty, Swanson, Strauch (7) Motion Carried. Roll Call #8

Administrative Reports—NoneComments by Board Of Education

Comments were made by Member Strauch, Lindstrom and Panther

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Welty that the meeting be adjourned—8:30 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Lindstrom, Harrison, Panther, Welty (5) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

ATTEST:

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Michael Panther, Secretary