

**MINUTES**  
Community Unit School District #205  
Board of Education  
August 13, 2007

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 13, 2007 at 7:00 PM at 932 Harrison St., Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Panther. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther, Swanson (4) Absent: Harrison, Nelson, Strauch (3) Roll Call #1

Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Visitors—None

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Lindstrom that the Minutes of the special meeting of July 9, 2007 and regular meeting of July 9, 2007 be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther, Swanson (4) Absent: Nelson, Strauch, Harrison (3) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as Exhibit #509 as of August 13, 2007, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Osborn and seconded by Member Lindstrom that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Swanson, Lindstrom (4) Absent: Nelson, Strauch, Harrison (3) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent Agenda—None

Correspondence—Superintendent Denisar shared with the Board a thank you note from the Reed Family for the plant the Board sent expressing sympathy for their loss. (insert) Superintendent Denisar also shared a thank you note from Dr. Barry Swanson for the flowers and support during his loss.(insert)

Committee Reports

Budget

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Paul Woehlke reported that the Budget Committee has not met since the July Board meeting. The next meeting of the Committee has tentatively been scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 6, 2007, to review the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Building & Grounds

Member Lindstrom reported that the Committee has not met since the July Board Meeting. The next meeting of the committee has tentatively been set for 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 6, 2007 for the Committee to conduct its annual inspection tour of District facilities to see results of summer construction and renovation projects. Member Lindstrom mentioned that some of the renovations are visible and encourages the public to look at them.

Insurance

Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources, reported that the Committee last met on June 25, 2007. At that time the fund balance was reported as \$444,249.55. The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2007, 4:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Education Center.

R.E.D.

Member Swanson reported that the Recruitment for Educational Diversity Committee last met on May 7, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be scheduled at the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year.

Student Council

Jane Simkins, student council representative, gave an update on events that are being planned for the upcoming 2007-2008 school year; including wrapping up of freshman orientation and homecoming preparation.

Instructional Presentation—Report on District No. 205 Summer School Program

Mr. Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, stated that Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Matt LeClere along with Tiffany Springer would be making a PowerPoint presentation (insert) on the District's summer school program.

Mr. Wolfe addressed the Board reporting that Galesburg High School had three (3) Summer School Programs this past summer. The programs included regular summer school, On Track program and Pre-Advanced Placement program. Last April students were surveyed to determine what courses would be of interest. It was determined that the greatest interest was in Consumer Education, Grammar and Composition, and Driver Education. Enrollment began in May and by the end of May it was apparent that Grammar Composition did not have sufficient enrollment to justify teaching the course. Mr. Wolfe reported that two sections of Driver Education were taught during a four week session to 47 students. Consumer Education started with nineteen (19) students; however three (3) students were dropped for lack of attendance. Due to the shortness of summer session (29 days) students were only allowed to miss three (3) days.

Again this year tuition was charged, but fee adjustments were made for students qualifying for free or reduced lunch.

The four week summer session of the On Track program ended June 29, 2007. This year there were only eighteen (18) students identified by their middle school to participate who chose to participate in the program. Fourteen (14) students successfully completed the program and will be freshmen at GHS this fall. Two (2) students were unsuccessful and will return to middle school and two (2) students will be moving to another district.

The Pre-Advanced Placement program returned for its second year and was made available through a grant from the Illinois State Board of Education. The competitive grant "Advanced Placement Classes-College and Career Success for All Students Program" is funding this program as well as other AP and Pre-AP initiatives at Galesburg High School. Galesburg High School was awarded \$40,000 to use toward improving and including more students in the Advanced Placement and Pre-Advanced Placement courses for the spring/summer of 2007. The program will receive an additional \$38,000 to fund the 2007-2008 school year. There are additional components to the grant that are taking place this summer, including staff training and curriculum development, individual tutoring for students, and meeting with the parents.

Two (2) student "Pre-AP" sessions were run, one in June and a second session at the end of August. Students were identified by academic ability, but were not involved in the honors or the Pre-AP courses or had not signed up for courses that would stretch and challenge their abilities. Incoming freshman were invited for the June session and 43 students participated. The second session was targeted at sophomores and approximately 20 students participated. The students are given academic challenges, strategies for time management, and resources for assistance. The students also took field trips to Carl Sandburg College and Knox College to meet with admissions counselors to hear what colleges are looking for in prospective students. Parents were invited for an informational meeting on AP and Pre-AP at Galesburg High School. The second informational parent meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, 2007, in the Galesburg High School Learning Center.

Mr. LeClere addressed the Board thanking them for allowing the summer school program to continue. Mr. LeClere reported that this year produced the highest percentage of attendance (over 90%) in the K-5 summer school program. Mr. LeClere spoke of a school promotional video with a purpose of enticing parents who are unsure of the decision to enroll their children in the summer school program. Mr. LeClere noted a special "thank you" to WGIL for cutting the audio portion of the video at no charge, Mr. Rich Ankeney for videotaping and editing, and Tiffany Springer for writing the script.

Mrs. Springer presented the progress of the students from the K-5 summer school program. All students were tested at the end of the program to gauge their progress. Kindergarten through first grade took the ISEL test (Illinois Snapshot of Early Literacy) and second through fifth graders took the QRI-11 test (Qualitative Reading Inventory). For the ISEL there was a pre

test/post test format. Twenty-nine (29) percent showed growth, seventy-one (71) percent gained one target, and fifty-two (52) percent gained two or more targets. For the QRI-11 seventy-five (75) percent of students increased by at least one grade level. Forty-four (44) percent of all students improved by two (2) or more grade levels. Reading Recovery also showed substantial improvement in students.

Mr. LeClere gave an overview of the Knox College Internship Experiences. Knox was awarded a grant between District 205 and Knox with the goal to increase academic performance in at risk students, develop cultural competency and understand critical objectives.

Mr. Estes commented that the K-5 summer school program was paid entirely by Title 1 funds. A brief period of discussion ensued including questions from the Board regarding the tracking of student progress, if the number of students is limited due to Title 1 funding and the percentage of those students highly recommended who actually decide to come to summer school.

#### Old Business—None

#### New Business

##### A. Personnel Agenda

Mrs. Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources, recommended approval of the Personnel Agenda as presented. It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Osborn to approve the Personnel Agenda as recommended by the administration. (Insert Personnel Agenda) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Swanson, Lindstrom (4) Absent: Strauch, Harrison, Nelson (3) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

##### B. Special Bond Issue Bond for Karen Addis (Medical Fund Trust) and School Treasurer Bond for Amy Neal (GHS Treasurer)

Mrs. Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources, recommended approval of The Special Bond Issue Bond for Karen Addis (Medical Fund Trust) and School Treasurer Bond for Amy Neal (GHS Treasurer). (Insert Bonds) It was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Swanson to approve the Special Bond Issue Bond for Karen Addis (Medical Fund Trust) and School Treasurer Bond for Amy Neal (GHS Treasurer) as recommended by the administration. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Swanson, Lindstrom, Osborn (4) Absent: Strauch, Harrison, Nelson (3) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

Administrative Reports—Comments were made by Dr. Denisar, Paul Woehlke, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, and Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

#### Comments by Board Of Education

Comments were made by Members Panther, Swanson, and Lindstrom.

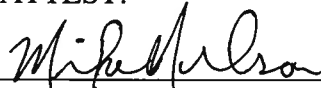
Adjournment

It was moved by Member Osborn and seconded by Member Lindstrom that the meeting be adjourned—8:05 PM. On roll call the following members voted AYE: Swanson, Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther (4) Absent: Strauch, Harrison, Nelson (3) Motion carried. Roll Call #6



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Michael D. Panther, President

ATTEST:



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Mike Nelson, Secretary