

**MINUTES**

Community Unit School District #205  
Board of Education  
September 8, 2008

Public Hearings on Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinances for July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009, 932 Harrison Street, Galesburg, IL.

6:40 PM—President Swanson called the public hearing on the 2008-2009 Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Knox-Warren Special Education District to order. The roll was read for the public hearing and the following Members responded: Lindstrom, Panther, Swanson, Harrison (4) Absent: Osborn, Strauch, Nelson (3)

Mr. Paul Woehlke, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, stated that the tentative budget had been on display for more than the required 30 days and Certificates of Notice of Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Knox-Warren Special Education District were published in *The Register-Mail* and *The Zephyr*. (Insert Certificates) No written objections had been filed during this period of public inspection.

There were no comments from the public.

It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Lindstrom that the public hearing on the 2008-2009 Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Knox-Warren Special Education District be closed—6:42 p.m. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Harrison, Panther, Swanson (4) Absent: Nelson, Strauch, Osborn (3) Motion carried.

6:45 PM—President Swanson called the public hearing on the 2008-2009 Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Galesburg Area Vocational Center to order. The roll was read for the public hearing and the following Members responded: Nelson, Harrison, Panther, Swanson, Lindstrom (5) Absent: Osborn, Strauch (2)

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There were no comments from the public.

It was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Panther that the public hearing on the 2008-2009 Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Galesburg Area Vocational Center be closed—6:46 p.m. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Panther, Swanson, Lindstrom, Nelson (5) Absent: Osborn, Strauch (2) Motion carried.

6:50 PM—President Swanson called the public hearing on the 2008-2009 Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Community Unit School District #205 to order. The roll was read for the public hearing and the following Members responded: Harrison, Swanson, Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther (5) Absent: Osborn, Strauch (2)

Mr. Paul Woehlke, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, stated that the tentative budget had been on display for more than the required 30 days and Certificates of Notice of Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Community Unit School District #205 were published in *The Register mail* and *The Zephyr*. (Insert Certificates) No written objections had been filed during this period of public inspection.

There were no comments from the public.

It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Nelson that the public hearing on the 2008-2009 Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Community Unit School District #205 be closed—6:52 p.m. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Lindstrom, Nelson, Harrison, Panther (5) Absent: Osborn, Strauch (2) Motion carried.

#### Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 7:00 PM at 932 Harrison St., Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Swanson. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Swanson (5) Absent: Osborn, Strauch (2) Roll Call #1

#### Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

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

#### Recognition of Visitors

President Swanson introduced Alan Markwood and Diane Eager to present the Illinois Youth Survey in regards to substance abuse. (insert)

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Harrison that the Minutes of the regular meeting of August 11, 2008 and August 13, 2008 be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Swanson, Harrison, Strauch (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation by Member Strauch of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as Exhibit #523 as of September 8, 2008, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Panther that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Nelson, Panther, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Strauch (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Correspondence—NoneCommittee ReportsBudget

Member Strauch reported that the Budget committee had met on Thursday, September 4, 2008 to review the final Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 which will be presented for approval and adoption. The next meeting of the Committee has not yet been set but will be in October to review the investment portfolio's performance against its benchmark.

Buildings and Grounds

Member Lindstrom reported that the Building & Grounds Committee last met on September 5, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. to review the bid results for the Lombard locker room project, the impact on the final budget of a rescheduled asbestos removal project and a list of building projects scheduled for future years. The bid results and final budget impact will be discussed in the meeting tonight. The list of future years' building projects will be discussed during the tour meeting tomorrow night. The next meeting of the Committee has not yet been set.

Insurance

Member Harrison reported that the fund balance to date is reported at \$224,787.13.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2008 at the Lincoln Education Center.

#### Recruitment for Educational Diversity

Member Swanson reported that the next R.E.D. Committee is scheduled for the beginning of the school in August.

#### Student Council

Student Council Representative, Jane Simkins, reported that Homecoming is in full swing and will be held October 4, 2008. The theme is Neon Nights. Powder Puff has been planned and all that's left is the assembly and parade.

#### Alternative School Report

Mr. Wes Olson presented a power point update (insert). Mr. Olson stated that the committee has gotten answers from the ISBE in regards to the entity and regulatory compliance and the diploma issue. Curriculum has also been explored and requirements for admission, participation, and graduation.

#### Instructional Presentation-2008-2009 Enrollment

Mr. Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction made an instructional presentation to the Board concerning the 2008-2009 sixth day enrollment for the District. District enrollment continues to decline although enrollment shows signs of leveling off. The District has had a considerable drop in the elementary level; dropping 33 students this year. Enrollment at the Middle School level increased from 995 last year to 1004 this year and the High School level has shown a two year trend of rising enrollment at 1486 students this year. (Insert) The District's class size average is below the state average except at the Kindergarden level. In regards to the boundary study Mr. Estes stated that this year we have 9 sections closed and have only had to relocate 14 students so far this year. The concerns at this point after the boundary study is mainly with Silas Willard having the largest class sizes.

#### Old Business—None

#### New Business

##### A. 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 Nelson that the Board approve the Personnel Agenda as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert

Personnel Agenda) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Strauch (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

B. Approve Recommendation on Approval/Adoption of Adjustments to the Tentative 2008-2009 Tentative Budget for Knox-Warren Special Education District, Galesburg Area Vocational Center and District #205

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Lindstrom that the Board adopt the amendments to the Tentative 2008-2009 Budget for Knox-Warren Special Education District, Galesburg Area Vocational District, and District #205 as presented and recommended by Mr. Paul Woehlke, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

C. Approve Recommendation on Approval/Adoption of Resolution Adopting Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) for Knox-Warren Special Education District as Adjusted

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Harrison that the Board of Education approve/adopt the Resolution and Appropriation Ordinance (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) for Knox-Warren Special Education District as adjusted as the final Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (Insert Resolution) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Harrison, Panther, Strauch, Swanson (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

Approve Recommendation on Approval/Adoption of Resolution Adopting Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) for Galesburg Area Vocational Center as Adjusted

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Nelson that the Board of Education approve/adopt the Resolution and Appropriation Ordinance (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) for Galesburg Area Vocational Center as adjusted as the final Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. (Insert Resolution) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Strauch, Nelson, Panther, Harrison, Swanson (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

Approve recommendation on Approval/ Adoption of Resolution Adopting Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) for District #205 as adjusted

It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Nelson that the Board of Education approve/adopt the resolution and Appropriation Ordinance (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) for C.U.S.D. #205 as adjusted as the final Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. (Insert Resolution) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Nelson, Lindstrom, Panther, Harrison, Swanson, Strauch (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

D. Acceptance of Lombard Locker Room Project Bid

The project to construct new locker rooms, restrooms, coaches' office and storage areas plus renovate three existing rooms at Lombard Middle School, to replace the previous functionality of the Zephyr Dome, add a weight room and upgrade a special education classroom, was re-specified and rebid after all bids for the project were rejected by the Board in June. Eight bids were received, and the lowest of them is recommended for acceptance. It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Lindstrom to accept the Lombard Locker Room Project Bid as presented. On roll call the following members voted AYE: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Strauch (4) NAY: Panther (1) ABSTAINED: Nelson (1) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call # 9

E. Approval of Hazardous Transportation Areas for 2008-2009

In June, the Board approved hazardous transportation areas for 2008 – 2009, leaving them the same as in 2007 – 2008 at the administration's request. At the beginning of this school year, we received a number of parent complaints about walking middle school students having to cross Henderson Street. We conducted a hazardous transportation area analysis of both Henderson Street for Churchill and East Main Street for Lombard, and found that both streets create a qualifying hazardous transportation area from which students may be bused for safety reasons. The Board is asked to approve designation of both areas as hazardous, so we may begin busing middle school students who live on the opposite side of these streets from their school. The State will reimburse us next year for approximately 80% of our cost this year for these additional bus routes. It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Panther to approve the Hazardous Transportation Areas for 2008-2009 as presented. On roll call the following members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Strauch, Panther, Swanson, Harrison (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

Administrative Reports

None

Comments By Board of Education

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

Closed Session

President Swanson stated that there would be a closed session for the purpose of possible litigation. No action will be taken. It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Nelson that the Board adjourn to closed session—8:40 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Swanson, Strauch (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

Following the closed session, it was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Nelson that the regular meeting be reconvened—9:16 PM. On roll call the

following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Swanson, Harrison, Strauch (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #12

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Panther that the regular meeting be adjourned—9:17 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Strauch (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #13

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Barry L. Swanson, President

ATTEST:

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Robert Lindstrom, Secretary