

MINUTES

Community Unit School District #205
Board of Education
September 9, 2013

Public Hearings on Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinances for July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014, 932 Harrison Street, Galesburg, IL.

7:13 PM—President Colclasure called the public hearing on the 2013-2014 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, Welty, Panther, Kessler, Palmer, Colclasure, Gibb (7)

Mr. David Black, 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, GAVC and District #205 were published in *The Register-Mail*. (Insert Certificates) No written objections had been filed during this period of public inspection.

There were no comments from the public.

The hearing was closed.

7:15 PM—President Colclasure called the public hearing on the 2013-2014 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: Welty, Kessler, Panther, Colclasure, Gibb, Lindstrom, Palmer (7)

There were no comments from the public.

The hearing was closed.

7:17 PM—President Colclasure called the public hearing on the 2013-2014 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: Gibb, Lindstrom, Welty, Panther, Kessler, Colclasure, Palmer (7)

There were no comments from the public.

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler that the public hearings on the 2013-2014 Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinances be closed. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Gibb, Lindstrom, Welty, Panther, Colclasure, Palmer, Kessler (7) Motion carried.

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 7:20 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: Lindstrom, Welty, Panther, Gibb, Kessler, Colclasure, Palmer (7) Roll Call #1

Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Recognition of Visitors

Ms. Dykeman spoke to the board regarding Silas Willard Elementary School.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler that the Minutes of the regular meeting of August 12, 2013 be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Welty, Panther, Gibb, Colclasure, Kessler, Palmer (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation by Member Palmer of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as Exhibit #584 as of September 9, 2013, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Gibb that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Panther, Gibb, Colclasure, Lindstrom, Kessler, Palmer (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent Agenda

It was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Kessler that the following items be approved on the Consent Agenda as presented:

- A. Approval of Application for Recognition of Schools
- B. Approval of Revisions to KWSED Job Descriptions (insert):
 - Psychologist
 - Social Worker

On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Gibb, Lindstrom, Welty, Kessler, Palmer, Colclasure (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

Correspondence—noneCommittee ReportsBudget

Member Palmer reported that the Budget committee met on Friday, September 6, 2013. Mr. Black presented the FY14 final budget. The overall totals for all of the funds

combined show deficit spending in the amount of \$24 million. However, almost \$22 million is from costs associated with Operation Rebuild. The deficit is due to the fact that we are paying out money to complete Operation Re-Build Phase 1 with revenues collected in previous fiscal years. The operating funds for FY14 will show a deficit of just over \$2.3 million which is in line with expectations. Because we will still maintain fund balances of \$15.5 million in those funds, the district will not be required to submit a Deficit Reduction Plan.

Buildings and Grounds

Member Kessler reported that the Building & Grounds Committee met September 5, 2013. Cordogan-Clark Architects and Russell Construction put on a presentation during the Silas Willard open house. There was a large crowd for most of the evening. Attendees were presented with an option for rebuilding Silas Willard and an option for new construction. Costs and benefits were discussed and attendees were given a ballot and asked to vote for which option they felt best met the needs of students. Cordogan-Clark and Russell Construction will present those findings during the instructional presentation of the meeting. On September 9, 2013 the building and grounds committee met and received a similar presentation to the one done at Silas. After much discussion, the Building and Grounds Committee voted to recommend that the board pursue new construction at the Silas Willard site.

Insurance

Member Lindstrom reported that the Insurance Committee has not met since June. The fund balance to date was reported At \$2,387,485.47. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 4PM.

Recruitment for Educational Diversity

Member Colclasure reported that the R.E.D. Sub-Committee last met September 5, 2012. The next R.E.D. meeting will be scheduled in October to update members on subcommittee work and to review current school year status. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Instructional PresentationA. Silas Willard Presentation—Cordogan Clark

Representatives from Cordogan Clark presented the power point presentation that was given to Silas Willard Community on Thursday, September 5, 2013. The presentation displayed the early designs as directed by the committees. Two different designs were presented to the board of the site plan. Discussion ensued.

Old BusinessA. Silas Willard Discussion

Mr. David Black, Assistant Superintendent stated that the process of developing plans for both new construction and remodeling at Silas Willard is ongoing. However, it will ultimately help the process if the board would make a final decision as to which route they would like to take. Projections have consistently shown that remodeling will cost at least \$2 million more than new construction. Remodeling will also take, at a minimum, six months longer to complete. Remodeling will also be much more difficult logistically in that renovation will have to take place in parts of the building while other parts of the building are being used. Each classroom will probably need to shift places at least once during a school year, as well as, we have learned through the process at Steele and Lombard, that renovation is very disruptive to the learning environment. Because we will be using the sales tax to finance the bonds, a referendum is not required for either new construction or renovation. Does the board want new construction? Does the board want to renovate? Does the board want to put the choice to the voters? Again, a final decision is necessary to continue moving forward. Administration recommends new construction because of the aforementioned reasons and because it will result in a two million dollar savings over renovation. Mr. Black stated that a decision on build new or remodel old is needed to save costs in the design phases and moving forward. Member Kessler made a motion to accept the building and grounds committee recommendation to pursue new construction of Silas Willard on the current Silas Willard grounds. Member Welty seconded the motion. Discussion ensued between members. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Gibb, Kessler, Palmer, Panther, Colclasure (6) NAY: Lindstrom (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

New BusinessA. Approve Personnel Agenda

Diane VanHootehem, Director for Human Resources, stated that the Personnel Agenda stands as presented and is recommended for approval. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Welty to approve the Personnel Agenda as presented. (Insert Personnel Agenda) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Welty, Colclasure, Kessler, Palmer, Panther, Gibb (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

B. Approval of Board Policy Updates as Updated By Illinois Association of School Boards: 2:105, 2:120, 4:20, 5:20, 6:120, 7:230, 7:340 (First Reading)

Mr. Black stated that as part of our agreement with the Illinois Association of School Boards we receive continual policy updates to meet the requirements of the Illinois School Code and Illinois Law. These are the most recent updates as of September 2013. This is a first reading only with action to be taken at the October meeting.

C. Approval of GHS Choir Trip Request

Ms. Paula Helle stated that she along with the Galesburg High School Choir, request permission to travel to Orlando, FL during Spring Break 2014. A copy of the trip itinerary was presented to the board. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Panther to Approve the GHS Choir Trip Request. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Palmer, Panther, Kessler, Welty, Colclasure, Gibb (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

D. Approve Recommendation on Approval/Adoption of 2013-2014 Budget for Knox-Warren Special Education District

It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Welty that the Board approve the 2013-2014 Budget for Knox-Warren Special Education District as presented and recommended by Mr. David Black, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Gibb, Lindstrom, Welty, Kessler, Palmer, Colclasure (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

Approve Recommendations on Approval/Adoption of 2013-2014 Budget for Galesburg Area Vocational Center

It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Gibb that the Board approve the 2013-2014 Budget for Galesburg Area Vocational Center as presented and recommended by Mr. David Black, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Gibb, Lindstrom, Panther, Welty, Kessler, Colclasure, Palmer (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

Approve Recommendation on Approval/Adoption of 2013-2014 Budget for District #205

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler that the Board approve the 2013-2014 Budget for District #205 as presented and recommended by Mr. David Black, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Gibb, Lindstrom, Panther, Welty, Kessler, Colclasure, Palmer (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

Administrative Reports

None

Comments By Board of Education

Comments were made by Members Panther, Lindstrom, Palmer, Gibb, Colclasure

Closed Session

It was moved by Member Gibb and seconded by Member Kessler to move to closed session for the purpose of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee(s). On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Panther, Kessler, Gibb, Palmer, Welty, Colclasure (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

Following the closed session, it was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Palmer to return to open session. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Palmer, Gibb, Kessler, Panther, Colclasure, Welty (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #12

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Welty that the regular meeting be adjourned—9:11 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Gibb, Lindstrom, Panther, Welty, Kessler, Palmer, Colclasure (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #13

Thomas Colclasure, President

ATTEST:

Michael D. Panther, Secretary