

MINUTES

Community Unit School District #205
Board of Education
September 13, 2010

Public Hearings on Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinances for July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011, 932 Harrison Street, Galesburg, IL.

6:40 PM—President Harrison called the public hearing on the 2010-2011 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, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison (5)

Mr. Tom West, stated that the tentative budget had been on display for more than the required 30 days—since July 28, 2010—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.

President Harrison closed the public hearing for Knox-Warren Special Education District.

6:45 PM—President Harrison called the public hearing on the 2010-2011 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, Harrison, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Lindstrom (6)

Mr. Tom West stated that the tentative budget had been on display for more than the required 30 days—since July 28, 2010—and Certificates of Notice of Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Galesburg Area Vocational Center 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.

President Harrison closed the public hearing for Galesburg Area Vocational Center.

6:50 PM—President Harrison called the public hearing on the 2010-2011 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, Strauch, Swanson, Lindstrom, Welty, Panther (6)

Mr. Tom West stated that the tentative budget had been on display for more than the required 30 days—since July 28, 2010—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.

President Harrison closed the public hearing for Community Unit School District #205

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, September 13, 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: Harrison, Lindstrom, Welty, Panther, Swanson, Strauch, Osborn (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. Heather Hellenga addressed the Board regarding her concerns for what appears to her to be increased violence against teachers in the District, specifically at Galesburg High School.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Welty that the Minutes of the regular meeting of August 8, 2010 be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Welty, Panther, Swanson, Harrison, Strauch, Osborn (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation by Member Lindstrom of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as Exhibit #535 as of September 13, 2010, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Panther that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Panther, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Strauch, Osborn (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent Agenda

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Swanson that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented:

A. Approval of Application for Recognition of Schools (insert)

On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Welty, Strauch, Osborn (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

Correspondence—none

Committee Reports

Budget

Member Osborn reported that the Budget Committee last met to hear presentations on and reviewed materials for the Knox-Warren Special Education Cooperative, Area Vocational Center, and District 205 budgets. The next meeting has not yet been set.

Buildings and Grounds

Member Swanson reported that the Building & Grounds Committee last met to hear presentations on and review materials for the recently completed decennial Safety Survey, Operation Rebuild-Achievement: Implementation Committee, architect solicitation, and gigabit Ethernet service solicitation. All four items were consistent with the District's Operation Rebuild Achievement plan and represent the beginning steps in its implementation. The Committee proposes the full Board move forward with the seating of the implementation committee, architect solicitation and Ethernet service; that the safety education for approval has the effect of committing this and future boards to the expenditures of significant monies. The next meeting has not yet been set.

Insurance

Member Harrison reported that the Insurance Committee last met on September 9, 2010. The fund balance to date is reported at \$222,416.77. The Committee plans to meet again on November 2, 2010.

Recruitment for Educational Diversity

Member Swanson reported that the R.E.D. Committee has yet to schedule the next meeting.

Student Council

Student Council President Sara Main stated that Homecoming will take place this year on Saturday, October 9, 2010. The powder puff football game will be on October 6, 2010. The Homecoming assembly, game and parade will be on Friday, October 8, 2010. The student council member of the month was James Noble. The September charity of the month is Bridgeway. Student Council will be donating to benefit their suicide prevention programs in memory of classmate Tenesha Hamilton.

Instructional Presentation

Mr. Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction presented a power point regarding enrollment. (insert)

Old Business—NoneNew 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 Osborn and seconded by Member Welty 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: Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Welty, Strauch, Swanson, Panther (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

B. Approve Recommendation on Approval/Adoption of Adjustments to the Tentative 2010-2011 Budget for Knox-Warren Special Education District

It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Swanson that the Board approve the adjustments to the Tentative 2010-2011 Budget for Knox-Warren Special Education District as presented and recommended by Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Welty, Osborn (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

Approve Recommendations on Approval/Adoption of Adjustments to the Tentative 2010-2011 Budget for Galesburg Area Vocational Center

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Osborn that the Board approve the adjustments to the Tentative 2010-2011 Budget for Galesburg Area Vocational Center as presented and recommended by Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant

Superintendent for Finance and Operations. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Lindstrom, Osborn, Harrison, Panther, Welty (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

Approve Recommendation on Approval/Adoption of Adjustments to the Tentative 2010-2011 Budget for District #205

It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Welty that the Board approve the adjustments to the Tentative 2010-2011 Budget for District #205 as presented and recommended by Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Lindstrom, Osborn, Harrison, Panther, Strauch, Welty (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

C. Authorize Administration to Submit \$37,000,000.00 Phase 1 Ten Year Safety Survey Report to ISBE

Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations stated that at the June 2010 meeting engaging an architect/engineer to conduct a health-life safety resurvey and subsequently with the August 2010 regular Board of Education meeting and approval of the District's 20 Year Master Facility Plan "Operation Rebuild-Achievement" ("the Plan") several and varying "implementation" items necessarily follow. Included among those is the receipt of findings and submission of the same to the Illinois State Board of Education of a decennial resurvey of select District facilities for fire prevention, safety and energy conservation needs. The architectural firm Metzger-Johnson has completed their work and the same has been attached for your review. The resurvey calls for \$37,000,000 million dollars in "general," "electrical," "mechanical" and "plumbing" work and associated fees and contingencies. The resurvey covers GHS, Lombard, Silas Willard and Steele Schools. It is the first of four phases of work called for in the Plan and represents 53% of all fire prevention, safety and energy conservation work eligible for funding. It covers only 48% of the total needs identified for the four schools covered, the balance being non-eligible fire prevention, safety and energy conservation expenses. Upon approval by the Board of Education, the decennial resurvey will be submitted to ISBE for review and approval. Once submitted and approval obtained, the District will be obligated to complete the called for repairs, replacement, retrofits and/or remodeling within three to five years, depending upon item. With the approval comes authority for the Board of Education to issue general obligation bonds, without "front/back door" referendum to complete the items. Passage of the "school facilities sales tax" referendum question would provide the Board of Education an alternative source (to the property tax levy) with which to repay the issued bonds. Discussion ensued between Board members and Mr. Cahill. It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Strauch that the Board of Education approve to Authorize Administration to Submit \$37,000,000.00 Phase 1 Ten Year Safety Survey Report to ISBE. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Harrison (3) NAY: Welty, Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther (4) Motion denied. Roll Call #9

D. Authorize Creation of Operation Rebuild-Achievement “Implementation Advisory Committee”

Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations stated that at the August 2010 regular Board of Education meeting the District’s 20 year Master Facility Plan “Operation Rebuild – Achievement” (“the Plan”) was adopted. Several and varying “implementation” items necessarily follow including the creation of an oversight committee to advise the Board’s Building Committee on the implementation of the Plan and to work with the district in identifying an architect/engineer (and construction manager, as appropriate), organize design Charrettes for community input and otherwise act as a conduit for communication of the Plan’s implementation progress to the Building Committee and the public at large. The Implementation Advisory Committee would be comprised of 12-18 members and include a Board representative, 4-5 community “experts”, 3-4 building principals, 2-3 custodial and/or secretarial staff, and 5-8 teachers. The employee would be drawn from GHS, Steele, Silas Willard and Lombard schools—the first four of eleven to addressed under the Plan. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Directors of Technology and Buildings & Grounds would act as ex-officio members of the Committee. The Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations would lead and facilitate the work of the Committee. Discussion ensued between Board members and Mr. Cahill at which time Mr. Cahill suggested to table the item due to issues during the discussion. It was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Welty to table the item. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther (4) NAY: Swanson, Harrison, Strauch (3) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

E. Authorize Solicitation of Architects: “Request for Qualifications (RFQ)”

Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, stated that at its August 2010 regular Board of Education meeting the District’s 20 year master facility plan “Operation Rebuild – Achievement” (“the Plan”) was adopted. Several and varying “implementation” items necessarily follow including the hiring of an architect(s) to design and bid the work called for in the Plan. The District’s architect has informed administration that the size and scope of the potential projects is beyond their capacity and that they would likely partner with another firm to address the district’s needs. Under the statutes of Illinois, engaging an architect other than the “district architect” requires the solicitation of “requests for qualifications” (“RFQ”). The process of selection typically entails a paper screening, winnowing of the field, an interview, short-listing finalist, a site visit and, as called for in the solicitation, a design competition, followed by a rank ordering of the firm, contract negotiation and subsequent Board approval. The RFQ proposed has a “subject to” clause referring to the passage of the “penny sales tax referendum” on the November ballot. The time line is such that the firm(s) selected would be able to “hit the ground running” when the penny tax is approved by the voters; absent the approval, the Board of Education would have no further obligation though they may choose to engage one or more of the firms for the “fire prevention and safety” work proposed under separate cover for the consideration of

the board. A budget of \$20,000 has been set aside for the RFQ process with the bulk of the funds to be used for the design competition. These moneys would be paid from the Site & Construction, Fire Prevention & Safety and/or the Operations & Maintenance Fund depending upon the available funding source. We would also use the same to obtain information on potential construction management firms, should the Board subsequently choose a delivery methodology that would partner the architect/engineer with a construction manager. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Strauch to approve to Authorize Solicitation of Architects: "Request for Qualifications (RFQ)". On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom (2) NAY: Welty, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson (5) Motion denied. Roll Call #11

F. Authorize Administration to Submit Form 470—Digital Transfer Service

Mr. Cuy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations stated that at the August 2010 regular Board of Education meeting the District's 20 Year Master Facility Plan "Operation Rebuild-Achievement" (the Plan") was adopted. Several varying "implementation" items necessarily follow including those related to the District's "data/voice cabling devices" component of the Plan or more precisely its desire to implement a Gigabit Ethernet Wide-Area Network ("G-WAN"). The G-WAN would address the district voice, video, data, and intra-/internet needs including the support for phone, E-911, intercom, clock, fire, access control, surveillance, teleconferencing, videoconferencing, remote HVAC monitoring and control, administrative and instructional server application consolidation/reduction, delivery and support, use of immersion desk technologies, and the like in support of the operational and instructional needs of the District. The non-binding Form 470 filing describes the District's need to the telecommunications industry so that they in turn might identify the District as a potential customer. It begins a process that will subsequently lead to, with the Board's subsequent separate approval, the filing of a companion Form 471 securing a specific service and application for funding of the same by the FCC's School & Library Corporation. It is anticipated that administration would bring back to the Board in the November to January timeframe a request to submit Form 471. At this time the District is of the belief that it can obtain Tier 1 eligible Gigabit Wide-Area Network capabilities subsidized by the FCC at up to 78% of both non-recurring and monthly-recurring costs over the period of as many as 15-20years, all well within the Plan's budgeted "voice/data cabling devices" line item. It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Welty to Authorization for Administration to Submit Federal Communication Form 470—Digital Transmission Service. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Strauch, Lindstrom, Harrison, Swanson, Welty, Panther (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #12

Administrative Reports

None

Comments By Board of Education

Comments were made by Members Lindstrom, Panther and Harrison

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Osborn that the regular meeting be adjourned—8:16 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Welty (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #13

Deborah Harrison, President

ATTEST:

Michael Panther, Secretary