

MINUTES
Community Unit School District #205
Board of Education
October 5, 2015

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a special meeting on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 12:00 PM at 932 Harrison Street, Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Lindstrom. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Cervantez, Gibb, Glasnovich, Lindstrom, Pickrel, Statham, Welty (7) Roll Call #1

Action Items

A. Consider Approval of Recommendation to Disband District Budget Reduction Committee

Mr. Ralph Grimm, Superintendent stated that due to issues that arose regarding the Budget Reduction Committee being a Board committee and therefore not being able to discuss topics in closed session, it is the recommendation to disband the committee. Mr. Grimm stated that he will assemble a committee that will not be a board committee but one that reports to him. He will plan to hold the first meeting on October 15, 2015 in open session to review financial information and a second meeting to get feedback on items to keep. Mr. Grimm made it clear that the committee will not discuss programs or people in public at this point. Comments were made by Member Gibb that he feels transparency is necessary but the need to evaluate in closed session is necessary to get perspective outside of the Board members. Member Glasnovich stated that it is a delicate balance to protect staff but to be sure the public is informed. Member Statham stated that prior to any action being taken all topics will be discussed in public. Member Lindstrom reiterated Member Statham's comments stating that the intent is to protect staff and do what is best for the District. That it was a unique idea that has gotten off track. Member Cervantez stated that she ran for the board for many of the reasons the Budget Reduction Committee was created on, that the community elected them and there should be some trust of the community until that trust has been broken. Committee was not being conducted in private but the media led the community to believe mistrust in the board that was not necessary or warranted. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Gibb to approve the Disband of the District Budget Reduction Committee. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Gibb, Lindstrom, Pickrel, Statham, Welty, Cervantez, Glasnovich (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Statham and seconded by Member Glasnovich that the special meeting be adjourned—12:11 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Cervantez, Gibb, Lindstrom, Pickrel, Statham, Welty, Glasnovich (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Robert Lindstrom, President

ATTEST:

Rick Welty, Secretary