

MINUTES
Community Unit School District #205
Board of Education
October 9, 2007

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 7:00 PM at 932 Harrison Street, Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Panther. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther, Swanson, Strauch (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Roll Call #1

Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Recognition of Visitors—Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Joel Estes introduced his Knox College class that was in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Swanson that the Minutes of the regular meeting of September 10, 2007, special meeting of September 10, 2007, special meeting of September 17, 2007 and special meeting of September 26, 2007 be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther, Swanson, Harrison, Strauch (6) Absent: Nelson (1) 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 #511 as of October 9, 2007, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Harrison that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Strauch (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approve GHS School Improvement Plans and professional Development Plans
(insert)
- B. Approve District Technology Curriculum and Professional Development Coordinator
(Insert)

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

Correspondence—Dr. Denisar shared an email from Linda Utsinger requesting a letter of support for the expansion application of the Central Illinois Foreign Trade Zone project which would include a logistics park and a sample letter written to be sent in support. Dr. Denisar then requested that the Board authorize the Superintendent to send a letter of support. Discussion ensued by Board members. It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Osborn to send a letter in support of the FTZ project. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Swanson, Harrison (3) NAY: Strauch, Lindstrom, Panther (3) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion failed. Roll Call #5

Committee Reports

Budget

Member Strauch reported that the Budget committee has not met since the September Board meeting. A meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2007 to review the investment portfolio as required by the Board investment policy.

Buildings and Grounds

Member Lindstrom reported that the Building & Grounds committee last met on September 11, 2007 to take its annual tour of District facilities. Locations and projects visited included: Parking lots at King and Nielson. Toured Lombard and discussed areas there that are in need of possible asbestos abatement. Drove to Silas Willard to view the grounds there and then to Churchill to view the resurface of the parking lot and examine the windows for the upcoming replacement. Then to the High School band shed and finally to Gale.

Insurance

Member Harrison reported that the Insurance committee met on September 27, 2007. The fund balance is reported at \$537,732.36. Flextime utilization was discussed and was positively received and the implementation of a \$30 copay per office visit was accepted. The next meeting will be November 8, 2007 at the Lincoln Education Center.

Recruitment for Educational Diversity
Member Swanson reported that the R.E.D. committee last met on September 13, 2007. Recruitment will begin in November 7 with visits to ISU and Eastern. Grant applications were submitted in the hopes of receiving \$2000. Which would be split into two \$1000 scholarships for minority students who are interested in pursuing a career in education. The next R.E.D committee meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2007.

Student Council

Jane Simkins, Student Council President, informed the Board that not much was going on now that Homecoming is over. They plan to hold the Haunted High School at the end of the month. Jane stated that this is the first year they will be collecting canned food items for the local food pantry's and would appreciate donations.

Old Business—None

New Business

A. Approve Personnel Agenda

Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources, stated that the Personnel Agenda stand as presented and recommended its approval. It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Osborn to 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, Strauch, Osborn (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

B. Approve Delegate and Alternate to Illinois Association of School Boards Annual Conference

It was the consensus of Board members that Member Swanson serve as Delegate and Member Nelson serve as Alternate to the Illinois Association of School Boards Annual Conference in November, 2007.

C. Approve Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recordings in Accordance with Policy #270.14a

Dr. Denisar, Superintendent, stated that in accordance with Board Policy #270.14a, "After 18 months have passed since the meeting at which the audio recording was made, the Board may approve the destruction of the audio recording of the particular closed meeting, if it has approved the written minutes of the same closed session." Eighteen (18) months have passed since the attached referenced audio recordings of closed meetings for the period of April 2005-October, 2006 were made and they are now recommended for destruction. It was moved by member Lindstrom and seconded by member Swanson that the closed meeting audio recordings be destroyed in accordance with policy 270.14a. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Strauch, Panther, Swanson, Osborn (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

D. Approve Closed Meeting Minutes

Dr. Denisar, Superintendent, stated that action on the Closed Meeting Minutes would be deferred until after the closed session.

E. Approve Board Policy Revision 270.15 on School Board Meetings/Public Participation

Dr. Denisar stated that Board Policy 270.15, which outlines the process for communication between the Board and members of the school community, is being updated. Specifically, the policy is being revised to be consistent with the current practice of the Board. Specifically, the revised policy:

- o Limits comments from speakers to any item germane to the role and function of the School Board,
- o Requires speakers to sign up to speak prior to the beginning of the Board meeting,
- o Directs persons addressing the Board stand, give their name and address and begin their statements,
- o Requests that in all cases, persons are asked to refrain from making any personal comments regarding any individual, and
- o Establishes the delivery of the consistent announcement of these requirements verbally and in writing stating -

This is the time when visitors may request to address the Board of Education on any item germane to the role and functioning of the Board of Education. When the Board President so directs, persons should stand, give their name and address, and begin their statements. Persons are asked to refrain from making any personal comments regarding any individual. The Board President reserves the right to limit presentations to five minutes.

It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Strauch to approve revision to Board Policy 270.15. On roll call the following Members voted AYE:

Strauch, Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther, Swanson, Harrison (6) Absent: Nelson (1)
Motion carried. Roll call #8

F. Approve Board Policy Revision 320.06 Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent

Dr. Denisar stated that the current policy is outdated and needs revision. The proposed revisions outline the duties, qualifications, evaluation, work year and compensation for district administrators. It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Swanson to approve revision of Board Policy 320.06 as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Lindstrom, Harrison (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll call #9

G. Award Diploma to Veteran (Fred Wright) per Policy 655.09(a) Academic Achievement—Diplomas for Veterans of World War II and Korean Conflict—
Mr. Wright did not show.

Administrative Reports – None

Comments By Board of Education

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

Closed Session

President Panther stated that there would be a closed session for the purpose of reviewing closed meeting minutes, personnel and negotiations. Action will be taken in open session. It was moved by Member Osborn and seconded by Member Harrison that the Board adjourn to closed session to review the Closed Meeting Minutes and discuss personnel—7:59PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther, Swanson, Strauch (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

Following the closed session, it was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Harrison that the regular meeting be reconvened—8:25 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Strauch, Panther, Swanson, Harrison, Osborn (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

Approve Closed Meeting Minutes

Dr. Denisar, Superintendent, stated that we are required by Statute to review closed meeting minutes every six months. After a review of the closed meeting minutes, for the period of July 1, 2001 to April 3, 2007, it was the recommendation of the administration

that the closed session minutes for the period referenced above remain closed, released or partially released as previously approved. It was the recommendation of the administration that the closed meeting minutes for the period of April 3, 2007 to October 9, 2007 remain closed or released as indicated. (Insert Attachment) It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Harrison that the closed meeting minutes for the period of July 1, 2001 to October 9, 2007, remain closed, released or partially released as recommended. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Strauch, Osborn (6) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #12

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Strauch that the regular meeting be adjourned—8:37 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Osborn (5) Absent: Nelson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #13

Michael D. Panther, President

ATTEST:

Mike Nelson, Secretary