

**MINUTES**

Community Unit School District #205  
Board of Education  
October 14, 2008

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM at 932 Harrison Street, 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, Strauch (6) Absent: Osborn (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 for Curriculum and Instruction, Joel Estes and President Swanson introduced their Knox College classes that were in attendance.

Ben Bredemeier spoke in regards to the District's health insurance that he and his wife are on requesting that the Board look into better plans for the District.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Panther that the Minutes of the regular meeting of September 8, 2008, special meeting of September 9, 2008 and special meeting of September 29, 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 Swanson of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as Exhibit #524 as of October 14, 2008, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Strauch 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

Approval of Consent Agenda

It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Panther that the following item be approved on the Consent Agenda as presented:

A. Approve Application for Recognition of Schools

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

Correspondence—NoneCommittee ReportsBudget

Member Strauch reported that the Budget committee met prior to the Board meeting where they reviewed the investment portfolio against its benchmark. A date for the next meeting has not yet been set.

Buildings and Grounds

Member Lindstrom reported that the Building & Grounds committee has not met since last month's Board meeting. Two members participated in the annual facilities tour that was open to the full Board this year. The next meeting of the committee has not yet been scheduled.

Insurance

Member Harrison reported that the Insurance committee met on September 25, 2008. The fund balance is reported at \$342,704.93. An outside consultant is recommended to be hired for a comprehensive review of the insurance plan. The cost will be split equally between the District and the Illinois Education Association. The next meeting will be October 23, 2008 at the Lincoln Education Center with Mr. Neil Seltz to begin review.

Recruitment for Educational Diversity

Member Swanson reported that the R.E.D. committee last met on September 18, 2008. Recruitment will begin on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> with visits to ISU and Eastern respectfully. Rena Coleman, past R.E.D. coordinator and retiree currently living in Kentucky, will be attending a recruitment fair at Murray State in Kentucky on our behalf November 7, 2008. The next R.E.D. committee meeting will be scheduled following fall recruitment, mid to late November.

Student Council

Jane Simkins, Student Council President, was absent from the Board meeting. Principal Tom Chiles stated that homecoming was a success and that they are now working on Haunted High School for Halloween.

Alternative School Report

Mr. Wes Olson passed out an update to the Board highlighting important information that is being worked on.

Instructional PresentationA. Corrine Smith—Agricultural Department

Ms. Smith gave a power point presentation on the agricultural department. Showing what the department has been doing in the last few years and the goals they have for the future and how she hopes to improve the department. (Insert)

B. ISAT Scores

Mr. Joel Estes presented the 2008 ISAT results that have been released by the Illinois State Board of Education. (Insert)

Old Business—NoneNew BusinessA. 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 Panther and seconded by Member Strauch 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, Nelson (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

B. Adopt Resolution Designating Alison Majdich, Karen Peters and Lisa Unger to Serve as Representative and Alternates, Respectively, for the Secretary of the Board of Education to Received Nominating Petitions for Candidates at the Election to be Held on April 7, 2009

Dr. Denisar stated that the resolution designates the time, place and with whom the nominating petitions for candidates of the Board of Education shall be filed. The first day nominating petitions for the April 7, 2009 election can be circulated is October 28, 2008. The first day to file a petition is January 20, 2009 and the last day is January 26, 2009. Board of Education seats up for election in April 2009—two inside Galesburg Township (Robert Lindstrom and Mike Nelson) and one outside Galesburg Township (Barry L. Swanson)—all for full terms. These positions will be elected in April of

2009, with terms ending April 2013. The resolution (insert) also designates Alison Majdich as the delegate and Karen Peters and Lisa Unger as the Alternates for the Secretary of the Board of Education to receive nominating petitions for candidates at the election. It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Nelson to Adopt the Resolution. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Swanson, Nelson, Panther, Lindstrom, Strauch (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion Carried. Roll Call # 6

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

It was the consensus of Board members that Member Harrison serve as Delegate and Member Osborn serve as Alternate to the Illinois Association of School Boards Annual Conference in November 2008.

D. 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 October 2006 – February 2007 were made and they are now recommended for destruction. It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Panther 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, Nelson (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

E. Approve Closed Meeting Minutes

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

Administrative Reports – None

Comments By Board of Education

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

Closed Session

President Swanson stated that there would be a closed session for the purpose of reviewing closed meeting minutes. Action will be taken in open session. It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Nelson that the Board adjourn to closed session to review the Closed Meeting Minutes and discuss personnel—8:05PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Swanson, Strauch (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

Following the closed session, it was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Harrison that the regular meeting be reconvened. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Strauch, Panther, Swanson, Harrison, Nelson (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

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 14, 2008, 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 14, 2008 to October 14, 2008 remain closed or released as indicated. (Insert Attachment) It was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Harrison that the closed meeting minutes for the period of July 1, 2001 to October 14, 2008, remain closed, released or partially released as recommended. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Strauch, Nelson (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Lindstrom that the regular meeting be adjourned—8:20 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Nelson (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

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Barry L. Swanson, President

ATTEST:

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Robert Lindstrom, Secretary