

**MINUTES**

Community Unit School District #205  
Board of Education  
November 8, 2010

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, November 8, 2010 at 7:00 PM at 932 Harrison Street, Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Harrison. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther, Swanson, Strauch, Welty (7) Absent: (0) Roll Call #1

Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Recognition of Visitors

None

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Welty that the Minutes of the regular meeting of October 12, 2010, special meeting of October 12, 2010 and special meeting of November 1, 2010 be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther, Swanson, Harrison, Strauch, Welty (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation by Member Osborn of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as Exhibit #550 as of November 8, 2010, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Osborn and seconded by Member Swanson 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, Welty (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

A. Review and Approve Submission of Grant for School Library Program (insert)

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

Correspondence

Dr. Denisar stated that there was one piece of correspondence, a thank you note from the Browning family.

Committee ReportsBudget

Member Osborn reported that the Budget Committee last met on November 2, 2010. The District's auditor reported no findings and that the ISBE FAAS designation had remained recognition with the underlying score improving from 3.9 to 4.0, the highest score attainable. Administration reported that they would propose an overall levy for 2010 that would remain unchanged from that of 2009 at 16.3 million dollars. The committee also heard that the attendance initiative continues to produce positive results with the increase in ADA reaching 200 basis points through October; the goal was 100 basis points for the reporting period August-November. The committee will likely meet in a week or so to begin the first phases of financing "Operation Rebuild—Achievement" including any recommendations to advance the provisions of the Bond Issuance Notification Act.

Buildings and Grounds

Member Swanson reported that the Building & Grounds committee had not met since the last Board meeting. With the passage of the "penny" sales tax question, the committee is next expected to meet within a week or so. At that time the committee is expected to review the amended schedule and time-line of activities to be undertaken to implement "Operation Rebuild-Achievement". Included among the items for discussion will be placing back on the table for consideration the creation of the "Implementation Committee" and the Boards reconsideration of the action item to begin solicitation of architect construction management Request for Qualifications. It is also expected that administration will have a new request for Fire Prevention and Safety amendments to coincide with "Operation Rebuild-Achievement" Phase

One activities. Finally, the district expects to be in receipts of a draft contract for Gigabit Ethernet services consistent with those called for in “Operation Rebuild-Achievement”

#### Insurance

President Harrison reported that the Insurance committee last met on November 2, 2010. The fund balance was last reported at \$481,060.69. The committee reviewed the current agreements we are under and the possibility of extending some of them due to the upcoming impacts on medical insurance from the legislated changes. The next meeting will be scheduled at the beginning of the 2011 calendar year.

#### Recruitment for Educational Diversity

Member Swanson reported that the R.E.D. committee last met on October 12, 2010. Recruitment visits were made to Eastern on November 3rd and ISU on November 4<sup>th</sup>. A minority candidate has accepted a visit to Galesburg CUSD #205 for December. A recruitment folder review and update is underway. The next committee meeting will be scheduled for the beginning of the 2011 calendar year.

#### Student Council

Sarah Main, Student Council President, stated that Haunted Halloween went well and the cans collected were donated to the Rescue Mission. They are currently working on project holiday. The charity of the month has not yet been picked due to student council not having met yet for November.

#### Instructional Presentation

District Improvement Plan-System of Support—Mr. Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, stated that District 205 is under corrective action by the Illinois State Board of Education due to not meeting AYP. Mr. Estes introduced Lori Loving from Two Rivers to discuss the details of the District Improvement Planning process. (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 Welty and seconded by Member Panther to approve the Personnel Agenda as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert Personnel Agenda) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Harrison, Lindstrom, Strauch, Osborn, Welty (6) Abstained: Swanson (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

B. Approval of District Improvement Plan—System of Support

Mr. Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, stated that approval of the District Improvement Plan is being requested as discussed in the instructional presentation. Since the District is in corrective action, this step is required by the Illinois State Board of Education. The Board can expect updates to the progress of the plan every several months. It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Swanson to approve the plan as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Welty, Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther, Strauch (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

C. Adopt Resolution Setting the 2010 Tentative Tax Levy

Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, reviewed with the Board the 2010 Tentative Tax Levy information. Attorney, Mr. Tom West, read the resolution. Mr. Cahill presented the Tentative Tax levy as required by law, thirty (30) days prior to approval. Board approval will be requested for the final tax levy to be adopted at the December meeting. One change was requested that in the document it lists the Board secretary as a “she” and needs to be changed to “he”. It was moved by Member Osborn and seconded by Member Panther to approve the Resolution with the noted changes. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

D. Accept Audit

Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, stated that State Statute provides that school boards have an independent audit of their financial condition performed each year. In April the Board engaged the firm John E. Meister, CPA to conduct the district’s audit. Principal auditor Ron Hilton has performed the audit of the district’s financial accounts including Knox-Warren Special Education Association, Area Vocational Center and District 205. There were “no findings” to report nor adverse conditions which might give rise to concern. It was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Osborn to accept the audit as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Welty (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

Administrative Reports

None

Comments By Board of Education

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

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Swanson that the regular meeting be adjourned—7:49 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Welty, Panther, Osborn, Swanson, Strauch (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

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Deborah Harrison, President

ATTEST:

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Michael Panther, Secretary