

MINUTES

Community Unit School District #205
Board of Education
November 9, 2009

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, November 9, 2009 at 7:00 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: Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther, Swanson, Strauch via phone, 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 Harrison and seconded by Member Panther that the Minutes of the regular meeting of October 13, 2009, special meeting of October 13, 2009 and special meeting of October 28, 2009 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 Swanson of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as Exhibit #537 as of November 9, 2009, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Welty 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 Swanson and seconded by Member Welty that the following items be approved on the Consent Agenda as presented:

- A. Review and Approve Submission of Grant for School Library Program (insert)
- B. Review and Approve Authorization for Student Internet Access and Acceptable Use of the Internet (Insert)
- C. Review and Approve Authorization for Staff Internet Access and Acceptable Use of the Internet (Insert)

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

Correspondence—NoneCommittee ReportsBudget

Member Osborn reported that the Budget Committee's meeting of October 29, 2009 will be rescheduled to later this month. The investment report along with a new cash flow and year-over-year budget to actual comparison report will be reviewed. In addition, the committee will review information on financing the replacement copier-printers and the 427 Fremont Street acquisition.

Buildings and Grounds

Member Swanson reported that the Building & Grounds committee will meet Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the Churchill Junior High School Library prior to the Master Facility Plan Committee. The committee will review the close-out of summer projects and receive an update on the work of the Master Facility Committee.

Insurance

Member Harrison reported that the Insurance committee last met on October 29, 2009. The fund balance was last reported at \$156,325.05. Discussion regarding the staff education process for the High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP), scheduled to be made available with the 2010-2011 school year. Seasonal flu shots are being offered by Methodist to staff, by appointment, for a \$20.00 fee. The next regular insurance committee meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in the Central Board Office.

Recruitment for Educational Diversity

Member Swanson reported that the R.E.D. committee last met on September 14, 2009. Recruitment visits were made to ISU and Eastern on November 4th and 5th. The next committee meeting will be scheduled prior to winter break.

Student Council

Sarah Main, Student Council President, stated that Haunted Halloween went well with approximately 400 cans being donated to F.I.S.H. They are currently working on project holiday.

Food Service

Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, introduced Ms. Pam Webber, Food Service Director to update the Board on food service progress. Mrs. Webber introduced a District #205 parent, teacher, custodian and principal who each gave their own opinions on the food quality, taste and opinion on how the kids are reacting to the changes. Ms. Webber then gave a presentation on the food service progress in regards to menu changes, finances and participation. (Insert)

Instructional Presentation

Response to Intervention (RtI)—Mr. Joel Estes introduced Mrs. Kim Lakis, RtI Coordinator, to update the Board on the progress and direction of RtI. (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 Swanson and seconded by Member Harrison 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, Welty (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

B. Adopt Resolution for December 2009 Tentative Tax Levy

Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, reviewed with the Board the 2009 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.

C. Accept Offer to Acquire Property Subject to Negotiating Acceptable Terms of a Sale Contract and the Securing of Certain Lease-Purchase Financing

Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations stated that HCS, Inc. (parent company of Cottage Hospital) owns the property at the corner of Freemont and Seminary. The same is listed for sale with Century 21's Kit Wilcox. The list price is \$450,000. For some context, the property last appraised for \$890,000 (2005) and is on the tax rolls for \$921,220 (2008). The District has expressed an interest in the property and the administration, subject to the Board of Education's approval, has made an offer. HCS has countered the administration's offer. Administration now brings before the Board for its consideration the counter offer of HCS. While specific details of the transaction need to be worked out in the form of a contract including, a lease-purchase arrangement (with either the seller directly or a third party lessor) the essential elements of the transaction would include the following: the District would acquire the property from HCS in a combination cash, charitable contribution transaction wherein \$200,000 would be paid HCS and the balance of the list price or \$250,000 would be "gifted" to the District. An estimate as to the cost to occupy the facility for instructional purposes is being developed by the District's architect, the same not expected to exceed \$300,000. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Swanson to accept the offer. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Strauch, Osborn, Welty (6) NAY: Panther (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

Administrative Reports

None

Comments By Board of Education

Comments were made by Member Lindstrom, Member Panther and Member Osborn.

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Osborn and seconded by Member Swanson that the regular meeting be adjourned—9:45 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Welty, Panther, Osborn, Swanson, Strauch (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

Robert Lindstrom, President

ATTEST:

Gloria Osborn, Secretary