

MINUTES

Community Unit School District #205
Board of Education
November 9, 2015

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM at 932 Harrison St., Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Lindstrom. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Gibb, Glasnovich, Lindstrom, Pickrel (4) Absent: Statham, Welty, Cervantez (3) Roll Call #1

Member Cervantez and Member Statham entered the meeting at 7:01PM

Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Public Hearing

President Lindstrom called the public hearing to order for the purpose of certain paving and sidewalk repair. On roll call the following Members were present: Gibb, Glasnovich, Lindstrom, Pickrel, Statham, Cervantez (6) Absent: Welty (1) Roll Call #2
Hearing no public comments the public hearing was closed.

Recognition of Visitors

Mr. Jim Jacobs addressed the board regarding his support for increasing the District tax levy.

Miss Katie Dunbar addressed the board regarding the impact outreach workers have had on her life.

Mr. Jerry Ryberg addressed the board regarding Mr. Jim Jacob's letter to the editor in the Galesburg Register Mail.

Good News Items

Ms. Joan Hoschek, King Elementary School Principal, introduced teachers, Ms. Krista Dippold and Ms. Leanne Hinton who provided a spotlight on King Elementary School with the help of students DeArion Elston, Dulce Feliz Lopez, Kaydence Smith, and Delante Mason, who was absent, helped work on the presentation.

Mr. Steve Cheesman, Gale Scholars, provided an update to the Board on the Gale Scholars Program.

District Outreach Workers presented to the board a power point presentation (insert) detailing the Outreach Workers position in District 205.

Mr. Jeff Flater, District athletic director, introduced the GHS boys and girls golf coaches who introduced their IHSA state golf qualifiers.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Statham and seconded by Member Glasnovich that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 13, 2015 and closed session of October 13, 2015 be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Glasnovich, Lindstrom, Pickrel, Statham, Cervantez, Gibb (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation by Member Statham of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as Exhibit #610 as of November 9, 2015, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Cervantez and seconded by Member Glasnovich that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Glasnovich, Lindstrom, Pickrel, Statham, Cervantez, Gibb (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

Approval of Consent Agenda

Member Statham requested that the District Wide Technology Policy be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

A. Consider Approval of FY15 District Audit for Galesburg CUSD #205, GAVC, and KWSED

C. Consider Approval of Proposed Revision to Board Policies (First Reading)

Policy 2:150-Board of Education-Committees

Policy 2:200-Board of Education-Types of Board of Education Meetings

Policy 4:170-Operational Services-Safety

Policy 5:90-General Personnel-Abused and Neglected Child Reporting

Policy 5:100-General Personnel-Staff Development Program

Policy 6:15-Instruction-School Accountability

Policy 6:50-Instruction-- School Wellness

Policy 6:60 – Instruction – Curriculum Content

Policy 6:160 – Instruction – English Learners

Policy 6:315 – Instruction – High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8

Policy 6:320 – Instruction – High School Credit for Proficiency

Policy 7:50 – Students – School Admission and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools

Policy 7:100 – Students – Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students

Policy 7:130 – Students – Student Rights and Responsibilities

Policy 7:140 – Students – Search and Seizure

Policy 7:290 – Students – Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention

Policy 7:300 – Students – Extracurricular Athletics

Policy 7:305 – Students – Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries

Policy 7:340 – Students – Student records

Policy 8:30 – Community Relations – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

D. Consider Approval of Request to Develop and Solicit Bids for Certain Health Life Safety Items

It was moved by Member Statham and seconded by Member Cervantez to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the removal of the District Technology Plan. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Pickrel, Statham, Cervantez, Gibb, Glasnovich (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

Action Items

A. Consider Approval of Proposed Revisions to Board Policies (Waive First Reading and Adopt on Second Reading)

Policy 4:50-Operational Services-Payment Procedures

Policy 4:80-Operational Services-Accounting and Audits.

Mr. Grimm stated that revisions to these policies are being requested as suggested by the auditors. It was moved by Member Statham and seconded by Member Cervantez to approve the board policies as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Pickrel, Statham, Cervantez, Gibb, Glasnovich, Lindstrom (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

B. Consider Approval and Adoption of a Resolution to Abate the Working Cash Fund and Transfer Funds to the Operations and Maintenance Fund (\$1,000,000), Fire Prevention/Life Safety Fund (\$302,331), and the Capital Projects Fund (\$543,326)

Mr. Grimm stated that this transfer is necessary to prevent these funds from running short on revenue for the rest of the fiscal year. It was moved by Member Gibb and seconded by Member Pickrel to approve the Adoption of a Resolution to Abate the Working Cash Fund and Transfer Funds to the Operations and Maintenance Fund (\$1,000,000), Fire Prevention/Life Safety Fund (\$302,331), and the Capital Projects Fund (\$543,326) the as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Statham, Cervantez, Gibb, Glasnovich, Lindstrom, Pickrel (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

C. Consider Approval of Personnel Report

Mr. Jon Bradburn, Director for Human Resources, stated that the personnel report is presented for approval with no corrections or additions. It was moved by Member Gibb and seconded by Member Pickrel to approve the personnel report as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Cervantez, Gibb, Glasnovich, Lindstrom, Pickrel, Statham (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

Discussion Items

A. 2015 District Tax Levy

Mr. Grimm presented three different levy scenarios for the 2015 tax levy that must be filed with the County Clerk by the last Tuesday in December. All three levy scenarios result in an increase in the property tax extension ranging from 2.5% to 8.4%. All three levy scenarios were discussed and at the conclusion of the discussion, it appeared to be the consensus of the Board to favor the levy scenario that calls for a 4.97% increase in the extension amount over the 2014 extension amount. This levy scenario will be brought to the Board for approval in December. This particular levy scenario will bring approximately \$914,000 of additional money to the district but off that total,

approximately \$550,000 will go to pay for the district's additional Bond and Interest payment leaving approximately \$360,000 of "new" money for the district to use.

B. New Silas Elementary Playground Proposal

Mrs. Hamm, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations and Mrs. Tiffany Springer, Silas Willard Elementary Principal, presented a playground proposal for the new Silas Willard playground. Mrs. Springer informed the board that the project is under budget and will be brought for approval at the December Board meeting.

C. Future of Knox Warren Special Education Cooperative

Mr. Grimm stated that as a continuation of the decentralization process that was started in the coop last year, additional conversations about the governance structure of the coop have been on-going by members of the coop Board. As a result of that, the Board was informed that the Coop Board has been informed that District 205 will be withdrawing from the Coop effective June 30, 2016. It was also noted that further discussions amongst the Coop Board members are taking place and that a final decision regarding the future of the Coop should be forthcoming in the next month or two. The Board was informed that a formal motion regarding this topic could be brought to them at their December, 2015, or January, 2016, meeting.

D. Potential Shift of Title 1 Program to School Wide Approach Rather Than Targeted Assistance Approach

Ms. Tammie Bolden, Director for Curriculum/Instruction and PreK Services stated that planning that is taking place regarding moving the district Title I program from a Targeted Assistance Program to a School Wide Program. She explained that the primary purpose for making this move is to provide more flexibility in how the Title I program is administered throughout the district. This item will be brought forth in December for board approval.

E. Senate Bill 100—Student Discipline

Mr. Grimm updated the board on the SB100 bill regarding student discipline and what he has learned recently.

F. Update on Old Silas Demolition and Move to New Silas

Mrs. Hamm updated the Board on the transition plan to move from Old Silas Elementary to new Silas Elementary. The actual move from Old Silas to new Silas will take place during Spring Break. The reason for moving the timeframe up in this manner is to ensure that Old Silas will be properly and completely demolished prior to the start of the 2016-2017 school year. Mrs. Springer met with the Silas staff for input on the topic and they were in agreeance. The Silas Elementary staff was recognized for agreeing to help make this move happen during this time period.

G. Future Plans for District Technology Center

Mr. Grimm tabled this item.

H. Approval of District Wide Technology Plan

Member Statham requested that the plan be removed from the consent agenda for discussion. The Board briefly reviewed a couple of additional changes regarding the District-Owned Technology Policy. The proposed policy will be brought back to the Board for approval at the December Board meeting with the requested changes.

Administrator Reports

Building and Grounds

Mrs. Hamm gave an update on the District Building Projects, which included an update on Silas Willard. The walls at Silas will be completely enclosed by December 8, 2015.

Curriculum

Ms. Tammie Bolden updated the Board on Curriculum, stating that her department reorganized the Readermania program this year and the kickoff was October 29, 2015. Ms. Bolden stated that she is getting community support for t-shirts to give to the children who read 12 books. She stated that there has been a 15% gain in the graduation rate at Galesburg High School and Galesburg High School North and that the Bright Futures Preschool program held their 15th annual KIDS conference, which is a district wide family engagement activity. In February, Bright Futures will be celebrating their 30th anniversary.

Human Resources

Mr. Jon Bradburn, Director for Human Resources, stated that on October 8, 2015, a dinner for new teachers was held to discuss how their first nine weeks in the district has gone.

Knox-Warren Special Education

Dr. Dawn Michaud, Director for Knox-Warren Special Education, gave a brief update regarding KWSED, stating that the life skills program just finished the term at camp big sky, which was a success. KWSED has been working on decentralization for next school year.

Committee Reports

Budget

Member Gibb reported that the Budget Committee had not met.

Buildings and Grounds

Member Statham reported that the Building and Grounds Committee has not met.

Insurance

Mr. Bradburn reported that the Insurance Committee met on November 5, 2015 to review a wellness option. The fund balance is reported at \$3,486,995.92.

Recruitment for Educational Diversity

Member Cervantez stated that the committee had not met but that she has done some research as follow up to last month's comments regarding opportunities for professional development and engaging in the community.

Comments By Board of Education

Comments were made by Members Gibb, Pickrel, Glasnovich, and Cervantez.

Closed Session

It was moved by Member Gibb and seconded by Member Pickrel to move to closed session for the purpose of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee(s). No action will be taken—9:58pm. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Gibb, Glasnovich, Lindstrom, Pickrel, Statham, Cervantez (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

Following the closed session, it was moved by Member Gibb and seconded by Member Statham that the regular meeting be reconvened. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Glasnovich, Lindstrom, Pickrel, Statham, Cervantez, Gibb (6) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Cervantez and seconded by Member Glasnovich that the regular meeting be adjourned—10:33 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Statham, Cervantez, Gibb, Glasnovich, Lindstrom, Pickrel (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #12

Robert Lindstrom, President

ATTEST:

Rick Welty, Secretary