

MINUTES

Community Unit School District #205
Board of Education
November 10, 2008

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, November 10, 2008 at 7:00 PM at 932 Harrison Street, Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Nelson. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther, Nelson, Swanson via phone, Strauch via phone, (7) Absent: (0) Roll Call #1

Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was observed in honor of the passing of teacher Mr. Chad Nussbaum followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Visitors

Ms. Robin Regan spoke about school district lunches and read a few letters from other parents.

Mr. Peter Schwartzman spoke about school district lunches.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Panther that the Minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 2008, special meeting of October 14, 2008 and special meeting of October 20, 2008 be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther, Swanson, Harrison, Strauch, Nelson (7) NAY: (0) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation by Member Harrison of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as Exhibit #525 as of November 10, 2008, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Lindstrom 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, Nelson (7) NAY: (0) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent Agenda

It was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Harrison 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)

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On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn, Strauch, Nelson (7) NAY: (0) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

Correspondence

Committee Reports

Budget

Mr. Paul Woehlke, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations reported that the Budget committee has not met since last month's Board meeting. A date for the next meeting has not yet been set. It will be called to review the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 audit.

Buildings and Grounds

Member Lindstrom reported that the Building & Grounds committee has not met since the October meeting. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Insurance

Member Harrison reported that the Insurance committee last met on September 25, 2008. Regular meetings of the Insurance Committee will resume at the conclusion of the comprehensive review, unless additional meeting becomes apparent. A committee for Comprehensive review last met October 23, 2008 to review the medical coverage currently available and the costs associated with the plan for the board and individual employees. The committee includes Dr. Denisar, the Insurance Committee, an outside consultant, Russ Ullrich of the GEA and Deb Tuttle of the IEA. The fund balance is reported at \$281,591.63. The next comprehensive review meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

Recruitment for Educational Diversity

Ms. Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources reported that the R.E.D. committee last met on September 18, 2008.

Recruitment visits were made to ISU and Eastern on November 5th and 6th. Rena Coleman, past R.E.D. coordinator and retiree currently living in Kentucky, attended the recruitment fair at Murray State in Kentucky on behalf of District #205 on November 7, 2008. The next committee meeting will be scheduled prior to winter break.

Student Council

Jane Simkins, Student Council President, stated that Haunted Halloween went well with approximately 200 cans being donated to F.I.S.H. They are currently working on project holiday.

Alternative School Feasibility Study

Mr. Wes Olson stated that due to the work of Mr. Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, the Alternative School has received a grant from AT&T which will be presented on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Instructional Presentation

Lincoln Seminar—Mr. Joel Estes introduced Mr. Steve Hawes, Mr. Hal DeVore and Mrs. Gale Stewart, Galesburg High School teachers working on the Lincoln Seminar project to present to the Board. Mrs. Stewart introduced the students who shared the blog they have created and highlights from what they are learning.

Reading @ The Crossroads II—Mr. Joel Estes introduced Mr. Bart Arthur, Principal of Churchill Junior High School. Mr. Arthur presented four teachers who serve on the committee. Teresa Bice and Juanita Scott from Churchill and Carey Jacobson and Ali Jones from Lombard. The teachers explained how they are working to encourage community wide dialogue and inspire the children. In addition they spoke about the authors that will be coming to Galesburg to speak. Esme Codell will be at Churchill November 18, 2008 and at Lombard Middle School on November 19, 2008. Sara Weeks will be speaking January 12, 2009 at Churchill and at Lombard on January 13, 2009. Mary Ann Gudenthal Luzon will be speaking on March 31, 2009 at the Orpheum Theatre. Lombard and Churchill students involved in Reading @ The Crossroads II were then introduced and gave a presentation on the stories they have been working on.

Old Business—None

New 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 Lindstrom 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, Nelson (7) NAY: (0) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

B. Approve Resolution for December 2008 Tentative Tax Levy

Mr. Woehlke, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, reviewed with the Board the 2008 Tentative Tax Levy information. Board approval will be requested for the tentative levy at this evening's meeting with the final levy to be adopted at the December meeting. Mr. Woehlke stated that the Budget Committee has reviewed the December 2008 Tentative Tax Levy. Mr. Woehlke requested that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution for December 2008 Tentative Tax Levy as presented. It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Harrison that the Board of Education approve the adoption of the Resolution for December 2008 Tentative Tax Levy as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn (7) NAY: (0) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

C. First Student Presentation (Transportation)

Mr. Paul Woehlke introduced Mr. Ron Gutsky of First Student who discussed the district's transportation contract with First Student and that it will expire at the end of this fiscal year. Mr. Gutsky presented their view of the pros and cons of the district extending the contract another year instead of conducting a bid for a new multi-year contract. He then introduced Mr. Bob Rutkoski who spoke about the upcoming changes and additions that First Student will be making to the buses C.U.S.D #205 uses.

D. Approval of 403(b) Plan Document and Policy Regarding Funding Vehicle(s)/Vendor(s) Selection and Deselection

Mr. Paul Woehlke stated that new IRS regulations taking effect January 1, 2009, require school districts to administer the 403(b) plans of their employees. Districts must adopt a Plan Document (conceptually comparable to an insurance plan document) and then ensure employees' compliance with it. In practice, many districts are outsourcing this administrative burden, and we have elected to do so. Our third party administrator is Gatekeeper Administration & Consulting, LLC. With input from district administrators, Gatekeeper has drafted a Plan Document for CUSD #205. This Plan Document needs to be adopted by the Board prior to January 1, 2009. After discussion of the document it was the consensus of the Board to wait and vote on the approval of 403(b) Plan Document and Policy Regarding Funding Vehicle(s)/Vendor(s) Selection and Deselection until next months board meeting.

Administrative Reports

None

Comments By Board of Education

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

Closed Session

It was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Osborn to move to a closed session for the purpose of an expulsion hearing and real estate. Any action taken will take place in open session. On roll call the following members voted AYE: Panther, Nelson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn (5) Absent: Strauch, Swanson (2) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

Following the closed session it was moved by Member Osborn and seconded by Member Harrison to return to open session. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther (5) Absent: Strauch, Swanson (2) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

Recommendation on Expulsion

Considering the information presented during the closed session discipline hearing, it was recommended that a Rose Hoben Welch Phoenix Program student (Case #08-21), offense be treated as a suspendable offense rather than an expulsion and the administration is directed to implement the modified IEP.

It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Lindstrom that the Board of Education approve the above recommendation as stated. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Lindstrom, Nelson, Harrison (5) Absent: Swanson, Strauch (2) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

Closed Session

It was moved by Member Osborn and seconded by Member Harrison to move to a closed session for the purpose of real estate. No action will be taken. On roll call the following members voted AYE: Panther, Nelson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Osborn (5) Absent: Strauch, Swanson (2) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

Following the closed session it was moved by Member Osborn and seconded by Member Panther to return to open session. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther (5) Absent: Strauch, Swanson (2) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Osborn that the regular meeting be adjourned—9:45 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE:

Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Osborn (5) Absent: Swanson, Strauch (2) Motion carried. Roll Call #12

Barry L. Swanson, President

ATTEST:

Robert Lindstrom, Secretary