

Public Hearing

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met for a public hearing on the intent of the board to sell \$1,994,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting at 932 Harrison St., Galesburg, IL. The hearing was called to order by President Colclasure. No public comments were made and the hearing was closed.

MINUTES

Community Unit School District #205
Board of Education
November 12, 2013

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 7:00 PM at 932 Harrison St., Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Colclasure. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Colclasure, Gibb, Kessler (via phone), Lindstrom, Palmer, Panther, Welty (7) Roll Call #1

Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Recognition of Visitors—NoneApproval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler that the Minutes of the regular meeting of October 15, 2013 and October 24, 2013 be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Gibb, Kessler, Palmer, Welty, Colclasure, Panther (6) Abstain: Lindstrom (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation by Member Gibb of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as Exhibit #586 as of November 12, 2013, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Gibb and seconded by Member Panther that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Panther, Gibb, Palmer, Lindstrom, Kessler, Colclasure (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Annual District School Improvement Plan
- B. Approval of Change Order

It was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Panther to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Palmer,

Panther, Gibb, Colclasure, Kessler, Lindstrom (6) NAY: Welty (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

Correspondence—none

Committee Reports

Budget

Member Welty reported that the Budget Committee last met on November 7, 2013 to receive the auditor report from Ron Hilton. He reported a clean opinion. On the federal audit as related to food service there were three deficiencies regarding proper paperwork on three students and those were corrected. The total fund balance for the district is \$40 million with approximately \$14million of that reserved for capital projects, the operating fund for fiscal year 2013 the audit shows a deficiency of revenues in the education fund of negative \$681,930.00. Most of the deficiencies in the education fund, transportation fund and working cash fund were anticipated when the fiscal year 2013 budget was presented. Due to the revenue drop, our financial profile rating dropped from one of recognition to one of review.

Buildings and Grounds

Member Panther reported that the Building and Grounds Committee had not met since the last board meeting and the next meeting is November 13, 2013 at 4:30pm.

Insurance

Member Lindstrom reported that the Insurance Committee last met on November 7, 2013. The fund balance is reported at \$2,114,514.97. The next committee meeting has not been set.

Recruitment for Educational Diversity

Member Colclasure reported that the R.E.D. Committee last met on October 22, 2013. The committee reviewed employee minority statistics, which rose slightly, compared to last year. The committee and NAACP are partnering to bring a black history month assembly to all schools. The next RED

Committee meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Student Council

Student Council representative Danielle Gutierrez stated that Cheryl Heady a district employee at Gale Elementary was named charity of the month. On November 23, 2013, student council will be bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Hope week, which is for cancer awareness is currently being planned.

Instructional Presentation

A. Galesburg High School Four Block Presentation—Roy VanMeter

Mr. Roy VanMeter, Galesburg High School Principal presented to the board a history and review of the four block instructional model at Galesburg High School. (insert)

Old Business—None

New Business

A. 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 Lindstrom that the Board approve the Personnel Agenda as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert Personnel Agenda) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Welty, Panther, Gibb, Colclasure, Kessler, Palmer (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

B. Approval of Energy Efficiency and Maintenance Grant Application Projects

Mr. David Black, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations stated that Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has announced that the School Energy Efficiency Project Grants (SEEG) applications are now open to Local Educational Agencies (LEA), to submit applications for a matching low grant of up to \$250,000. In FY 2010, the Governor signed the Capital Bill providing \$50 million for Energy Efficiency Grants. In 2011, round one, \$30,000,000 of that bill was awarded and distributed to 158 districts. In round two, there is a remaining sum of \$20,000,000 to be awarded in early 2014. Metzger-Johnson creates the application on behalf of the district. I have directed the architect to focus the grant on the replacement of old, single glazed, non-energy-efficient windows at King, Nielsen, Gale, the GHS balconies and the GHS library south wall. On August 22, 2013, Governor Quinn announced the release of an additional \$50 million for the Maintenance Grant Program as a part of the Illinois Jobs Now! Capital Program. The School Maintenance Project Grant is a dollar for dollar state matching grant program providing up to \$50,000 for the maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for educational purposes. The grant is created and submitted by the architect and the application is requesting matching funds for the replacement of the main electrical

service including the main distribution panel and associated wiring at Churchill. The project also includes replacing the overhead transformers with a pad-mounted transformer, and replacing the branch panel in the boiler room. It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Welty to approve the Energy Efficiency and Maintenance Grant Application Projects as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Colclasure, Kessler, Lindstrom, Palmer, Panther, Gibb (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

C. Acceptance of Audit

Mr. David Black stated that the State Statute provides that school board have an independent audit of their financial condition performed each year. In May, 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 was one "finding" in the area of food service. The auditor found three students who are receiving free and reduced meals, but they did not have the required documentation on file. Under separate cover will be found a copy of the respective audits and accompanying schedules and opinions or the ISBE required "Annual Financial Report." On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Palmer, Kessler, Colclasure, Welty, Gibb, Panther, Lindstrom (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

D. Adopt Resolution Setting the 2013 Tentative Tax Levy

Mr. David Black, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations stated that the district requires \$ 61,742,299 to meet its ordinary and necessary expenses for the last half of Fiscal Year 2015. The 2013 tax levy payable in calendar year 2014 for use in both fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 has tentatively been set at \$20,852,304 *before* a planned debt service levy abatement of \$2,025,269 bringing to \$18,827,035 the *net* levy for comparison to the prior year's extension. (The abatement will happen in February.) This represents a \$2,203,764 change over the prior year's extension of \$16,623,271. It is made up of \$16,409,827, in "corporate" and "special purposes" property taxes representing a minus 12.58% change over the prior year's extension of \$14,576,052. (This calculation, if over 5%, indicates whether or not a Truth in Taxation hearing must be held.) Also included is \$4,442,477 *before* abatement or \$2,417,208 *after* abatement in debt service property taxes representing a 2.19% or 0.92% change, respectively, over the prior year's extension. The District's levy was based upon an equalized assessed valuation ("EAV") expected to increase only 0.7%% to \$396,958,967. The EAV base does not include \$6,060,455 in tax increment financing ("TIF") or enterprise zone ("EZ") incentives. A homeowner whose home is valued at \$100,000 fair market will see the District 205 portion of his/her tax bill *increase* by roughly \$175.00 annually *after abatement* (and assuming no year-over-year change in the value of his/her property). Mr. Black stated it should be noted that while the total tax rate will not change—*after* abatement, the items and amounts levied are required to be shown in pre-abatement amounts in Exhibit 1. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member

Colclasure to approve Plan A of the tentative tax levy as recommended. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Kessler, Colclasure (2) NAY: Gibb, Lindstrom, Palmer Panther, Welty (5) Motion failed. Roll Call #8

Discussion ensued and Mr. Black was asked to provide alternative scenarios.

Mr. Black stated that a tentative tax levy needed to be approved tonight so that a final tax levy can be approved in December. Further discussion ensued with alternates presented and discussed. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Colclasure to approve Plan D setting a tentative tax levy at \$4.40. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Gibb, Kessler, Lindstrom, Panther, Welty, Colclasure (6) NAY: Palmer (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

E. Approval to Engage Wells Fargo as the Bond Underwriter, Chapman and Cutler to Act as Bond Counsel and Ice Miller as the Underwriter's Counsel

Mr. David Black, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction stated that Wells Fargo along with Chapman and Cutler will act as advisors to the district for the next phase of our construction/renovation. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Lindstrom to approve as presented. Member Panther stated that Ice Miller was left out and Member Panther made a motion to include all as presented and Member Kessler seconded the motion. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Kessler, Lindstrom, Palmer, Panther, Welty, Colclasure, Gibb (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

F. Approval of School Technology Revolving Loan Program Application

Mr. David Black, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction stated that this program provides a three-year loan through ISBE with a 2% interest rate. The loan is targeted at certain populations and those targets change from year to year. This year, the loans are available to provide monies to use for students in grades K-8. The plan for 2014-15 is to institute 1:1 computing at the middle school and high school levels. The loan is based on student population and we qualify for \$487,600. Specifically, this loan will be used to provide funding to purchase laptops for all middle school students as well as provide the money to purchase laptop charging carts and some of the cost of the Pearson curriculum digital resources for use in classroom instruction. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Lindstrom to approve as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Palmer, Panther, Welty, Colclasure, Gibb, Kessler (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

G. Approval of Bond Resolution Issuing QZAB Bonds

Mr. David Black stated that these are the \$1,994,000 low interest bonds under the QZAB program to go towards the Galesburg High School roof replacement. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Gibb to approve the resolution issuing QZAB Bonds. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Palmer, Panther, Welty, Colclasure, Gibb, Kessler, Lindstrom (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #12

Administrative Reports

None

Comments By Board of Education

Comments were made by Members Gibb, Kessler, Panther, Lindstrom, Palmer, and Colclasure.

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Palmer and seconded by Member Panther that the regular meeting be adjourned—9:18 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Gibb, Lindstrom, Welty, Kessler, Palmer, Colclasure, Panther (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #13

Thomas Colclasure, President

ATTEST:

Michael Panther, Secretary