

**MINUTES**Community Unit School District #205  
Board of Education  
December 8, 2008Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 8, 2008 at 7:00 PM at 932 Harrison St., Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Swanson. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson (6) Absent: Harrison (1) 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 Nelson and seconded by Member Panther that the Minutes of the special meeting of November 1, 2008, special meeting of November 5, 2008 and regular meeting of November 10, 2008 be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson (6) Absent: Harrison (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation by Member Lindstrom of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as Exhibit #526 as of December 8, 2008, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Strauch that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Lindstrom (6) Absent: Harrison (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approve District Improvement Plan 2008/2009 (insert)
- B. Approve Galesburg High School Improvement Plan 2008/2009 (insert)

On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Lindstrom, Nelson (6) Absent: Harrison (1) Motion Carried. Roll Call #4

Correspondence

Dr. Denisar presented to the Board thank you notes from the VanHootegem and the Earp family on the passing of relatives and informed the Board that some of the parents from last months meeting were in the audience and thanked them for attending regarding their concerns on food service in the district.

Mr. Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, stated that Galesburg High School has been recognized with a bronze medal by U.S. News and World Report in the magazine's ranking of America's Best High Schools for 2009.

### Committee Reports

#### Budget

Member Strauch reported that the Budget committee met prior to board meeting at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Teresa Welch, Blucker Kneer & Associates, Inc., attended the Budget committee meeting to present the 2007/2008 audit report as well as the district 403(b) Plan Document. The Budget committee will meet in January to review the investment portfolio's performance against its benchmark, as required by Board policy.

Mr. Paul Woehlke, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations reported that the audit has been completed and all financial statements presented fairly in all material respects to the respected financial position of the district. Upon presentation of the 2007/2008 audit for board approval, it was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Panther that the audit be accepted. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn (6) Absent: Harrison (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

#### Building and Grounds

Member Lindstrom reported that the Buildings & Grounds Committee has not met since the November board meeting, a meeting is schedule for January 8, 2009. Bids will be reviewed at that time for the Rose Hoben Welch window replacement project. Specifications for the Galesburg High School learning center wing renovation project will be presented. Gale School playground work will also be discussed.

Insurance

Mrs. Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources reported that the Comprehensive Review Committee last met on December 4, 2008 to review the medical coverage currently available and the costs associated with the plan. This committee consists of the Insurance committee, Mr. Neil Seltz, outside consultant, Russ Ullrich, and Deb Tuttle. Mr. Seltz presented possible options for the committee's consideration in the future. The District Fund Balance shows our fund balance to date is reported at \$482,639.00. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2009 at the Lincoln Education Center.

Recruitment for Educational Diversity

President Swanson reported that the committee met prior to board meeting December 8, 2008 to review the fall recruitment visits to Illinois State University, Eastern Illinois University, and Kentucky State University. Recruitment for Spring 2009 was discussed. Golden Apple connections were discussed to bring teachers with diversity into the district. The next meeting will be held prior to Spring break in 2009 at Lincoln Education Center.

Student Council

Jane Simkins, Student Council President, informed the Board that they are currently working on Project Holiday. The front foyer was decorated on December 5, 2008. There will be caroling at Seminary Manor and Marigold nursing homes. The next major event will be Swirl on February 14, 2009 with a Masquerade theme.

Alternative School

Mr. Wes Olson reported that the digital curriculum from Apex is being pursued for the Alternative School program. This curriculum will begin to be used during term 3 of the current school year at Galesburg High School.

Instructional PresentationA. Food Service

Mr. Paul Woehlke, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, briefly reviewed the law which requires the district to conduct a bid process for food service for the next contract cycle (next school year and up to the following four years), as this is the fifth year of our current contract with Aramark. The Board was presented information pertinent to making decisions about the bid process. The PowerPoint presentation outlined the options of in-house; farm-to-school; and outside contracted food service programs as well as the costs associated with each option. A survey will be sent to the families that currently pay for lunches which will ask for their input regarding price increase. The survey results as well as a draft of the bid document will be presented at the January 2009 board meeting.

Old BusinessA. Approve 403(b) Plan Document and Policy Regarding Funding Vehicle(s)/Vendor(s) Selection and Deselection

Mr. Paul Woehlke, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations informed the board that the resolution covers both the 403(b) Plan Document as well as the Policy Regarding Funding Vehicle(s)/Vendor(s) Selection and Deselection. (Insert Resolution) It was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Nelson to approve the resolution as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther (6) Absent: Harrison (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

New BusinessA. Approve Personnel Agenda

Mrs. Diane VanHootegeem, Director for Human Resources, stated that the Personnel Agenda stands as presented and recommended its approval. It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Osborn to approve the Personnel Agenda as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert Personnel Agenda) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch (6) Absent: Harrison (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

B. Approve Resolution to Adopt December 2008 Certificate of Tax Levy

Mr. Paul Woehlke, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, stated that the tax levy resolutions must be adopted by the Board this month, and be delivered to the Knox and Warren County Clerk by the last Tuesday in December. No changes are recommended to the tentative tax levy adopted last month. The administration recommends approval of the Tax Levy Resolutions as presented at the November Board Meeting. Mr. Tom West read the following resolutions to be approved by the Board:

Resolution Adopting Annual Tax Levy by Community Unit School District No. 205 Knox and Warren Counties, Illinois

It was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Strauch to approve resolution as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther (6) Absent: Harrison (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

Resolution Levying Tax for Tort Immunity Purposes

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Nelson to approve the resolution as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson (6) Absent: Harrison (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

Resolution Levying Tax for Special Education Purposes

It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Panther to approve the resolution as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Lindstrom (6) Absent: Harrison (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

Resolution Levying Tax for Social Security Purposes

It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Lindstrom to approve the resolution as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Lindstrom, Nelson (6) Absent: Harrison (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

Resolution Levying Tax for Fire Prevention, Safety, Energy Conservation, Disabled Accessibility, School Security and Specified Repair Purposes

It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Strauch to approve the resolution as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn (6) Absent: Harrison (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #12

Resolution Levying Tax for Working Cash Purposes

It was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Panther to approve the resolution as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther (6) Absent: Harrison (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #13

C. Approve Resolution Supporting Wind Energy Legislation

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Mr. Paul Woehlke stated that the Abingdon Wind Energy Consortium which Galesburg is a part of has been exploring the feasibility of building a wind turbine farm to generate electricity to supply the demand of the member school districts. Current legislation does not allow the type of billing method required to offset electricity generated by the wind farm. The Board is asked to support the passage of aggregate net metering legislation. It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Panther to approve the resolution as presented. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch (6) Absent: Harrison (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #14

Administrative Reports

No comments.

Comments by Board of Education

Comments were made by Members Strauch, Lindstrom, and Swanson.

Closed Session

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Nelson to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing Real Estate and Negotiations—8:02 P.M. No action will be taken. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson (6) Absent: Harrison (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #15

Following the closed session it was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Nelson to return to open session. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson (6) Absent: Harrison (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #16

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Nelson that the meeting be adjourned – 8:57 P.M. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Lindstrom (6) Absent: Harrison (1) Motion Carried. Roll call # 17

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Barry Swanson, President

ATTEST:

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Robert Lindstrom, Secretary