

MINUTES

Community Unit School District #205
Board of Education
December 8, 2014

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM at 932 Harrison St., Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Panther. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Lindstrom, Welty, Panther, Kessler, Colclasure, Palmer, Gibb (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

Ms. Barb Sherwin addressed the board regarding her thoughts on the strike days and effects on students and a request to the board for some questions she would like answered.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler that the minutes of the special meeting of November 10, 2014, regular meeting of November 17, 2014, and special meeting of November 24, 2014 be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Lindstrom, Gibb, Colclasure, Palmer, Kessler (6) Abstain: Welty (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation by Member Welty of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as Exhibit #599 as of December 8, 2014, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Panther, Gibb, Lindstrom, Colclasure, Kessler, Palmer (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent AgendaA. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Delabar

President Panther stated that the consent agenda item was being moved to new business and would be acted on under new business.

Correspondence –NoneCommittee ReportsBudget

No report as the committee has not met.

Building and Grounds

No report as the committee has not met.

Insurance

Member Lindstrom reported that the Insurance Committee had not met since the last meeting. The District Fund Balance shows the balance to date is reported at \$2,908,505.07.

Recruitment for Educational Diversity

Member Colclasure reported that the committee is Mr. Keith "Doc" Patterson is providing diversity training in all of our buildings throughout the school year. He has been working with the Lombard staff and later next will meet with the Steele staff.

Student Council

Student Council member Jensen Rehn, stated that they are currently working project holiday and angel tree shopping. Student Council is planning to use the chromebooks for voting on the theme for Sweetheart Swirl.

Instructional PresentationA. Reading Recovery

Mr. Arthur introduced Reading Recovery teachers, Becky McDonald, Allyson Vaynerman, Jenny Bredemeier, and Andrea Frieden who presented a detailed history of Reading Recovery and how it came to be a part of our Curriculum at District 205, along with how Reading Recovery is taught to students. Joel Estes, our previous Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum gave a brief review of Reading Recovery in Galesburg.

Old BusinessA. Discussion on Board Policy 6.310

Ms. Tammie Bolden, Director for Curriculum/Instruction and Pre-K Services, presented to the board changes to board policy 6.310 to bring the policy more current with the greater use of online learning. Ms. Bolden met with GHS Principal Roy VanMeter and GHS counselors, to bring forward board policy changes that reflect current opportunities and provide benefits for our students. Discussion between board members ensued. No action was taken.

New BusinessConsent Agenda Item Moved to New Business for DiscussionApproval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Delabar

Mr. Arthur stated that this is a renewal of our agreement to continue our partnership with Delabar Career and Technical Education System. This agreement is renewed annually and helps to serve our GAVC students. This is the first year that the agreement has required board approval. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler to approve the agreement. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Kessler, Lindstrom, Palmer, Panther, Welty, Colclasure, Gibb (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

A. Approve Personnel Agenda

Diane VanHootegeem, Director for Human Resources, stated that the Personnel Agenda stands as presented and recommended its approval. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Colclasure to approve the Personnel Agenda as presented and recommended by the

administration. (Insert Personnel Agenda) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Kessler, Gibb, Colclasure, Lindstrom, Welty, Palmer (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

B. Approval of Enterprise Zone

Mr. David Black, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations stated that the the City of Galesburg has requested the board pass a resolution in support of a new Enterprise Zone (similar to an existing Enterprise Zone which is to expire July 1, 2016). Like the one passed earlier in the year, this Enterprise Zone would be revenue for the short term, and could be a revenue builder if new business and employment result from this zone. The Enterprise Zone provides for the abatement of property taxes for new construction, substantial renovation or expansion of an existing building that creates and sustains jobs for a period of 10 years, sales tax on building materials purchased for the project are exempt, and construction permit fees are waived. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler to approve the transfer. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Colclasure, Gibb, Kessler, Welty, Palmer (6) Abstain: Lindstrom (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

C. Approval of Tractor Bid

Mr. David Black, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations stated that currently, the maintenance department has a tractor that is over 16 years old and is primarily used as a mower. It experienced breakdowns at least 6 times in the past year. The loader's bucket has rusted through, the machine is underweight making it not useful for moving snow (which will be critical this year at Silas Willard), it is only 2 wheel drive, and it has no cab for extended winter use. Because of this, the maintenance department has had to rent a machine for approximately \$750 a week. Uses for a larger tractor will include: mowing (can do in the rain with the cab), snow removal, moving and spreading dirt, moving and spreading gravel, moving and loading cut trees, tearing out broken concrete, and loading salt in the spreader. Two local companies placed bids. Only one of the two tractor bids met all of the specifications. Although most of the differences were minor, the major differences were the weight of the tractors and the capacity to lift. We recommend accepting the bid from Martin-Sullivan, Inc. for the purchase of a 2014 John Deere 6105D in the amount of \$46,900 (with trade in of the 1998 Case IH C90). It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Colclasure to approve the bid as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Welty, Gibb, Panther, Kessler, Colclasure, Palmer (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

D. Approval of Resolution Providing for the Issue of Not to Exceed \$3,033,440 of Taxable General Obligation School Bonds (Qualified Zone Academy Bonds) of the District to Finance School Fire Prevention and Safety Improvements and Providing for the Levy of Taxes to Pay Such Bonds

Mr. David Black stated that it is recommended that the board approve the sale of bonds of the District in the corrected amount of \$2,810,000 for the purpose of conforming its existing facilities that house students to the building code promulgated by the State Board of Education of the State of Illinois, by altering and reconstructing said facilities and having equipment purchased and installed therein. Specifically, these funds are intended to be used to remodel remediate any life safety issues in the lobby and front entrance, and to reconfigure the office area to allow for security needs. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Lindstrom to approve the resolution. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Palmer, Panther, Welty, Colclasure, Gibb, Kessler (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

Administrative Report—Mr. Arthur stated that he wanted to clear up misconceptions regarding the students taking AP class at GHS. The teachers are working with the students individually to help them complete their courses in full.

Comments by Board of Education

Comments were made by Members Colclasure and Panther

Closed Session

President Panther stated that there would not be a closed session.

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Gibb that the meeting be adjourned – 8:14 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Kessler, Colclasure, Welty, Gibb, Lindstrom, Palmer (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

Michael Panther, President

ATTEST:

Joshua Gibb, Secretary