

6:50 PM—A public hearing regarding the transfer of \$1,000,000.00 from Operations and Maintenance Fund to Education Fund was called to order by Member Kessler. No public comments were made and the hearing was closed.

MINUTES

Community Unit School District #205
Board of Education
December 9, 2013

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 9, 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: 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

Dr. Peter Flynn, Interim Superintendent, along with Mr. Thomas Colclasure, Board of Education President presented a certificate of appreciation to representatives from the Galesburg Public Schools Foundation. The Galesburg Public Schools Foundation (GPSF) has been a true partner with Galesburg CUSD #205. They have been in existence since 1987 and have positively impacted the students of #205 since their inception. The GPSF was first recognized by this Board in September of 2011. At that time the list of initiatives they supported were lengthy and substantial such as building the Mustain Pool and Wicall Gym, Richardson's Readers 1st Grade Program, the middle school Reading at the Crossroads, and the Jack Larson Rent Free Instrument Program, to name a few. They continue to add great programs to the repertoire. In September of 2013 the Galesburg Public Schools Foundation brought Rachel's Challenge to our middle and high schools. Rachel Scott was the first person killed in the Columbine High School shootings. This was an amazing two days where the students learned of Rachel Scott's life and dreams and how she was determined to make the world a better place. The presentations were powerful and an evening community event was also held to allow Rachel's message to reach beyond the schools' walls. Today our secondary schools continue to reap the benefits of that program by hosting Friends of Rachel (FOR) clubs whose focus is to continue the chain reaction of kindness and compassion in the schools and to help create a permanent cultural change. The Foundation was also the driving force behind Streak Dads which is a mentoring program held at Galesburg High School. The program is a collaborative effort between the GPSF, the NAACP and Galesburg High School. It aims to mentor students by providing them with positive, male role models. Community volunteers come into the school, five days a week, from the time classes start, until dismissal. Although the program is relatively new, the benefits have already begun to become apparent. The GPSF also continues to provide funding to the schools for their specific projects and the students have been the greatest benefactors. The Galesburg Public Schools Foundation deserves recognition and honor for everything they have done. They have been instrumental in "Helping Students Achieve Their Dreams."

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Lindstrom that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 12, 2013, special meeting of November 5, 2013, and special meeting of November 18, 2013 be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Panther, Lindstrom, Gibb, Colclasure, Palmer (6) Abstained: Kessler (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 #587 as of December 9, 2013, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Welty 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, Lindstrom, Colclasure, Kessler, Palmer (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of School Improvement Plans
- B. Approval of SEPA Job Description Revision
- C. Approval of Interim Superintendent Entry Plan

It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Welty to approve the consent agenda as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Palmer, Panther, Welty, Colclasure, Gibb, Kessler, Lindstrom (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

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 \$1,926,296.34. The next regular Insurance Committee meeting will be scheduled in January 2014.

Recruitment for Educational Diversity

Member Colclasure reported that the committee is partnering with GHS multimedia Productions Class second semester to develop a Recruitment DVD. Semenya McCord will be presenting “Journey Into a Dream” for Black History Month during school assemblies in February. These assemblies will take place over 5 days (2/day) plus one evening assembly. The RED Committee and subcommittee will meet after the first of the year.

Student Council

Student Council Member Danielle Gutierrez, stated that they are currently working on a bake sale to raise money for the tornado victims in Washington, IL.

Instructional PresentationA. Galesburg High School AP Biology Class Presentation

Ms. Sharon Gonzalez stated that a group of students who were members of the AP Biology class during the 2012-2013 school year will be presenting information about the Arboretum project. The presentation will include reasons for establishing an Arboretum and the class' progress so far. The students involved are Keegan Davis, Megan Ladner, Savannah Ojeda, Emelia Smith, Matt Hawkins, Rachel Cabrera, Joel Nelson, and David Whittle. (Insert)

B. Galesburg High School North Achievement Data

GHS North Principal, Jason Spring and teacher/administrative intern, Dan Powell will present information on student achievement data in regards to Explore/Plan testing and overall achievement at GHS North. (Insert)

Old BusinessA. Approve Resolution Adopting the 2013 District 205 Tax Levy

Mr. David Black, 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 Clerks by the last Tuesday in December. The overall proposed levy remains unchanged from that tentative presented last month. No changes are recommended from the tentative tax levy presented last month. Discussion ensued following Mr. Black's presentation with both Member Colclasure and Member Kessler stating that they were in favor of a higher tax rate. It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Lindstrom to approve the Resolution Adopting the 2013 Tax Levy at \$4.46. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Lindstrom, Panther, Gibb, Palmer (5) NAY: Kessler, Colclasure (2) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

New BusinessA. 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 Welty and seconded by Member Kessler 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 #6

B. Approval of Transfer of \$1,000,000.00 from Operations and Maintenance Fund to Education Fund

Mr. David Black, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations stated that the transfer is being requested for approval to the Education Fund to cover a one-time expense from a shortfall in the construction project. \$1,000,000.00 was taken from the Education Fund to cover the shortage and this transfer would replace that money. It was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Welty to approve the transfer. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Colclasure, Gibb, Kessler, Lindstrom, Welty, Palmer (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

C. Approval of Resolution Providing for the Issue of \$1,994,000 of School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds (QZAB) of the District

Mr. David Black, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations stated that these are the \$1,994,000 low interest bonds under the QZAB program to go towards the Galesburg High School roof replacement. The bond resolution was inadvertently approved at the November 12, 2013 meeting prior to the seven (7) day waiting period following a public hearing. The resolution has been brought for approval to be in accordance with the law. Mr. Black introduced Ms. Anne Noble to explain the QZAB Bonds. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Kessler to approve the resolution. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Welty, Gibb, Panther, Kessler, Colclasure, Palmer (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

D. Approval of Board Policy #5:125—Social Media (First Reading)

Mr. David Black stated that recently, schools have been asking about doing activities with social media. They feel that social media is an excellent method of communication with the public and parents. This has never been allowed up to this point. Therefore, we are proposing this policy which was authored by press to allow for these activities. It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Colclasure to approve board policy 5:125 regarding social media. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Palmer, Panther, Welty, Colclasure, Gibb, Kessler (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

Administrative Reports

Comments were made by Dr. Flynn

Comments by Board of Education

Comments were made by Members Panther, Welty, Lindstrom, Gibb, Colclasure

Closed Session

It was moved by Member Lindstrom and seconded by Member Panther to move to a closed session for the purpose of negotiations. No action will be taken. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Kessler, Colclasure, Welty, Gibb, Panther, Lindstrom, Palmer (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

Following the closed session it was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Welty to return to open session. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Welty, Gibb, Palmer, Colclasure, Panther, Kessler, Lindstrom (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Kessler and seconded by Member Gibb that the meeting be adjourned – 9:31 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Kessler, Colclasure, Welty, Gibb, Lindstrom, Palmer (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

Thomas Colclasure, President

ATTEST:

Michael Panther, Secretary