

**MINUTES**

Community Unit School District #205  
Board of Education  
December 10, 2007

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 10, 2007 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: Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson (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—Mr. Jacobs read a letter written by Aline Shots expressing her concern in regards to the Districts health insurance premiums for families. Mr. Barton also addressed the Board of Education expressing his concerns in regards to the rising health care premiums for families.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Swanson that the Minutes of the regular meeting of November 12, 2007, and special meeting of November 28, 2007 be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation by Member Osborn of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as Exhibit #513 as of December 10, 2007, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Osborn and seconded by Member Harrison that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent Agenda – NoneCorrespondence – NoneCommittee ReportsRecruitment for Educational Diversity

Member Swanson reported that the RED Committee last met on November 26, 2007. Charles F. West scholarship is in the final stages for presentation in the spring. A minority candidate visited the District last

Monday and has been offered a position for the 2008-2009 school year and we are awaiting her decision. The next meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2008 at the Lincoln Education Center.

#### Budget

Member Strauch reported that the Budget Committee had not met since the November Board meeting but will meet in January to review the investment portfolio's performance against its benchmark, as required by Board policy.

#### Building and Grounds

Member Lindstrom reported that the Buildings & Grounds Committee last met on December 6, 2007 to review the results of three bid openings. The low bids from all three openings are on the agenda for Board approval. The demolition of the Lombard Zephyr Dome was also discussed. To date the letter in support of the demolition that was requested from Regional Superintendent Bonnie Harris in order to demolish the building has not yet been received. The Galesburg Police Department, the Fire Department and the Knox County Public Health Department have written letters in support of such condemnation. The State Board of Education informed the committee that it is ok to proceed with an application for use of Life Safety Funds on this project without a Letter of Condemnation. The committee will submit the application to Bonnie Harris and if she does not take action within ninety (90) days, it can then be submitted directly to the State Board.

#### Insurance

Member Harrison reported that the Insurance Committee last met on November 8, 2007. The review of the District Fund Balance shows our fund balance to date is reported at \$374,377.25 Ron Jones was present to lead a discussion regarding the

medical reimbursement plan. The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2008 at the Lincoln Education Center.

#### Student Council

Jane Simkins, Student Council President, informed the Board that they are currently working on Project Holiday which consists of working with Walmart to supply gifts for their angel tree which gives gifts to needy children. There will also be caroling to nursing homes and decorating of the high school.

#### Alternative School Feasibility Study

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Joel Estes stated that the committee continues to meet with the focus right now centering on the feasibility portion. The committee and Dr. Azinger will be making a presentation to the Board in January which will center on the feasibility portion. In addition Mr. Woelke attended the last meeting and gave a five (5) year financial projection.

#### Instructional Presentation

A. Project CReating Independence Through Student Owned Strategies (Project CRISS)—Mr. Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, introduced Sharon Gonzalez from GHS and Guy Todnem who is working with administrators at the high school on Project CRISS. Ms. Gonzalez stated that one of the goals of GHS was to supply the teachers with best practices through Project CRISS training which is where Guy Todnem comes in. He is a nationally certified instructor. Ms. Gonzalez introduced Guy Todnem who gave an overview of the program that he is working on with the high school and how his colleague Ruby Payne is becoming involved as it relates to what it would take for every student to succeed. These include financial, emotional and physical support given to students to choose the right path. Mr. Todnem went on to state that GHS is one of two (2) schools in Illinois combining Ruby Payne's philosophy and Project CRISS. Project CRISS is about becoming literate through instructional strategies and building literacy through the courses being taught in the school. Project CRISS also teaches the tools to help the students learn.

#### Old Business

A. Award High School Diploma to Veteran Frederick W. Wright Jr. per policy 655.09(a) Academic Achievement—Diplomas for Veterans of World War II and Korean Conflict—

Member Panther stated that due to illness Mr. Wright was again unable to attend the meeting and he will be presented with his diploma at his residence at Galesburg Towers on Tuesday December 11, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. by Superintendent, Dr. Gene Denisar, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Joel Estes, and Member Mike Nelson. Mr. Estes then read background information about Mr. Wright.

### New Business

#### A. Approve Personnel Agenda

Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources, stated that the Personnel Agenda stands as presented and recommended its approval. It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Swanson to approve the Personnel Agenda as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert Personnel Agenda) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

#### B. Approve Resolution to Adopt December 2007 Certificate of Tax Levy

Paul Woehlke, Director of 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.

It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Harrison to approve the Resolution to Adopt December 2007 Certificate of Tax Levy as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert Certificate) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Nelson to approve the Resolution Levying Tax for Tort Immunity Purposes as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

It was moved by Member Osborn and seconded by Member Swanson to approve the Resolution Levying Tax for Special Education Purposes as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Lindstrom to approve the Resolution Levying Tax for Social Security Purposes as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Nelson to approve the Resolution Levying Tax for Working Cash Purposes as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Osborn (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Strauch to approve the Resolution Levying Tax for Fire Prevention Safety, Energy, Conservation, Disabled Accessibility, School Security and Specified Repair Purposes as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

C. Accept Bid for GHS Lighting Replacement—Material Supply

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Paul Woehlke stated that grant funding of \$40,000 has been provided to the District for upgrading of lighting fixtures at GHS to improve energy efficiency. The project consists of two phases – material supply and installation. Bids were solicited for material supply, and two bids were received. The lower of the two bids is recommended for approval. Additionally, the low bidder has proposed a material substitution that will generate savings over the originally specified equipment. The District's architect recommends acceptance of the material substitution. Therefore Mr. Woehlke asks the Board to approve the bid as presented.

It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Nelson to accept the lower of the two (2) bids from Galesburg Electric Supply Co., Inc. for the material phase of \$20367.39. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Harrison, Nelson, Osborn, Panther, Strauch, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

D. Accept Bid for GHS Lighting Replacement—Installation

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operation, Paul Woehlke stated that phase two (2) of the GHS lighting replacement bid is for the installation. Mr. Woehlke is recommending that the Board approve the low bid from MSI for \$25,214.00. This bid also provides another element to the bid of \$84.00 per unit to replace defective sockets including associated wiring. (Insert)

It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Osborn to accept the MSI. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Osborn, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Strauch, Swanson, Panther (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #12

E. Accept Bid for Churchill Windows and Doors Replacement

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Paul Woehlke stated that one of the projects included in the District's 2004 Life Safety Audit was the replacement of all exterior windows at Churchill Junior High School. The original audit did not include replacement of doors, but the District's current architect has since determined that exterior doors also need to be replaced, and that the most cost effective time to do so is at

the same time as the windows. Bids were therefore solicited for both projects at the same time. Three bids were received and the low bid is recommended for approval in its entirety. The base project of windows replacement and alternate project for removal and reattachment of window treatments will both be charged to the Fire Prevention & Safety Fund, while the alternate project to replace doors will be charged to the Operations & Maintenance Fund.

After brief discussion regarding the window treatment replacement of \$18,000.00 and the high cost of it, it was suggested to hold on the window treatment replacement and possibly have the District's maintenance employees perform that piece.

Member Strauch made a motion to defer the \$18,000.00 portion of the bid for window treatment and approve the other portions of the bid for window replacement at \$473,300.00 and door replacement at \$107,300.00. (Insert) The motion was seconded by Member Nelson. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Swanson, Panther, Harrison, Strauch, Osborn, Nelson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #13

#### F. Consideration of and Possible Adoption of Resolution of a Supplemental Notice to Remedy

President Panther stated that the Board would move to closed session after the regular meeting to discuss the supplemental notice to remedy and that all action would be taken in open session.

#### Administrative Reports

Comments were made by Mr. Estes, Dr. Denisar and Mr. Woehlke.

#### Comments by Board of Education

Comments were made by Members Lindstrom, Osborn, Panther, Swanson, Nelson and Strauch.

#### Closed Session

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Osborn to go into closed session for the purpose of Personnel and to discuss Negotiations—8:12 P.M. All motions will take place in open session. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Nelson, Panther, Harrison, Osborn, Lindstrom, Swanson (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #14


Following the closed session it was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by member Swanson to return to open session. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Nelson, Panther, Strauch, Osborn, Swanson, Harrison Lindstrom (7) Motion Carried. Roll call # 15

Approve Adoption of Resolution of a Supplemental Notice to Remedy

It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Swanson to approve the adoption of the resolution of a supplemental notice to remedy. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Nelson, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom (5) Abstained: Panther, Osborn (2) Motion carried. Roll Call #16

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Osborn that the meeting be adjourned – 9:10 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Osborn (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #17

  
Michael Panther, President

ATTEST

  
Mike Nelson, Secretary