

MINUTES
Community Unit School District #205
Board of Education
August 17, 2009

Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 17, 2009 at 7:00 PM at 932 Harrison St., Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Lindstrom. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Lindstrom, Harrison, Panther, Welty, Strauch (5) Absent: Osborn, Swanson (2) Roll Call #1

Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Recognition of Visitors—None

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Panther and seconded by Member Harrison that the Minutes of the regular meeting of July 13, 2009 be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Harrison, Panther, Strauch, Welty (5) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as Exhibit #534 as of August 17, 2009, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Strauch that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Panther, Strauch, Welty, Lindstrom (5) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Special Bond Issue Bond for Karen Addis (Medical Fund Trust) and School Treasurer Bond for Amy Neal (GHS Treasurer)

Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, recommended approval of The Special Bond Issue Bond for Karen Addis (Medical Fund Trust) and School Treasurer Bond for Amy Neal (GHS Treasurer). (Insert Bonds)

B. Approval of Gale and Silas Willard Title 1 School Wide Plans

Mr. Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction stated that at the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year, Gale and Silas Willard Elementary Schools both reached greater than 40% low income. As a result, both schools qualified for Title I funding. In fact, both schools qualified as “school wide schools”, meaning that all students in the school qualified to receive services. In regular Title I schools, called “targeted assistance” schools, only those students who qualify based on educational assessment may receive Title I services. One-fifth of students in a school are typically served. According to Federal law, a school may not go

from non-Title I to school wide without spending a year in “targeted assistance”. Each of the schools did that and now has developed a school wide plan for their Title I programs from this point forward. The school wide plan is a basic document that specifies what schools will do in the areas of: Participant Selection, Program of Instruction, Supplemental Service, Coordination of Services, Professional Development, Parent Involvement, Program Effectiveness, Annual Review, & Assessment and Evaluation. Federal regulations require that the local board of education approve the school wide plan. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Panther to approve the consent agenda as presented. On roll call the following members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Harrison, Welty, Lindstrom (5) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

Correspondence—Dr. Denisar presented the Board with a thank you note from former Board Member Nelson’s family in regards to the plant the District sent for the passing of his mother.

Committee Reports

Budget

Member Strauch stated that the Budget Committee met following last months Board meeting to review in greater detail the Fiscal 2009-2010 budget. Included in the review was a discussion of the proposed revenues, expenditures and underlying budget assumptions for the same, the impact of State funding , and factors which might affect the final adopted budget including on-going contract negotiations with the teachers, union and the adoption of a state budget.

Building & Grounds

Member Lindstrom reported that the Committee will take a tour of district facilities Thursday, August 20, 2009 from 2 to 5 p.m. The focus of the tour will be this summer’s construction projects. The tour will begin at the Lincoln administrative complex and include stops at Lombard, Churchill, Gale, Rose Hoben, GHS and Silas Willard. Interested persons are invited to join the building Committee on its tour. The bus will leave the Lincoln lot promptly at 2:15 p.m.

Insurance

Member Harrison reported that the Committee last met on July 8, 2009. At that time the fund balance was reported as \$325,608.53. The next meeting will be scheduled at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

R.E.D.

Diane VanHootegeem, Director for Human Resources, reported that the Recruitment for Educational Diversity Committee has not met since the last meeting. The next meeting of the Committee will be scheduled at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

Student Council

Representative Sarah Main stated that they have finished freshman orientation which is Thursday, August 20, 2009. The student council constitution was revised over the summer and the memorial for Mr. Nussbaum is almost complete. They will be having a dedication ceremony within the first few weeks of school. Homecoming plans have begun and this years theme is under the sea. The homecoming dance will be Saturday, September 26, 2009 and the football game will be held Friday September 25, 2009.

Old BusinessA. Re-Adopt Policy 430.05—Investment Policy

Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations stated that in 2006, the Board revised its Investment Policy based on recommendations from the Budget Committee. One requirement of the new policy was that the Board review and re-adopt it annually at its June meeting. The policy is recommended for re-adoption at this time, with the following changes: (i) the Superintendent will provide direction in the absence of the Chief Investment Officer; (ii) requires persons engaging in investment transactions to follow policy/procedure established by Chief Investment Officer; and, (iii) security transactions with one exception (for CDs) shall be conducted on a “delivery-versus-payment” basis. A Copy of the revised policy is attached with the changes highlighted in “yellow.” These changes were reviewed and accepted by the Finance Committee at its July 16, 2009 meeting and are recommended for approval. It was moved by member Strauch and seconded by Member Welty to re-adopt policy 430.05-Investment Policy as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Welty, Harrison, Lindstrom, Panther (5) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

New BusinessA. Personnel Agenda

Mrs. Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources, recommended approval of the Personnel Agenda as presented. It was moved by Member Harrison to approve the personnel agenda as recommended by the administration and seconded by Member Strauch. (Insert Personnel Agenda) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Panther, Welty, Strauch, Lindstrom (5) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

B. Approval of Vendor for Random Drug Testing

Mrs. Diane VanHootegem, Director of Human Resources, stated that Cottage Hospital submitted the only proposal to administer the Random Drug Testing program for the District. Their fees are less than other vendor costs in other Districts at \$25 per test as compared to \$30-\$50 per test for other comparable schools in Illinois. It was moved by Member Welty and seconded by Member Panther to approve Cottage Hospital as the vendor for Random Drug Testing. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Panther, Strauch, Lindstrom, Welty (5) Motion Carried. Roll Call #7

C. Approval of Agreement Between Galesburg Area Vocational Center and Carl Sandburg College involving GAVC Students Enrolled in CSC Classes During the 2009-2010 School Year

Mr. Guy Cahill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, stated that this is an agreement between the Galesburg Area Vocational Center (GAVC) and Carl Sandburg College (CSC) that is approved annually. It outlines the procedures and charges for GAVC students taking courses at CSC. The procedures are generally the same this year as last year, while charges per semester (shown in Paragraph 6) have been revised as follows:

Dual Credit Auto Technology	No change
Vocational Manufacturing Exploration	Increased \$424
Dual Credit Welding	No change
Vocational Welding	Dropped FY10
Dual Credit Networking Technology	Decreased \$919
Dual Credit Autobody Repair	Added FY10

It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Strauch to approve the agreement between the Galesburg Area Vocational Center and Carl Sandburg College as presented for the 2009-2010 school year. The following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Panther, Strauch, Welty (5) Motion Carried. Roll Call #8

D. Approval of Board Policy 520.17—Personnel Professional Personnel-Suspension With/Without Pay

Ms. Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources stated that previously the Board of Education requested the Professional Personnel Suspension Policy be revised so that the Board has greater latitude in regards to the number of suspension days that can be imposed when making disciplinary decisions. The current policy states that an individual may be suspended without pay for up to five (5) days. The policy before you states up to fifteen (15). Mr. Tom West has drafted the revisions as presented. It was moved by Member Welty to approve Board Policy 520.17-Personnel Professional Personnel-Suspension With/Without Pay as presented. Member Panther seconded the motion. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Lindstrom, Welty, Panther, Harrison (5) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

Administrative Reports—Comments were made by Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and Dr. Gene Denisar, Superintendent

Comments by Board Of Education

Comments were made by Member Strauch.

Closed Session

It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Strauch to move to closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations and real estate. No action will be taken. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Strauch, Welty, Panther, Lindstrom (5) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Welty that the meeting be adjourned—9:00 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Lindstrom, Harrison, Panther, Welty (5) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

Robert Lindstrom, President

ATTEST:

Gloria Osborn, Secretary