

MINUTES
Community Unit School District #205
Board of Education
October 12, 2020

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in regular regular meeting on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 5:00 PM at the Lincoln Education Center, 932 Harrison St., Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Cervantez. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Hunigan, Lyon, Cervantez, Rodriguez, Scherpe, Walters (via Zoom), Phelps (7) Roll Call #1

Recognition of Visitors

The following individuals spoke to the Board: Ginny Rogers, James Edwards, Maria Ceron, Mrna Aldrich, Amanda Morris, Joel Hawkins, Jeanette Shipp, Jodi Johnson, Karen Carlson, Stephanie Williams, Julia Jordan, GEA President, Alicia Condreay and Michele Gabriel from the Knox County Health Department.

Presentations to the Board

Discussion on E-Learning and Status of In-Person Learning after October 12, 2020

Dr. Asplund presented to all the data that was requested by the Board to make a decision for what learning would look like going forward. Mrs. Tiffany Springer, Director of Curriculum and Instruction then presented additional information on different possibilities for E-Learning and various hybrid in-person learning. The Board discussed at length their concerns and wishes for moving forward at this time. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with bring face to face the most at risk students beginning with English Learners in grades K-12 and those with high need, lowest 5% in grades K-2. Returning to in-person learning with continue to be a monthly topic of discussion.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Consider Approval of Minutes:

Monday, September 14, 2020, Regular Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2020, Closed Session

B. Consider Approval of Payroll and Claims

It was moved by Member Phelps and seconded by Member Walters to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Rodriguez, Scherpe, Walters, Cervantez, Lyon, Hunigan, Phelps (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Focus Area #1: Relevant Skills that Lead to Employability

A. Administrative Report on Curriculum

Mrs. Tiffany Springer, Director for Curriculum and Instruction, stated that she had nothing to add to her Board report.

B. Special Education Report

Dr. Dawn Michaud, Special Education Director, stated that in the Bright Futures calm room there is a student who has returned for face to face learning that has made more progress in the last few

weeks than the student has made in two years due to having the individual support created due to the pandemic.

C. Building Reports—No questions were asked

D. Enrollment Report—No questions were asked

Focus Area #2: Facilities That Assist in Skill Acquisition

A. Building and Grounds Committee Report

Member Lyon stated that Legat and Russell have been working on plans for the 7-12 campus. Brian Archibald from Legat explained that there are 400 design pages that can be viewed and he will bring a larger presentation in color at the November meeting. Dr. Asplund stated that King Elementary is not completely finished, there is some siding missing on the outside of the building, the contractor is waiting on some additional siding to come in and some corner guards in one of the hallways. King has had staff in the building for the past month.

B. Consider Approval of Bid Specs for GAVC

It was moved by Member Phelps and seconded by Member Walters to approve the Bid Specs for the GAVC building. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Phelps, Rodriguez, Scherpe, Walters, Cervanez, Hunigan, Lyon (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Focus Area #3: Responding to the Changing Needs of our Community

A. Consider Approval of PRESS Policies (Second Reading)

It was moved by Member Lyon and seconded by Member Phelps to approve as presented. Dr. Asplund stated that policy 5:220 was changed. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Scherpe, Walters, Cervantez, Hunigan, Lyon, Rodriguez, Phelps (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

B. Consider Approval of Copy Paper Bid

It was moved by Member Phelps and seconded by Member Walters to approve as presented. Mrs. Hamm stated that the lowest bid was awarded. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Walters, Cervantez, Hunigan, Lyon, Rodriguez, Scherpe, Phelps (7) Roll Call #5

C. Consider Approval of Evidence Based Funding Spending Plan

It was moved by Member Phelps and seconded by Member Rodriguez to approve as presented. Mrs. Hamm stated that this item does not need approved by the Board as this is a required funding plan that we submit to ISBE outlining the categories of services and how the funds are being spent on students. The following Members voted AYE on voice vote: Cervantez, Hunigan, Rodriguez, Scherpe, Lyon, Walters, Phelps (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

D. Consider Approval of Changes to District Health Plan

It was moved by Member Phelps and seconded by Member Rodriguez to approve as presented. Dr. Asplund stated that the insurance committee met and due to the fund balance being so low the committee decided to raise the single premium by \$10 per month and raise the employee plus spouse plan \$10 per month. The committee also made the decision to match the PPO plan and the high deductible plan. Dr. Asplund stated that the committee has not raised insurance premiums in 8 years. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Walters, Cervantez, Hunigan, Lyon, Rodriguez, Scherpe, Phelps (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

E. Appoint Delegate to the Joint Annual Conference

President Cervantez stated that the Joint Annual Conference in Chicago is virtual this year and the delegate assembly will be held on one day, November 14, 2020. Member Lyon volunteered to be the delegate.

F. Consider Approval of Risk Management Plan

It was moved by Member Rodriguez and seconded by Member Lyon to approve as presented. Mrs. Hamm stated that the plan did not change from last year but the budget on the final page did change, some of the expenses might be adjusted as we continue to bring kids back to in person learning. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Hunigan, Lyon, Rodriguez, Scherpe, Walters, Cervantez, Phelps (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

G. Consider Approval of Activity Account Transfer and Closures

It was moved by Member Lyon and seconded by Member Rodriguez to approve as presented. Mrs. Hamm stated that the activity accounts for Gale and Nielson are being divided to the new schools based on students and this approval closes those accounts and transfers the funds. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Hunigan, Lyon, Phelps, Rodriguez, Scherpe, Walters, Cervantez (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #9

H. Report on Negotiations

Member Scherpe stated that there are two meetings scheduled for October 14th and 20th. So far the committees have met over twenty times and he anticipates making substantial progress at the next two meetings.

Personnel

A. Consider Approval of Personnel Report

It was moved by Member Walters and seconded by Member Hunigan to approve the personnel report as presented. On roll call the following Members Voted AYE: Cervantez, Hunigan, Lyon, Rodriguez, Scherpe, Phelps, Walters (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

B. Grievance Update

Dr. Asplund stated that there are currently none.

C. Report on FOIA Requests

Dr. Asplund stated that there were FOIAs from Smart Procure, Southern Region Chicago Carpenters Union, Tri City building and Construction, Local 649 Bricklayers, and Local 6. All were requesting information on any non-union hires for construction work.

Board of Education Comments

Comments were made by Members Scherpe, Walters, Rodriguez, Hunigan, Phelps, Lyon and Cervantez.

Future Agenda Items

Member Phelps stated he would like meal options in food service added to the agenda for next month.

Closed Session

It was moved by Member Walters and seconded by Member Phelps to move to closed session for the purpose of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of

an employee(s), potential purchase or sale of property and negotiations update—11:18PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Hunigan, Lyon, Rodriguez, Scherpe, Walters, Cervantez, Phelps (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

Following closed session, it was moved by Member Phelps and seconded by Member Scherpe to return to open session. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lyon, Phelps, Rodriguez, Scherpe, Walters, Cervantez, Hunigan (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #12

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Walters and seconded by Member Phelps that the regular meeting be adjourned—11:36PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lyon, Rodriguez, Scherpe, Walters, Cervantez, Hunigan, Phelps (7) Motion carried. Roll Call #13

Tianna Cervantez, President

ATTEST:

Maury Lyon, Secretary