

Board of Education Highlights

September 9, 2009 - Pleasant Hill Elementary School

Superintendent Report

Dr. Drury reminded the community about the new Hubble Middle School Open House on Sunday, September 13, 2009 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. There will be a short presentation in the auditorium followed by refreshments and building tours.

Dr. Rammer reported on the District's preparations for the H1N1 flu season. District officials met with representatives for the DuPage County Health Department in August during a countywide information session sponsored by Dr. Darlene Ruscitti, Superintendent of the Regional Office of Education. Health and school officials are urging students and citizens to increase their attention on hygiene considerations, especially as it relates to hand washing and respiratory etiquette. The federal government is preparing a vaccine for the H1N1 virus that is scheduled for distribution by mid to late October. The high-risk populations include pregnant women, health care providers, first responders, and children ages six months to 24 years of age. The health department is making plans to use schools to administer the vaccines to students when it arrives. These vaccinations administered at schools will be free and voluntary. The District has developed an information sheet for parents about the H1N1 flu along with links to other resources. This information sheet can be found on the District's website at: www.cusd200.org, under "District H1N1 Flu Information".

The Board took the following action:

Approved to post the revised Policy 7.220, Bus Conduct – Electronic Recording on School Buses, for 30-day public review and comment.

Following an annual review of the Serious Safety Hazard studies which have been filed with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Board accepted the Serious Safety Hazard findings as presented. All routes are the same as last year with one exception where the safety hazard no longer exists. Three new findings were added by the Board in August 2009.

Approved technology purchases for Hubble Middle School.

Announcements:

Board President Andy Johnson read the following:

It was always the district's intention to make President Obama's speech available to all students. The administration first planned to allow teachers the flexibility to use the speech as they saw fit in their classrooms. This approach was used by many schools across the country in response to technology and scheduling challenges. Please remember

that Districts were first notified of the planned address only late last Wednesday evening.

After listening carefully to many perspectives within the community, the Board asked the administration to set a date-certain that all parents could know their students would have access to the speech, which was today. This one-day delay allowed all teachers and schools to better address any technology and scheduling issues; it allowed teachers time to plan any discussion they wished to lead; and it allowed interested parents time to review the speech.

The Board and Administration strongly supports and is in agreement with President Obama in his urging students to work hard, set educational goals, and take responsibility for their learning. At no time was it the intent of the District to censor or disrespect the President or his message and we sincerely apologize for any miscommunication that may have led to that perception.

Next Meeting:

September 23, 2009 – Franklin Middle School