

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
January 10, 2007

The first regular meeting of the month of January of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at Franklin Middle School, 211 E. Franklin Street, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andy Johnson, on Wednesday, January 10, 2007, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Andrew Johnson
 Rosemary Swanson
 Marie C. Slater
 Barbara Intihar (arrived at 7:52)
 Joann Coghill
 John Bomher
 Ken Knicker

Also in Attendance: Dr. Gary T. Catalani
 Dr. Lori Belha
 Mr. Bill Farley
 Dr. Margo Sorrick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Susan Wolfe led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Submission of a Waiver of Teacher Evaluation Standards

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Knicker seconded to open the Public Hearing on a waiver request to change teacher evaluation ratings. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Dr. Catalani, Mr. Bill Farley, Dr. Lori Belha and Dr. Margo Sorrick explained the reasoning for submitting the waiver request to the State Board of Education.

Mr. Mark O. Stern, a public citizen, commented on his opposition to the request.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Slater seconded to close the Public Hearing. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

COMMUNICATION WITH HOST SCHOOL

Dr. Susan Wolfe, Principal of Franklin Middle School, welcomed the Board, administrators and community to Franklin Middle School. Dr. Wolfe stated that Franklin is focusing on “Inspiring a Passion to Excel” in students and staff. To be a center of learning, the school needs to be a data driven place, but Franklin invites Board members to come during a school day and see what is happening everyday in every classroom. Dr. Wolfe acknowledged the staff that were present and recognized and thanked the PTA for their support. Dr. Wolfe pointed out the student art work that was on display in the gym. The artwork was done after a fieldtrip to Chicago to see the architecture of the city.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Belha recognized retiring Warrenville Police Chief Bob LaDeur for his support and work with the school district through the Safety Committee. A plaque was presented to Chief LaDeur.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Dr. Catalani stated that the agenda item for the Waiver to Change Teacher Evaluation Ratings should be Approval to Submit a Waiver to Change Teacher Evaluation Ratings.

Dr. Catalani stated that the report for the Approval of Fitness Equipment Bid and Intergovernmental Agreement, paragraph 3 should read \$387,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Johnson stated that the public comments are valuable and important to Board members. However, it is the Board’s policy not to take action on any items until time has been taken to gather adequate information and objectively discuss available options. Lack of action on comments made at this meeting does not imply any lack of interest in what has been said. President Johnson stated that he has been approached by several citizens about the tone of recent public comment sessions. President Johnson requested that speakers keep this in mind as they approach the microphone and keep their comments respectful and directed to the Board.

Speaker	Michelle Senatore (with minutes from Betty Welker)
Topic	Hubble

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- Representatives from Boelter and Associates will be at the SSC on Friday, January 12 at 10:00 AM to present their report from the Risk Analysis Study.
- Mr. McNaughton has reported that he heard from the IEPA and they have completed their first round of review of the submittal. The IEPA has requested some additional testing and Mr. McNaughton has commissioned Environmental Inc. to develop a plan that will be submitted to the IEPA for approval of the process. Once that approval has been obtained, the additional testing will be completed and those results will be submitted to the IEPA. A response from the IEPA will probably be received in early March or after. The IEPA told Mr. McNaughton that what they have seen to date looks favorable.

President Johnson reported that the Superintendent search is progressing positively. The Board hopes to have an announcement of the final candidate at the end of January or beginning of February. The search is moving in a forward direction.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gift to Lowell School – Recommend the acceptance of the \$200 donation to Lowell School as presented.
2. Request to Post ELL Elementary and Middle School Program Recommendation – Recommend the approval to post the curriculum following district protocol.
3. Approval of High School Change Orders – Recommend the approval of the change orders as presented.
4. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend the approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
5. Approval of Minutes – December 4, 5, & 6 Closed, December 13 Open and Closed. Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented. The closed session minutes will remain closed.
6. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. The closed session minutes will remain closed. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Seventh and Eighth Grade Family and Consumer Science Critical Content

At the November 8, 2006 Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the posting of the seventh and eighth grade family and consumer science critical content. The curriculum was on display for public comment at the School Service Center and at the Wheaton, Warrenville, Winfield and Carol Stream Public Libraries and the district web page. No comments have been received. It is recommended that the Board approve the curriculum as presented and posted.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the Seventh and Eighth Grade Family and Consumer Science Critical Content as presented and posted. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Postage Machine Lease

Due to regulations enacted by the United States Postal Service, the current ten year old postage meter is obsolete and needs to be replaced. Quotes were received to purchase or lease three different postage meter models. After comparing the available models and comparing leasing versus purchasing, staff determined that the best option for the district is to lease a Pitney Bowes DM500 at a cost of \$171.00 per month for 60 months from Pitney Bowes Credit Corporation. The cost includes the rental, annual maintenance costs and rate change protection, and meets the needs of the building. It is recommended that the Board approve the 60 month lease of a Pitney Bowes DM500 postage machine from Pitney Bowes Credit Corporation in the amount of \$171.00 per month.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the 60 month lease of a Pitney Bowes DM500 postage machine from Pitney Bowes Credit Corporation in the amount of \$171.00 per month. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to Submit a Waiver to Change Teacher Evaluation Ratings

According to the Illinois School Code, Article 24A: 105 ILCS 5/24A-5 Teacher Evaluation Instrument shall include the following components: (c) “rating of the teacher’s performance as “excellent”, “satisfactory”, or “unsatisfactory”. With the new evaluation instrument, the District and WWEA have agreed to ask for a waiver to change the current ratings to: “meets or exceeds district learning standards for effective teaching” or “does not meet district learning standards for effective teaching”. A Public Hearing on the waiver request was held at this meeting and no comments were received. It is recommended that the Board approve the request of a waiver from the ISBE to change the teacher evaluation rating system.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the waiver request to the ISBE to change the teacher evaluation rating system. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: **AYE 7, NAY 0. The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Fitness Equipment Bid and Intergovernmental Agreement

Both high schools are in need of new fitness equipment. The district has an opportunity to partner with the Wheaton Park District in a joint venture to purchase fitness equipment. Through an intergovernmental agreement, park district residents would be able to use the equipment during the hours when students are not using the fitness facilities. Also, the cost for the equipment would be split equally between the Wheaton Park District and CUSD 200.

Bids were received and staff recommends the approval of the bid from Life Fitness in the amount of \$377,807.31 and the bid for four items from Direct Fitness in the amount of \$9,450.00 for a cost of \$387,257.31. This cost will be split equally with the Wheaton Park District making the district’s share \$193,628.65. The cost will be paid from the construction FFE budget.

It is also recommended that the Board approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Wheaton Park District pertaining to the use of the fitness facilities as presented.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Bomher seconded to approve the bid with Life Fitness in the amount of \$377,807.31 and the bid from Direct Fitness for \$9,450.00 as presented. The cost will be split equally between CUSD 200 and Wheaton Park District. Also to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Wheaton Park District for the shared use of the fitness facilities at the two high schools. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Dr. Catalani stated that this agreement and purchase is an example of what two government entities can accomplish together. This is a win-win for the school district, the park district and community members. This equipment and fitness center will be maintained together and will have shared use for all District 200 community members. Dr. Catalani commended the two high school Athletic Directors, Bill Farley, the PE Department Chairs and Lisa Maher for their work in this purchase and agreement. Dr. Catalani also recognized Dan and Mary Beth from the Park District for their participation in this agreement. The Park District will take action at their meeting next week to finalize the agreement. The agreement specifies that any District 200 community member, regardless of whether they live in the Wheaton Park District boundaries, will be able to use the equipment for the same user fee.

Approval of an Interfund Loan to Education Fund from Working Cash Fund

Annually, the Board approves interfund loans from the Working Cash Fund to relieve the cash shortfalls so that expenses can be paid. Even though the district has taken aggressive measures to reduce the operating deficit in the Education Fund, the anticipated cash balance at May 31, 2007 will be negative without a loan transfer. It is recommended that the Board approve the resolution authorizing a loan of up to \$22,500,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the resolution authorizing a loan of up to \$22,500,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of an Interfund Loan to Building Fund from Working Cash Fund

Annually, the Board approves interfund loans from the Working Cash Fund to relieve the cash shortfalls so that expenses can be paid. Even though the district has taken aggressive measures to reduce the operating deficit in the Education Fund, the anticipated cash balance at May 31, 2007 will be negative without a loan transfer. It is recommended that the Board approve the resolution authorizing a loan of up to \$3,000,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Building Fund.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the resolution authorizing a loan of up to \$3,000,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Building Fund. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of an Interfund Loan to Transportation Fund from Working Cash Fund

Annually, the Board approves interfund loans from the Working Cash Fund to relieve the cash shortfalls so that expenses can be paid. Even though the district has taken aggressive measures to reduce the operating deficit in the Education Fund, the anticipated cash balance at May 31, 2007 will be negative without a loan transfer. It is recommended that the Board approve the resolution authorizing a loan of up to \$2,000,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the resolution authorizing a loan of up to \$2,000,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Swanson reminded Board members to register for the IASB DuPage Division Dinner on February 12. The dinner will be held at WNHS and students will be conducting tours of the building from 5:00 to 6:00. Also at 5:00, the IASB will be sponsoring a School Board Election Candidates forum.

The Monroe Overpass dedication will take place on January 20 at 11:00 AM.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

Hubble Goal
Superintendent Search
Goal Setting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – January 24, 2007 – Wiesbrook Elementary School

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session items are listed for possible action
Student Discipline 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9)
Personnel 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
Potential Land Acquisition 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
Pending Litigation 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Intihar moved, Member Bomher seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Student Discipline 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9), Personnel 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1), Potential Land Acquisition 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5), and Pending Litigation 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11). Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.** The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 8:30 PM.

Action is expected following the Closed Session.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Swanson seconded to reinstate the rules and reconvene in Open Session. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to uphold the expulsion of student E2006-07-02. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the settlement agreement with Great American Insurance Company in a pending litigation case with Interstate Welding & Fabrication, Inc. as presented in Closed Session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Slater moved, Member Swanson seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 AM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President