

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
January 11, 2006

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 Monroe Middle School, 1855 Manchester Road Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andy Johnson, on Wednesday, January 11, 2006, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Andrew Johnson
 John Bomher
 Barbara Intihar
 Rosemary Swanson
 Marie C. Slater
 Ken Knicker
 Joann Coghill

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Bomher led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH HOST SCHOOL

Dr. Wayne Spsychala welcomed the Board of Education, Administration and community to Monroe Middle School. Dr. Spsychala recognized the staff that were present at the meeting and thanked the PTA for providing the refreshments.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Dr. Catalani reported that the agenda as shown on the public display screen and on the computers is correct. Any paper copies reflect an error in the title of the consent Agenda Item to Adopt the Resolution to Begin the Budget Cycle. The agenda should read for the 2006-2007 budget cycle, not the 2005-2006 cycle.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. 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.

Speaker	Joe Mahady
Topic	Budget, Hubble & Taxes

Speaker	Mark O. Stern
Topic	Hubble

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

President Johnson reported that three students from District 200 were featured in the Daily Herald for being named to the Daily Herald Leadership Team.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- The Franklin Middle School Orchestra will be performing on January 28 for orchestra teachers from around the state of Illinois at the IMEA All-State Convention in Peoria.
- By law, every school district must develop a wellness policy. Lisa Maher will be facilitating a writing committee and we need a Board representative for this committee. Board Member Swanson will represent the Board on this committee.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gift to WWSHS – Recommend the acceptance of the gift to WWSHS School as presented.
2. Adoption of Resolution to Begin the 2006-2007 Budget Cycle – Recommend the adoption of the resolution as presented.
3. Approval to Open Closed Session Minutes – Recommend the approval to declare that all Closed Session minutes, with the exception of the August 15, 2005 Closed Session minutes, will remain closed. The August 15, 2005 minutes will be made open to the public. It is further recommended that the Board approve the destruction of the Closed Session recordings from January 2004 through July of 2004 as provided by law.
4. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend the approval of the Bills Payable and Payroll as presented.
5. Approval of Minutes, December 14 Open & Closed - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented and that the Closed Session minutes 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 Bomher seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. The Closed Session minutes will remain closed, with the exception of the August 15, 2005 Closed Session minutes. The Closed Session recordings from January 2004 through July 2004 will be destroyed. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

Interfund Loan to Education Fund from Working Cash Fund

Annually, the Board approves interfund loans from the Working Cash Fund to relieve the cash shortage so that expenses can be paid. Even though the district has taken aggressive measures to reduce the deficit in the Education Fund, the anticipated cash balance at May 31, 2005 will be negative without this transfer. Staff is requesting approval for a loan of up to \$22,500,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund to be repaid with the June 2006 tax receipts. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution authorizing a loan of up to \$22,500,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Intihar seconded to adopt the resolution to transfer \$22,500,000 from working cash funds to the Education Fund. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Interfund Loan to Transportation Fund from Working Cash Fund

Annually, the Board approves interfund loans from the Working Cash Fund to relieve cash shortfalls and so that expenses can be paid. For the past few years, we have been spending down the Transportation Fund balance in an effort to move dollars to the Education Fund. Due to increased transportation costs and the timing of the state reimbursement payments, the Transportation Fund is often experiencing temporary cash deficits. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution authorizing a loan of up to \$2,000,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Slater seconded to adopt the resolution to transfer 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.**

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 met. As anticipated, the cash balance in the Building fund will reflect a deficit prior to the receipt of real estate tax revenues. In September 2004, the district issued Working Cash bonds to allow for the shortfall. 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 Building Fund to be repaid with the June 2005 tax receipts.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to adopt the resolution to transfer up to \$2,000,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Building Fund. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and the **motion carried 7-0.**

DISCUSSION ITEM

Social Studies

There was a discussion regarding comments received from a community member and a Board member about a proposed narrative book. Staff will go back and review the book again and reconvene the teacher committee.

Vision and Mission Statements

The Board discussed the draft of the statements. No written feedback has been received from community members. All staff received an email asking them to respond to the drafts as posted on the web site. All principals were asked to send a letter to the participants of the focus groups with a copy of the statements, asking for their feedback on the documents. There was a discussion about some of the word choices. It was suggested that the words “is entitled” be used in place of the words “has the right” in the fifth believe statement. It was also suggested that the words “and character” be inserted into the vision statement after the word “competence”. The Board may take action to adopt these statements at the next meeting, unless further discussion is necessary and to provide more time for community input. The statements will be sent with the Board Highlights from this meeting.

IASB Survey

President Johnson asked all Board members to send their responses to the IASB survey to him. President Johnson will summarize the responses into one form and send a collective response.

Superintendent Search

President Johnson stated that the Board needs to think about the timeline and process to be used to seek candidates for the superintendent’s position. The Board decided that they will have a closed session to develop a plan and process and then report to the community in an open session.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

Vision & Mission Statement

Hubble Goal

Superintendent Search

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – January 25, 2006 – Wiesbrook Elementary School

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 Personnel Issues 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1). 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 8:33 PM.

No action is expected following the Closed Session.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President