

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
January 23, 2008

The second 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 Whittier Elementary School, 218 W. Park Avenue, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andy Johnson, on Wednesday, January 23, 2008, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Andrew Johnson
 Rosemary Swanson
 Barbara Intihar
 John Bomher
 Ken Knicker
 Marie Slater

Absent: Joann Coghill

Also in Attendance: Dr. Richard W. Drury
 Dr. Lori Belha
 Mr. Bill Farley
 Mrs. Linda Knicker
 Dr. Robert Rammer
 Dr. Margo Sorrick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Joanne Hall led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH HOST SCHOOL

Whittier Principal Mrs. Joanne Hall welcomed the Board of Education, administrators and community members to Whittier School. Mrs. Hall introduced several staff members. The staff members demonstrated how Smart Boards work and how the school uses them in the classrooms.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Ali Winberg – WWSHS

Leslie Bretsen – WNHS

The students reported on activities and events at the high schools.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Drury thanked Dr. Margo Sorrick and Mrs. Ali Maggio-Beiermeister for their work in organizing and sponsoring the district-wide professional development activities that staff participated in on January 22. The in-service on *Understanding by Design* (UbD), was provided

in place of the originally scheduled teacher work day to compensate for the missed school day on August 24.

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.

Speaker	Mary Ann Uhen
Topic	PTA Council Support for the Referendum

Speaker	Dwight Lund
Topic	Referendum Support

Speaker	Gwen Henry
Topic	Referendum Support

Speaker	Barb Thornbury
Topic	Referendum Support

Speaker	David Brummel
Topic	Hubble Move

Speaker	Brad Paulsen
Topic	Referendum Support

Speaker	Mark O. Stern
Topic	Long Term Financial Plan

Speaker	Jim Vroman
Topic	Referendum Support

Speaker	Mary Plepel
Topic	Referendum Support

Speaker	Ralph Heatherington
Topic	Referendum Support

Speaker	Betsy Bennett
Topic	Referendum Support

Speaker	Liz Corry (letter read by President Johnson)
Topic	Referendum Support

BELIEF STATEMENT

Successful schools result when a partnership exists between the schools, parents, and the community.

Dr. Sorrick reported on what the district is doing to reach this goal. The example used was the work being done to comply with the state requirement to have ELL students take the ISAT and PSAE tests. Dr. Sorrick demonstrated what the requirement will mean to the ELL students and what staff, parents, and community members have been and are doing to educate state legislators on the impact of this requirement.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval to Post K-6 Social Studies Textbooks – Recommend approval to post the textbooks for 30 days as presented.
2. Approval of Minutes – January 9, 2008 Open and Closed Minutes, and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Session Meetings Prior to August 2006 - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented and approval to destroy the recordings of closed session meetings prior to August 2006 as allowable by law. The Closed Session minutes will remain closed.
3. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of K-8 Social Studies Curriculum

The Educational Services Department has been reviewing curriculum following the Continuous Improvement Model for Instruction adopted by the Board of Education in June of 1996. The previous social studies Critical Content was approved by the Board of Education in January 1999. This revision was a part of the Curriculum Renewal Process, Cycle A. The final parent/community involvement component includes an opportunity for individual contact with persons who review and respond to the curriculum once it is on display. The curriculum was posted for 30 days and no comments have been received. It is recommended that the Board approve the curriculum as presented and posted.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Swanson seconded to approve the K-8 Social Studies Curriculum as presented and posted. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of K-8 Physical Education Curriculum

The Educational Services Department has been reviewing curriculum following the Continuous Improvement Model for Instruction adopted by the Board of Education in June of 1996. The previous physical education Critical Content was approved by the Board of Education in January 1999. The final parent/community involvement component includes an opportunity for individual contact with persons who review and respond to the curriculum once it is on display. The curriculum was posted for 30 days and no comments have been received. It is recommended that the Board approve the curriculum as presented and posted.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Bomher seconded to approve the K-8 Physical Education Curriculum as presented and posted . Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to Amend Policy 6.20, Brief Period of Silence

On October 11, 2007, an amendment to the Silent Reflection and Student Prayer Act became law. This proposed policy complies with this law. The policy was posted for 30 days for public review and comment. One comment was received in opposition to the law and policy. It is recommended that the Board approve amended policy 6.20, Brief Period of Silence as posted.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the amended policy 6.20, Brief Period of Silence, as presented and posted. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2008-09 District Calendar

The 2008-09 proposed district calendar has been posted for 30 days. The proposed calendar was developed and approved by the District Leadership Team (DLT) comprised of representatives of the teaching and non-teaching staff and administrators from each level, as well as the District office. The district has received a total of nine comments (six from staff and three from parents) all supporting a later start date. The proposed calendar reflects a start date that is two days earlier than the current school year and maintains the same vacation patterns as recent year. It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed 2008-09 calendar as presented and posted.

The Board discussed the proposed calendar and the issues raised by the nine people that commented on it. Member Swanson believes that parent representation should be part of future calendar planning. Dr. Drury stated that he had discussed the calendar with the PTA Council and they voiced no objections to the proposal. Members Bomher and Knicker mentioned a desire to consider adding more days to the calendar in the future.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the 2008-09 school calendar as presented and posted. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Transportation Policy 4.110 Revisions

Public Act 95-0260, effective August 17, 2007, requires each school district and contractor in Illinois to have a policy in place by January 1, 2008, that requires school bus drivers to shut off the ignition, activate the interior lights and walk to the rear of the bus to check for children still on board. If an electronic device is used, that device must activate the interior lights when the ignition is shut off. This revised policy has been posted for 30 days for public review and comment. No comments have been received. It is recommended that the Board approve this policy as presented and posted. This policy is being amended to be compliant with the law.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Bomher seconded to approve Policy 4.110 as presented and posted. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Centrex Contract with AT&T for Telephone Service

On June 30, 2008, the current contract for telephone line service with AT&T will expire. In previous years, the district has signed a Single Payment Option (SPO) contract for this service with AT&T. This option provides a further discount to the charges. The total amount of the SPO would not be more than \$254,840.24 for a 36 month term. The savings of entering into this contract versus a month to month contract of the same term would be \$34,768. This covers the line service charges and not the usage charges that are still paid on a monthly basis. The District is applying for Federal E-Rate funding on this contract and hope to recover 42% of the original cost. This contract is being brought to the Board early to meet the Federal E-Rate requirements for submission. It is recommended that the Board approve the Centrex contract with AT&T for telephone service for a 36 month period in an amount not to exceed \$254,840.24.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Bomher seconded to approve the contract with AT&T for Centrex service for a 36 month period in an amount not to exceed \$254,840.24. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ORAL REPORT

Lowell Redistricting

Dr. Drury stated that last school year a group of parents from the Danada North, Briarcliff North, and Briarcliff South neighborhoods had requested that the district look at their attendance areas because Lowell School 5th graders are the only students in the district that do not all feed to the same middle school. At that time, Dr. Catalani suggested that this be looked at during the 2007-08 school year. Lowell Principal Denise DeSalvo brought this to Dr. Drury this year. Staff looked at the Lowell attendance area and enrollment numbers at Lincoln and Wiesbrook to determine if it is feasible to relocate these students. The families from Danada North could move to Lincoln Elementary and then to Edison Middle School and the families from the two Briarcliff neighborhoods could move to Wiesbrook Elementary and then Hubble Middle School. The district would offer grandfathering to current Lowell students that would prefer to finish their elementary years at Lowell. Dr. Drury showed a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the proposal and the impact to all schools involved and busing. This recommendation is the result of parental requests, and is not in any way related to the possible relocation of Hubble Middle School. The Board will discuss this at the February 13 Board meeting.

Dr. Drury stated that there have been some concerns about the overcrowding at Longfellow School and the rumors that some Longfellow neighborhoods may be moved to another school. Dr. Drury clarified that this is not accurate and the district is not considering moving any neighborhoods out of Longfellow School.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Public Comment Procedures

Acceptance of the 2006-07 Audit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Drury, Member Bomher and Member Swanson will be meeting on January 31 to conduct the biannual review of closed session minutes as required by the Open Meetings Act. They will bring their recommendation to the Board at the February 13 Board of Education meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

February 13, 2008 – Emerson Elementary School

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Bomher moved, Member Intihar seconded to adjourn to the meeting. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President