

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
January 25, 2005

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 Wiesbrook Elementary School, 2160 Durfee Road, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andy Johnson, on Wednesday, January 25, 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
 Dr. Margo Sorrick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Dianne Thornburg, Wiesbrook principal, led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH HOST SCHOOL

Mrs. Dianne Thornburg, Principal of Wiesbrook School, welcomed the Board of Education, Administration and community to Wiesbrook School and introduced staff members who were present. Mrs. Thornburg recognized the PTA for providing the refreshments.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

President Andy Johnson stated that the Action Item, Adoption of Vision and Mission Statements, has been removed from the Agenda to allow more time for public input on the proposed statements. The item will be brought to the February 8 meeting for adoption.

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	Beth O'Malley
Topic	Hubble Middle School

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RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

WWSHS head boys track & field coach, Ken Helberg, was inducted into the Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches Association's Hall of Fame on January 14, 2006. He joins his father to become only the second father-son combo to enter the hall of fame.

Expansion Management Magazine has once again given District 200 a gold medal, which is its highest ranking of school districts that offer high school programs. The ranking is based on college entrance exam scores, graduation rates, the community's financial commitment to public education, and the education and income levels of the community's adult population. District 200 is one of five Illinois districts to earn the gold ranking.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- The District has responded to a request to provide the law firm of Lyman and Nielsen a copy of the payment bond that DuPage Topsoil Inc. provided as part of the construction requirements at WWSHS. The attorneys represent Sewer Builders Supplies, Inc., an unpaid supplier on the project.
- At the August 10, 2005 Board of Education meeting, the Board approved a resolution to refinance portions of the Series 2003B and Series 2003C bonds. This week the rates reached a level that brought the refinancing to reality. The bonds are being refinanced at an average interest rate of 4.18% from the previous rate of 5.25%. This represents a savings to the tax payers of \$2,262,000.00. This refinance does not generate new money, nor does it extend the debt repayment date.
- In response to several ongoing issues surrounding the Hubble decision, Dr. Catalani stated that the community has been a part of the discussion from the beginning through town meetings that were held early in the process and resulted in a unanimous decision to replace the Hubble building. While the District has negotiated in good faith, there have been roadblocks with the availability of land. On the question of deferred maintenance at Hubble, while there was a time of flux regarding the future of the building and maintenance was briefly deferred, we have spent in excess of \$4M in recent years. However, the reality of the issue is that the building needs another \$40M of work done which will require a referendum. While the District will continue to work diligently to obtain land, Dr. Catalani feels that the District can only afford to wait a few more months before having to commit to a solution that includes keeping Hubble in its current location.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of "Science at the Center" Summer School 2006 – Recommend the approval to use the three selected elementary buildings to house "Science at the Center" Summer School Program as presented.

2. Approval of High School Change Orders – Recommend the approval of the change orders as presented.
3. Approval to Cancel the February 22, 2006 Open Session and Call a Closed Session to Discuss the Superintendent Search Process – Recommend approval of the cancellation of the Open Session and the calling of a Closed Session on February 22, 2006 as presented.
4. Approval of Minutes, January 11 Open & Closed - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented and that the Closed Session minutes remain closed.
5. 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. 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 Skid Steer Bid

The District is in need of a skid steer to do maintenance, landscaping, and snow removal. It can also be used as a fork lift to move deliveries, etc. On numerous occasions, the district rents this type of equipment at approximately \$1,000 per week. On average, each high school will rent a skid steer four to eight times each year. The current construction budget allows for the purchase of outdoor equipment to do field and land maintenance. The bid specified a 2005 John Deere because the lifting capacities of the John Deere better fit the districts needs, as compared to other models. The bid results were provided to the Board as a part of the Board Report. It is recommended that the bid from Buck Bros., Inc. in the amount of \$36,212.06 for a 2005 John Deere skid steer be approved.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the purchase of a 2005 John Deere skid steer from Buck Bros., Inc in the amount of \$36,212.06. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Laser Sign Engraver Bid

The district is in need of a laser sign engraver. With the new construction in the final stages at each high school, there will be many signs that have to be made for all the new classrooms and offices. As employee turnover in the district occurs, new signs for staff are also needed. Currently, we outsource all of our sign engraving needs and this has proven to be very costly. The district spends approximately \$3,500 - \$4,000 per year on signage for the district. The current construction budget for the high schools allows for the purchase of signage. This engraver would be placed at one of the high schools and used for district-wide purposes. Eventually, it could be implemented into the Graphics Arts curriculum, and therefore, would be used for a variety of purposes. The bid results were provided to the Board as part of the Board Report. It is recommended that the Board approve the bid for a 60 watt laser sign engraver from Sign Warehouse in the amount of \$34,369.00.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the purchase of a 60 watt laser

sign engraver from Sign Warehouse in the amount of \$34,369.00 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of District 200 Summer School 2006

District 200 has offered a variety of Summer School Programs for students since the summer of 2000. Initially, the District offered students in kindergarten through twelfth grades an opportunity to participate in a number of different programs, including remedial and enrichment programs. In 2003, the decision was made to join a consortium of districts offering High School Summer School through College of DuPage. This decision was made in an effort to offer our students more comprehensive summer school offerings and to ensure that students could make summer school course selections in a timely manner. Due to the reduction in grant monies that formerly supported the elementary and middle school summer school programs in 2002, the Board of Education approved the continuation of grades K-7 remedial and enrichment classes, mini-courses, band/orchestra and Unified Arts, as long as the programs were self-supporting. Therefore, a fee was attached to the remedial summer school and fees were slightly increased for mini-courses, band/orchestra and Unified Arts in 2003. It is being proposed that Summer School for 2006 be structured similar to last year. The explanation of the proposal was provided in the Board Report. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2006 Summer School Program as presented.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the 2006 Summer School program as presented. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and the **motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Therapy Care Contract

The district has sought an agreement with a vendor for speech therapy services. The therapist will deliver services to students in need of speech therapy. The therapist will deliver these services district-wide. These services are being sought because the district can not find staff to fill the positions. The district is recommending the services of Therapy Care, Ltd., based on cost and quality of service. One therapist will work for the district through the end of the 2005-06 school year at a cost of \$68.50 per hour for a total of \$54,800, and will be paid from the IDEA Flow-through Grant. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with Therapy Care, Ltd. as presented.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the contract with Therapy Care, Ltd. in the amount of \$54,800 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Grade Seven and Grade Eight Social Studies Text

As part of the textbook adoption process, these textbooks have been on display at the libraries in Wheaton, Warrenville, Winfield and Carol Stream, and at the SSC for public review and comment. The Board approved this posting at the December 14 Board of Education meeting. Two comments were received relative to the Oxford Press supplemental series that was posted. That series has been pulled from the recommendation to adopt for further review and investigation by the committee. No questions or comments were received regarding the primary texts. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the seventh and eighth grade social studies materials listed in the Board Report.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the listed seventh and eighth grade social studies materials as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE7, NAY 0. The motion carried 7-0.

Adoption of the Vision and Mission Statements

This item was removed from the Agenda for action at a future meeting.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Swanson reported she had attended a meeting of the District's Wellness Committee. The committee is charged with the development of a state-mandated Wellness Policy. The group is comprised of a broad group of people representing many factions within the school community.

Member Intihar recently addressed the Monroe PTA and Member Swanson spoke with the Wheaton Lion's. Both reported that the gatherings addressed many different questions and aspects of District 200.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

Vision & Mission Statement

Hubble Goal

Superintendent Search

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – February 8, 2006 – Washington Elementary School

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Swanson moved, Member Intihar 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 8:25 PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President