

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200**  
**January 26, 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 Washington Elementary School, 911 Bridle Lane, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andrew Johnson, on Wednesday, January 26, 2005, at 7:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Swanson led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE HOST SCHOOL**

Mrs. Sandy Niemiera, Principal of Washington School, welcomed the Board, administration and community to Washington Elementary School.

**MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- The district will be holding a number of focus group sessions during February to get information from the community about what it values most in its local public schools.

That information will subsequently be used as the Board develops anew vision and mission statement. The two-hour sessions will be held in each of the District's 20 schools from February 7 through February 17. Community members are invited and encouraged to participate. If you have not been contacted, please call your neighborhood school or the district office to sign up.

- WNHS has won a \$2500 grant from best Buy based on student work in Ed Klemm's A level speech class. The money will be used to purchase a digital video camera, a computer capable of video editing and video editing software.
- Kathie Bossier is one of seven statewide educators who participated in the development of a book to help principals work with their teachers to bring best practices in literacy instruction to students in grades 4-8. Information in the book can be used in school improvement planning, staff development, and to help principals focus classroom observations.
- A segment will air on the CBS (channel 2) Morning News on February 2 about a Franklin Middle School student's efforts to raise funds for AIDS orphans in Africa. Sixth grader Kendall Ciesemier organized the fund raising effort, Kids Caring for Kids, while facing a liver transplant last summer. She has conducted fund raising efforts on her own and encouraged others to do the same. Her immediate goal is to raise \$60,000 for an AIDS project in Zambia.

## **REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval to Renew Filtering Appliance Subscription – Recommend the approval of the filtering subscription renewal as presented.
2. Approval to Dispose of Fixed Assets – Recommend the approval to declare the listed computers and computer accessories surplus and allow the district to dispose of them.
3. Adoption of Resolution to Authorize the Issuance of Individual Procurement Cards – Recommend the approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Individual Procurement Cards.
4. Approval of Change Orders, WWSHS, WNHS Phase II Project – Recommend the approval of the Change Orders as presented.
5. Approval of Minutes – January 12 Open - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented.
6. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

### **MOTION**

Member Knicker moved, Member Swanson seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Item 7 Amendment of the Monroe Overpass Contribution Motion

At the November 10, 2004 Board of Education meeting, the Board agreed to contribute the additional \$90,000 to the Monroe Overpass Project provided final bids for the project do not exceed \$2,540,300 and that the current project shortfall is funded equally by the partners. Although all of the partners have not agreed to contribute the additional \$90,000, enough pledges have been received to reach the total needed to allow the project to proceed. It is recommended that the Board amend their November 10, 2004 action to contribute the additional \$90,000 to the Monroe Overpass Project by removing the word “equally” from the original motion. Therefore, the new recommendation reads: It is recommended that the Board agree to contribute the additional \$90,000 to the project provided final bids for the project do not exceed \$2,540,300 and that the current project shortfall is funded by the partners.

### **MOTION**

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded that the Board amend their November 10, 2004 action to contribute the additional \$90,000 to the Monroe Overpass Project by removing the word “equally” from the original motion. Therefore, the new recommendation reads: It is recommended that the Board agree to contribute the additional \$90,000 to the project provided final bids for the project do not exceed \$2,540,300 and that the current project shortfall is funded by the partners. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **WORKSHOP ITEM**

#### Item 8 – K-5 Technology Skills Workshop

Mary Clifford, Director of Instructional Technology, with the help of several building staff members, led the Board through hands on technology lessons from the K-5 curriculum.

### **REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Member Slater reminded the Board members about the upcoming IASB DuPage Division dinner meeting on February 22. Board members should let Mary Lou Sender know if they will be attending so that she can make reservations for the district as a whole.

Member Swanson announced that she and Member Intihar attended a planning meeting for an April fund raiser for Joel Gomez. The committee asked if the Board would be willing to participate in some way. Board members are asked to let Member Swanson or Intihar know if they are interested.

Dr. Catalani reported on information he received from the IASB regarding Targeting Achievement Through Governance workshops being offered in Naperville on February 10. Board members are to let Mary Lou Sender know if they would like to be registered for this workshop.

### **TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION**

In order for District 200 to continue to strive for higher levels of greatness, the Board of Education adopted the following high priority goals:

- Renew the District’s Vision/Mission Statement to Reflect the Beliefs and Values of the Entire School Community
- Develop a Long-term Financial Plan that is Consistent with the Renewed Vision/Mission Statement

- Continue Implementation of the Board’s Decision to Build a New Middle School in the Southwest Part of the District

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Next Regular Meeting – February 9, 2005, Lowell Elementary School
- Special Breakfast Meeting with Legislators – January 28, 2005, 7:00 AM, SSC
- Special Meeting to Conduct Waiver Hearing – January 28, 2005 9:00 AM, SSC

#### **MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Slater moved, Member Coghill seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues (5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and potential land acquisition (5ILCS 120/2(c)(5). 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 9:33 PM.

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**Ken Knicker, Secretary**

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**Andrew Johnson, President**