

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
October 11, 2006

The first regular meeting of the month of October of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at Whittier Elementary School, 210 W. Park Avenue, Wheaton, IL, by Board Vice President Rosemary Swanson, on Wednesday, October 11, 2006, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATION WITH HOST SCHOOL

Mrs. Joanne Hall, Principal at Whittier Elementary School, welcomed the Board, administration and community to Whittier School. Mrs. Hall recognized the Whittier staff that were present at the meeting and spoke about the school's efforts to embrace the Vision/Mission Statement and Belief Statements. Mrs. Hall introduced PTA President Desiray Young. Ms. Young spoke about the recent enhancements made to the entrance way at Whittier. The PTA had the district slogan painted on the wall and hung historic pictures of Whittier and activities at the school.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Board decided to move the Discussion item up on the agenda to just after the Consent Agenda and to remove the Belief Statement discussion from this agenda.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

New 200 Foundation Fun Run Awards – The Board recognized the NEW200 Foundation and the sponsors of the Fun Run and Family Festival held in September that benefited the students of District 200. Sponsoring organizations were the Wheaton Sport Center, Wheaton Park District,

Advanced Healthcare Associates, Cornerstone Medical Group, and the Chicago Tribune Foundation. Members of the Fun Run’s planning committee also were recognized and include Bill Barnett, president of the Foundation, Rebecca Wleklinski, Emily Giaimo, Wendy Whelton, Beth Cecil, Colleen Kehoe, Julie Zinkus, Dave Micksch, Ray Morrill, Laura Marquardt, Mark Bridges, Gordon Dickinson, Joe Ruth and Kathy Myers.

Mr. Bill Barnett thanked everyone for their support. There were 708 people registered for the event and approximately \$23,000 was raised for the Foundation and district. Mr. Barnett presented \$1,000 checks to Longfellow Elementary and Hubble Middle Schools for having the most participants from their schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Swanson 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	Betty Welker (Sara Vettraino, Diane Marr, Mike Vettraino, John Myers)
Topic	Censorship

Speaker	Michelle Senatore (Rey Senatore)
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Shawn Collins (Rob Dawidiuk, Mark Stern, Ed Paschke, Paul Yousif)
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Dirk Enger (Julie Shallvross, Lisa Ebergeay)
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Louis Holland (Darcey Holland, Karen Henk, Deb Durrbeck, Vimala Menon, Tina Ciner)
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Pam Nielsen
Topic	Busses

Speaker	Julie Eakins
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Joe Mahady
Topic	Due Diligence

Mrs. Swanson stated that the final decision on Hubble will be made by the citizens of District 200. The decision will not be based on who gets more applause, more signatures, or more press time. This is one community and that one community will get to speak through voting on a referendum.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

At the last Board meeting, the district was asked to respond to the EPA letter. The district engaged an environmental attorney by the name of Jim Vroman from the Jenner and Block Law Firm. Mr. Vroman reviewed the documents from the two environmental companies, the letter from the EPA and the letter from Russell Henderson from Environmental Inc., and he wrote that based on his review, in his opinion the results collectively meet all appropriate rules and that the district has met all of the due diligence asked for by the EPA.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of 2006-2007 Application for Recognition of Schools – Recommend the approval of the application as presented.
2. Approval of High School Change Orders – Recommend the approval of the change orders as presented.
3. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend the approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
4. Approval of Minutes – September 27 Open and Closed - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented. The closed session minutes will 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.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, Inc.

Mr. Bill Attea and Mrs. Joan Levy presented the results of the surveys and focus group meetings and presented the Board with a draft of the Search Criteria gathered at those meetings. The Board will review the suggested criteria and each Board member will rank the criteria using the following rankings:

- A) Must have
- B) Would be nice to have
- C) Can live without

Board members are to return their rankings to Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates by October 18. The Board scheduled another Community Forum for October 19, 2006. Mary Lou Sender will work with Denie Young to get the information out to the community. The Board will discuss the criteria at the October 25, 2006 Board of Education meeting and finalize the criteria.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval to Post 2006 Levy

The school code empowers the Board of Education to levy taxes to support the public school system. This is an annual process. Not less than twenty days prior to the adoption of the levy resolution, the School Board must estimate and announce the amount of money that needs to be raised by taxation. If the tentative levy exceeds 105% of the previous year's aggregate extension, a public notice and hearing are needed before the official levy is adopted. Annually the Board reviews a levy proposal prepared by the administration. The recommended tentative

levy, which provides for a 15.51% increase was presented to the Board. It is anticipated that, as in previous years, the tax cap will significantly reduce the actual extension. The tax cap will limit tax growth in the district. Given the nominal increase in rate of inflation, as well as unpredictable new construction values, it is recommended that the Board make every effort to access all funds available under the tax cap. Since the 2006 tax levy increase is greater than the 105% of the previous year aggregate extension, the Board must hold a public hearing on the levy. Staff will publish a legal notice regarding the levy between October 25, 2006 and November 1, 2006. A public hearing will be conducted on November 8, 2006 and the Board will be asked to adopt the levy at the December 13, 2006 Board meeting. It is recommended that the Board of Education post the recommended tentative levy as outlined and set the levy hearing date and time for November 8, 2006 at Hawthorne Elementary School at 7:30 PM.

Member Johnson requested that future reports on the tax levy include a column that shows the actual received levy amount.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to post the 2006-2007 tax levy as outlined and set the levy hearing date and time for November 8, 2006 at Hawthorne Elementary School at 7:30 PM. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Appointment of Election Officials

School Code indicates that the Board of Education Secretary is to be the recipient of all of the nominating petitions for the April elections to the Board of Education, and to receive all of the objections to nominations. In lieu of this, the Board can appoint election officials to take the Secretary's place. Bill Farley or his designees could be appointed to act on behalf of Mrs. Intihar. It is recommended that the Board appoint Bill Farley, Janine Sillitti and Mary Lou Sender to act on the part of the Board Secretary in matters related to the nominating petitions and objections.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to appoint Bill Farley, Janine Sillitti and Mary Lou Sender to act on the part of the Board Secretary in matters related to the nominating petitions and objections. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

Approval of Revisions to Policy 4.60, Purchases

The school code was amended by Public Act 094-0714 to require all contracts and agreements pertaining to goods and services that are intended to generate additional revenue and other remunerations for the District in excess of \$1,000 to be approved by the Board of Education. This act became effective July 1, 2006. Principals and other administrators have been informed of the new requirement and are complying with it as appropriate. On September 12, the Board posted the revisions to the policy to reflect the new requirement. No comments have been received on this proposed revision. It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the proposed revision to Policy 6.40 as posted.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Coghill seconded to adopt the revised Policy 6.40, Purchases,

as presented and posted. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

Approval to Name WNHS Fieldhouse

The Board of Education adopted a policy on naming school facilities at the May 10, 2006 meeting. On September 13, 2006 it was recommended that the Wheaton North High School (WNHS) Fieldhouse be named for former Board member Bob Davis, who recently passed away. Mr. Davis was an advocate for fieldhouses to give District 200 students the same opportunities as those in neighboring districts. Since information about this proposal was posted on the District's web site, four responses were received from the public. Three of the responses were in favor of the naming of the fieldhouse and one was opposed. It is recommended that the Board of Education name the WNHS Fieldhouse after former Board of Education member Bob Davis.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Bomher seconded to name the WNHS Fieldhouse after former Board of Education member Bob Davis. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

Approval of Occupancy Permit for Monroe Middle School

The Board of Education is required to approve an occupancy permit when a school completes major renovations or with the addition of new space. The roof project at Monroe has been completed, including all punch list items. A representative from the Regional Office of Education and Legat Architects has reviewed and approved the work. It is recommended that the Board approve the Occupancy Permit as required by the Regional Office of Education as presented.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the Occupancy Permit as required by the Regional Office of Education as presented. Upon a voice call vote being taken, **all were in favor and the motion carried.**

BELIEF STATEMENTS

This item was removed from the agenda.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Bomher requested an update on the Monroe overpass. Dr. Catalani reported that the work is scheduled to be completed in November or December. This past weekend the 100 foot expansion was put over the railroad tracks.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

Hubble Goal
Superintendent Search
Goal Setting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – October 25, 2006 – Emerson 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)

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Slater moved, Member Intihar 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), 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 9:45 PM.

Action is expected following the Closed Session.

Mr. Johnson left the meeting at 9:45 PM.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Slater seconded to reinstate the rules and reconvene in Open Session. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Intihar seconded to uphold the expulsion of student E2006-07-01. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to uphold the suspension of student S2006-07-01. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Bomher seconded to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board. This resolution authorizes Franczek Sullivan P.C. to continue to serve as its legal representative. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Bomher moved, Member Slater seconded to adjourn 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 10:30 PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President