

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
October 12, 2005

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 Johnson Elementary School, 2S700 Continental Drive, Warrenville, IL, by Board President Andrew Johnson, on Wednesday, October 12, 2005, 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
 Mrs. Linda Knicker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Tim Callahan led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH HOST SCHOOL

Mr. Tim Callahan welcomed the Board to Johnson School. Prior to the start of the meeting, the Board of Education met with the Johnson School staff for a demonstration of initiatives used to improve test scores at the school and subsequently achieve AYP status.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Board of Education honored the National Merit Scholar Semifinalists.

President Johnson stated that the Board had spent time prior to the start of this meeting with the staff of Johnson School. The staff demonstrated initiatives they used to increase student achievement and cause the school to make AYP.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- Commended the work of the Johnson School Community, represented by Tim Callahan and the Johnson staff, parents, students and the Warrenville community for their efforts in moving Johnson off of the AYP list.
- Tonight the Board will honor the National Merit Semifinalists. This is a fantastic accomplishment and the students, their parents, the high schools, the district and the Board of Education are all very proud of them and their success.
- Staff will report tonight on the district's achievement across the whole district. It took the work of the dedicated principals, assistant principals, curriculum leaders and teachers to make this happen. The leadership in this district is what makes our schools work and makes this Superintendent's job enjoyable.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gift to Franklin Middle School – Recommend the acceptance of gift of a patio and garden to Franklin Middle School as part of an Eagle Scout project.
2. Approval to Dispose of Fixed Assets – Recommend that the Board of Education declare specific computers and accessories as surplus and allow the district to dispose of them.
3. Approval of School Improvement Plans and District Improvement Plan – Recommend the approval of the plans as submitted.
4. Approval of High School Change Orders – Recommend the approval of the change orders as presented.
5. Approval of 2005-06 Goal Statements – Recommend the approval of the goal statements as presented.
6. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend the approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
7. Approval of Minutes, September 28 Open - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented.
8. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Slater 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

Announcement of the 2005 Levy

Annually the Board of Education reviews a levy proposal prepared by the administration. The recommended tentative levy, which provides for a 10.71% increase was presented to the Board of Education. Although the proposed levy increase is 10.71%, it is anticipated that as in previous years, the tax cap will significantly reduce the actual extension. The tax cap will limit tax growth by the rate of inflation (3.3%), plus any new construction 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. Because the proposed 2005 tax levy (excluding debt services) increase is greater than 105%

of the previous year aggregate extension, which was \$89,423,440.97, the Board of Education must hold a public hearing on the tax levy. Therefore, the Board of Education must hold a public hearing on the tax levy. The public hearing will be scheduled for November 9, 2005 and the Board will be asked to adopt the levy at the December 14 meeting. It is recommended that the Board of Education announce the tentative levy as outlined and set the levy hearing date and time for November 9, 2005 at Franklin Middle School at 7:30 PM.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Intihar seconded to announce the 10.71% tentative levy as presented and set the levy hearing date and time for November 9, 2005 at Franklin Middle School at 7:30 PM. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The Board requested that the levy PowerPoint presentation be placed on the District web site.

Approval of Docufide Electronic Transcript Service

Currently, students desiring transcript transfers to post-secondary schools request copies of their transcripts through the registrar at their attending school. The student completes a request form, the registrar processes the request and paper copies of their transcripts are mailed to the designated schools. Students requesting multiple copies of their transcripts are charged \$5.00. Docufide Secure Transcript Services is an electronic system that allows students to request high school transcripts from a dedicated and protected website. Students can access the site from their homes and order transcripts for submission to the schools of their choice. The Student requests are received by Docufide and by the school registrars. School registrars must approve the release of the transcripts. Once the registrar approves the transcript release, the transcripts are transmitted electronically to sites indicated by the student. The registrars do not need to make or mail any paper copies of the transcripts requested through Docufide. Students and school registrars receive electronic confirmation of the transmission of the transcripts. Students are charged \$5.00 for each transcript request. The students are charged directly; there is no cost to District 200. The Docufide agreement has been reviewed and approved by our legal counsel. Docufide will provide training to our school personnel. The registrars at both high schools will continue to provide students with the traditional paper copies of transcripts for the nominal fee of \$5.00 if requested. It is recommended that the Board approve the use of Docufide Transcript System.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve use of Docufide Transcript System for the processing of student transcript requests. There is no charge to District 200 for this service. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the ElectronicSchoolBoard System

The Board of Education has been piloting a system to produce all Board reports and conduct Board meetings online. The company is ElectronicSchoolBoard and is a Window's based product. Access to all open Board meeting documents will be available through the District web site. The cost of the system is based on the length of the contract. A one year lease is \$13,213.60, a two year lease is \$17,733.60 or \$8866.80 per year and a three year lease is

\$23,814.00 or \$7938.00 per year. The full term of the lease must be paid upfront. Cost analysis information was provided to the Board of Education. The contract has been reviewed by legal counsel. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the three year contract with ElectronicSchoolBoard for the lease of the computer based system to produce all Board meeting documents and conduct Board meetings online.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to approve the three year contract with ElectronicSchoolBoard for \$23,814.00 as presented and piloted. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was 7-0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ORAL REPORTS

Testing Scores

Dr. Sorrick presented a PowerPoint report on District 200 test scores for the 2004-05 school year. It is to be noted that all elementary and middle schools in the district made Average Yearly Progress (AYP) for the 2004-05 school year.

The Board members discussed the results and Dr. Sorrick responded to their questions.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Knicker reported that John Burlace, the choir teacher at WWSHS, conducted a fund raiser with the Show Choir members. The students broke the Guinness World Record by singing 24 straight hours. The funds collected will be used to cover some of the expenses for the choir to travel to an out of state competition.

Member Slater reported that the National School Board Association (NSBA) conference, originally scheduled to be held in New Orleans, has been moved to Chicago. The conference will be April 8-11 and District 200 will be presenting on the work of the Safety and Security Task Force and the emergency plans and templates..

The Board needs to discuss the proposed resolutions that are to be acted on at the IASB Conference in November. The Board also needs to select a delegate to vote on the resolutions at the conference.

Board members requested that a list of the activities the District has scheduled in observance of Veteran's Day be sent to the Board members and listed on the district web site.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

Levy Hearing – November 9, 2005

Vision & Mission Statements – Writing Group will meet on October 18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – October 26, 2005 – Hawthorne 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 discussion of Personnel Issues 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1), and Possible 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 9:38 PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President