

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
October 22, 2008

The second 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 Jefferson Preschool, 130 N. Hazelton, Wheaton, IL, by Board Vice President Rosemary Swanson, on Wednesday, October 22, 2008, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

Absent: Andrew Johnson
 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. Stephanie Farrelly led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Mrs. Stephanie Farrelly, Principal of Jefferson Preschool, welcomed the Board, administrators and community members. Mrs. Farrelly thanked the PTA for the wonderful food spread at the meeting and recognized the Jefferson staff that was present. One of the Board goals this year is to create a culture and climate that leads to 21st century learning. Jefferson Preschool is working towards that goal by teaching the students about being a “green school”. A PowerPoint presentation was shown that points how what the students are doing to reuse, reduce and recycle.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

District 200 has once again received the SchoolSearch 2008 Bright A+ Award for academic excellence in education. We are one of only 60 Illinois school districts out of 871 to receive this award. The award criteria are based on those districts whose students’ academic performance

ranks in the upper 5% of Illinois school districts based on the 2007 IL School Report Card Data Source. SchoolSearch is an educational research & consulting firm that publishes rankings of school systems. SchoolSearch works with major companies by providing their relocating families school information.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

Vice President 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	Mark Stern
Topic	Policy 4.60

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

None

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval to Extend the Lease of Computers with American Capital – Recommend approval to extend the lease as presented.
2. Acceptance of Gifts to Monroe Middle School – Recommend the acceptance of the gifts to Monroe as presented.
3. Acceptance of Gift to Lowell Elementary School – Recommend the acceptance of the gift to Lowell as presented.
4. Acceptance of the Gifts to WNHS and WWSHS – Recommend the acceptance of the gifts to WNHS and WWSHS as presented.
5. Approval to Post Revisions to Policy 4.60 for Public Review for 30 Days – Recommend approval to Post Policy 4.60 for public review and comment as presented.
6. Approval of Hubble Change Orders – Recommend approval of the change orders as presented.
7. Approval of Minutes –October 8, 2008 Open and Closed Minutes – Recommend the approval of the October 8, 2008 Open and Closed Session Minutes as presented. The Closed Session minutes will remain closed.
8. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

Approval to Post the 2008 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 (20) days before the adoption of its levy resolution the School Board must estimate and announce the amount of money which will be necessary to be raised by taxation. If the tentative levy exceeds 105% of the previous years aggregate extension a public notice and hearing are needed before the official levy is adopted. Annually the Board of Education reviews a levy proposal prepared by the administration. The

recommended tentative levy provides for a 10.84% increase. 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 12, 2008 at Whittier Elementary School at 7:30 P.M. The levy will be voted on at the December 10, 2008 Board meeting.

Mr. Farley shared information on the proposed levy and the history of the levy requests over the last several years.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Slater seconded to post the recommended tentative levy as outlined and provides for a 10.84% increase, and set the levy hearing date and time for November 12, 2008 at Whittier Elementary School at 7:30 P.M. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

ORAL REPORTS

Annual Student Achievement Report 2008

Dr. Margo Sorrick presented the annual student achievement report. The data shows that students in District 200 continue to perform at a very high level. Dr. Sorrick stated that due to cuts in the Title I grant, some programs that really helped schools had to be eliminated. Schools are working to incorporate some of the interventions in the regular school day, but staff and the Board will need to look at how to fund some of these programs. Dr. Sorrick thanked all of the staff for what they do to help students achieve.

WRITTEN REPORT

FOIA Report

This report was provided for information only.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Swanson stated that Holly Jack, an administrative assistant with the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) and strong supporter of education, passed away this week. Mrs. Jack worked very closely with the Boards of Education and Board Clerks from across the state. Mrs. Jack will be greatly missed and the Board and district send their condolences to the family and the IASB staff.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

IASB Resolutions
2008 Proposed Levy

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

November 12, 2008 – Whittier Elementary School

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

None

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Bomher 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)(1), and Personnel Items 5 ILCS

120/2(c)(1),. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 9:00 PM.

Action is expected following the Closed Session.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Bomher seconded to reinstate the rules and reconvene in Open Session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

The meeting was reconvened at 11:10 PM.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Intihar seconded to uphold the suspension of student S2008-09-01. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President