

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
October 26, 2005

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 Hawthorne Elementary School, 324 E. Wakeman, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andy Johnson, on Wednesday, October 26, 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 (arrived at 7:34)
 Marie C. Slater
 Ken Knicker
 Joann Coghill

Also in Attendance: Dr. Gary T. Catalani
 Mr. Bill Farley
 Mrs. Linda Knicker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. John Patterson led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Johnson requested that all present observe a moment of silence for Caroline Enright, a second grade student; Joanne Downey, a staff member from Hawthorne; and Merle Kulinski a teacher from WWSHS, that recently passed away.

COMMUNICATION WITH HOST SCHOOL

Mr. John Patterson welcomed the Board, Administration and community members to Hawthorne School. Mr. Patterson commented on and thanked the administration and the Crisis Team for their support during Hawthorne's recent loss of a staff member.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

President Johnson commented on remarks he heard recently about the work of the Crisis Team. All of the comments he heard indicated the wonderful work of this group of people.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- District 200 schools will once again be honoring and thanking veterans on November 11. If you are a veteran or know of a veteran who would like to participate in this event, you are invited to contact your local school or the District office. Last year's Veteran's Day activities were so successful, we have asked our schools to be sure that all students have the opportunity to participate in the recognition of those who are currently serving in the armed forces or those who have served in the past.
- Dr. Catalani summarized the work of the District's Safety and Security Task Force, noting that its work has been recognized at the local, state and national levels. Although the task force has sponsored many initiatives to improve the safety and security of the schools, it is particularly recognized for the relationship that exists between the schools and local emergency officials as well as its training videos, which help teachers and staff respond to various emergency situations. District 200 also may be the only school district to have a link to emergency officials through its hand-held radio system, which has channels that enable school and emergency officials to make direct contact with each other. Dr. Catalani recognized the work of the task force and its chair Dr. Lori Belha.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of High School Change Orders – Recommend the approval of the change orders as presented.
2. Approval to Post Replacement Policy 6.15, School Accountability – Recommend the approval to post the policy for 30 days as presented.
3. Approval of Minutes, October 12 Open & Closed - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented.
4. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater 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

Appointment of a Delegate for the Resolution Delegate Assembly Meeting at the IASB Annual Conference

Each year the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) holds an annual conference in Chicago. At the conference there is a meeting of the Delegate Assemble where the resolutions set forth by the Resolutions Committee will be acted upon. The Board of Education must appoint a delegate to vote on behalf of the District 200 Board of Education. Member Knicker will be the delegate. At the November 9 meeting, the Board will discuss the resolutions and indicate how Mr. Knicker should vote as the representative for District 200.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Swanson seconded to appoint Member Knicker as the District 200 delegate to the Resolutions Committee. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Swanson reported that she recently attended a workshop titled *Good and Smart High Schools*. The workshop addressed character development and the need for a balanced approach to education between ethical and performance training. Member Swanson will share information from the workshop with the Board of Education and the writing committee for the Vision and Mission Statement.

Member Intihar reported that she and Member Coghill attended the first meeting of the writing committee for the Vision & Mission Statement. The committee made a list of the core beliefs. The committee will meet again in a week and is making good progress. Member Coghill stated that the belief statements will be sent to the Board members and comments regarding the statements should be directed to Members Intihar or Coghill.

Member Intihar stated that she attended a recent ceremony to honor Sgt. Joel Gomez and decorate him with military awards. One of the WWSHS choral groups sang at the ceremony and Member Intihar was very proud of the job done by the students and the students seemed to be very moved by the ceremony.

Member Knicker reported that last Saturday he walked through a Parent University program held at Monroe Middle School. The program was put on by the social workers and was outstanding. The event was very well attended and the materials and list of resources that were given to the attendees were spectacular. The Social Workers are to be commended for a job well done.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

Vision & Mission Statement

Levy Public Hearing – November 9, 2005

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – November 9, 2005 – Franklin Middle School

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 Personnel Issues 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1). 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 8:07 PM.

No action is expected after the Closed Session.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President