

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200**  
**November 10, 2004**

The first regular meeting of the month of November of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at Wiesbrook Elementary School, 2160 Durfee Road, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andy Johnson, on Wednesday, November 10, 2004, 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**

President Johnson led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**MOTION**

Member Swanson moved, Member Slater seconded to open the Public Hearing on the 2004 Levy. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried**.

There was no further information to share with the Board and community and no comments were received on the levy proposal.

**MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Swanson seconded to close the Public Hearing. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried**.

**COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE HOST SCHOOL**

Mrs. Dianne Thornburg welcomed the Board, administration and community to Wiesbrook Elementary School. Students presented examples of activities related to Veterans' Day.

## MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Dr. Catalani requested that the agenda be modified by adding one additional letter of donation from Pleasant Hill School to Report 2, Gifts from the PTA. Dr. Catalani also requested that a discussion of the Math Textbooks be added to address any Board member questions.

## RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

President Johnson read a Resolution recognizing American Education Week.

## MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Slater seconded to adopt the resolution recognizing American Education Week. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

President Johnson informed everyone that the District 200 web page has a listing by school of the Veterans' Day activities that will be going on in lieu of a non-attendance day for the students. Then, President Johnson read some statistics about education in District 200, the state of Illinois and the nation.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Johnson 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	Betsy Bennett
Topic	PTA Gifts to the District

Speaker	Lindy Greenlee
Topic	American Education Week

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- Thanked the PTA for their contribution and support and volunteerism in the District.
- District 200 students will be attending school on Veterans' Day. Students will honor the day with a variety of classroom and school-wide activities, including visits from local war veterans who will talk about their experiences. By holding school on this day, the district is able to put continuity into the instruction week, clean up the Thanksgiving week attendance mess, but mostly provide teaching and learning opportunities centered on veterans. Dr. Catalani thanked all of the veterans' groups that have worked with the district to plan and those participating at our schools. The principals, staff, Lisa Kimball, Joe Kish, radio stations and press are all to be applauded for their efforts in marking this important date in District 200.
- Dr. James Langlas, English Department Chair at WNHS, is a recipient of the 2004 Studs Terkel Humanities Award based on his efforts to help organize the Community Poetry Celebration last spring. The award honors community volunteers who help others recognize the importance of the humanities in our lives.
- Vicky Hollister, a seventh grade social studies teacher at Hubble Middle School, has received the Distinguished Service Award from the Illinois Council for the Social

Studies. The award recognizes Mrs. Hollister's role in promoting social studies education in Illinois through her teaching and workshop presentations and participation in state curriculum writing projects.

- On Monday, November 8, an evacuation plan drill was held at Franklin Middle School. The drill went very well and demonstrates the district's commitment to safety in our schools. Two weeks ago Dr. Catalani received a letter from the Governor's Office that encouraged school districts to take active measures in school security and listed a number of actions that district should be taking to provide safety plans. District 200 is already exceeding the list of suggested actions. Dr. Belha wrote a response to the Governor's letter detailing the work of the Safety and Security Committee and inviting the Governor to come and observe the Franklin drill. The Governor sent the State Fire Marshall, a high ranking officer from the State Police Department, and Illinois' equivalent of a Homeland Security Officer. These representatives, after observing the drill, indicated that District 200 is where they hope all districts in the state are in ten years. Parents should feel good about the safe environment the district provides for students. Dr. Catalani thanked Lori Belha and Kevin Kane for their leadership in these efforts and also thanked the local police and fire departments for their support of this work. The principals and staffs at the schools do an excellent job of practicing these drills on a regular basis.
- The Business Department will be entering a very busy stage. Three large bids will be processed in the spring; they are the transportation contract, the food service contract and the cleaning service contract. The food service contract will include a focus on the need for healthy foods and specific expectations will be included in the bid specifications.

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Acceptance of Gift to Whittier School – Recommend the acceptance of the gift of \$1000 from Target to Whittier School as presented.
2. Acceptance of Gifts from the PTA – Recommend the acceptance of the gifts from 13 of the PTA's valued at \$103,820.55 as presented.
3. Approval of Amendment for Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Gas Cooperative – Recommend the approval of the amendment to the IGC Intergovernmental Agreement as presented.
4. Approval of WWHS, WNHS Phase II & Bower HVAC Change Orders – Recommend the approval of the change orders as presented.
5. Approval of Copier Lease – Recommend the approval of the 48 month municipal lease with Canon Business Solution in the amount of \$5,139.07 per month as presented.
6. Approval to Dispose of Fixed Assets – Recommend the approval to declare certain computers and computer accessories surplus and allow the district to dispose of them as presented.
7. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend the approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
8. Approval of Minutes – October 27 Open & Closed - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented. The Closed Session minutes will remain closed.
9. 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. 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**

### Item 10 – Approval to Rescind Approval of Property Casualty Insurance Renewal from October 27 & Approval of Resolution to Join CLIC

At the last meeting of the Board of Education, the Board approved the Property, Casualty and Liability Insurance package for the District. The renewal term was for the period of November 1, 2004 to October 31, 2005. The District works with Arthur J. Gallagher for placement of our insurance coverage. Indiana Insurance was approved at a renewal rate of \$407,797. The renewal price reflected an increase of 8% over the expiring adjusted costs. During the Board meeting, an email quote was received from our insurance broker (AJ Gallagher) for a pooled insurance cooperative. The pool is the Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative (CLIC) and was recently acquired by AJ Gallagher. The pool is made up of 135 school districts, and in the 23 years of existence has only had two members withdraw. CLIC was able to quote the district an annualized price of \$361,539. Since they follow the same fiscal calendar as school district, the premium would be prorated to \$241,026 from 11/01/04 to 6/30/05. Aside from the price difference, the pool also covers school board legal and law enforcement coverage which we currently purchase separately at a cost of approximately \$90,000. Student Accident and Pollution coverage are also included and is coverage we currently do not have. For those two reasons, the district has liability coverage which could be in force if warranted. Also worth noting, in most cases the deductibles are lower in CLIC and the coverage levels are higher. Due to the timing/circumstances, on the advice of legal counsel, the Board was polled to seek authority to bind the coverage with CLIC as of November 1, 2004. At this meeting the Board must act to rescind the approval of Indiana Insurance and approve the resolution to join CLIC. CLIC requires a three-year commitment to join. Approval was given through the poll of the Board to bind coverage with CLIC. It is recommended that the Board take formal action to rescind the coverage with Indiana Insurance and approve the resolution to join CLIC.

## **MOTION**

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to rescind the approval of the Indiana Insurance from the last meeting and approve the resolution to join CLIC as presented and previously polled. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### Item 11 – Approval of Additional Funds for the Monroe Overpass

On July 22, 2004 the Wheaton Park District received a letter and final contract from the Illinois Department of Transportation for the overpass project construction. It stated that the local contribution for the remainder of the project would be \$755,300, with the federal share capped at \$1,785,000, for a total construction and construction supervision budget of \$2,540,300. The budget increase is attributed to steel price increases since the first of the year. The result is a \$537,312 shortfall in all of the local, state and federal funds already committed to the project. On September 24, the seven parties that comprise the Union Pacific Overpass Intergovernmental Coalition Committee met and decided that each entity agree to contribute an additional \$90,000 to the project. This would bring the district's total contributions, minus legal fees, to \$192,306. 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 current project shortfall is funded equally by the partners.

Dr. Catalani reported that he received updated information from the Park District that another grant has been obtained for the project worth \$250,000. Therefore, the shortfall will likely be reduced; however, there are time restrictions on this grant that must be met to get the funding. Unfortunately, the City of Wheaton took action to decline participation in the additional funding.

### **MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the contribution of up to an additional amount of \$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. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### Item 12 – Appointment of IASB Delegate

Each year in November, the IASB meets and delegates from the local Boards of Education vote on proposed resolutions at the Delegate Assembly Meeting. District 200 Board of Education must select a member to serve as a delegate and represent the viewpoints of the District 200 Board of Education. It is recommended that the Board appoint a District 200 IASB Delegate to the 2004 IASB Joint Conference.

Member Intihar volunteered to become the delegate.

### **MOTION**

Member Bomher moved, Member Swanson seconded to appoint Barbara Intihar as the delegate to the IASB Joint Conference. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

### Item 13 – Decision on Board Positions on IASB Resolutions

Each year in November, the IASB meets and delegates from the local Boards of Education vote on proposed resolutions at the Delegate Assembly Meeting. The Board received the Report to the Membership from the IASB that lists all of the proposed resolutions for action at the Delegate Assembly meeting on November 20, 2004. The Board discussed the resolutions. The Board agreed to support all of the recommendations except the resolution regarding Take Your Child to Work Day.

The Board discussed the Metropolitan Mayor's letter regarding tax reform. The Board will discuss this further at the December meeting.

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

#### Posted Math Textbooks

Dr. Sorrick requested input from the Board members about the proposed math textbooks. Only one community comment has been received. The committee is hoping to receive more feedback as this decision is being made.

### **WRITTEN REPORT**

#### Item 14 – LLC Report

This report was provided for information only.

## REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None.

## 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 – December 8 – Sandburg Elementary School
- The Board will be attending the IASB Joint Conference November 19-21 and presenting on Saturday, November 20 at 1:30 on successfully passing a referendum.

## MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Slater moved, Member Knicker seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing student discipline, personnel issues and potential land acquisition. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried**. The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 9:05 PM.

Action is expected following the Closed Session.

## MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Intihar seconded to reinstate the rules and reconvene in Open Session. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and the **motion carried**.

## MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to uphold the suspension of student S2004-05-03. Upon a roll call vote being taken the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

## MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Intihar moved, Member Bomher 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 9:47 PM.

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**Ken Knicker, Secretary**

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**Andrew Johnson, President**