

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
November 12, 2003

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 Lincoln Elementary School, 630 Dawes Avenue, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andrew Johnson, on Wednesday, November 12, 2003, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Andrew Johnson
 Rosemary Swanson
 Ken Knicker
 Marie C. Slater
 John Bomher
 Bob Davis (by phone)

Absent: Barbara Intihar

Also in Attendance: Dr. Gary T. Catalani
 Dr. Bev Becker
 Dr. Lori Belha
 Mr. Bill Farley
 Mr. John Sluis
 Dr. Margo Sorrick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Knicker led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – TAX LEVY

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Knicker seconded to open the Public Hearing on the 2003-04 Tentative Levy. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor. **The motion carried.**

Dr. Catalani presented a recap of the tentative levy. No comments were received from the public.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Slater seconded to close the Public Hearing on the 2003-04 Tentative Levy. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Mrs. Kathy DeMarzo, Principal of Lincoln Elementary School, welcomed the Board, Administrators and community members to Lincoln School. Mrs. DeMarzo recognized the Lincoln staff and PTA President. A PowerPoint Video was presented that highlighted the 2002-03 Artist in Residence project that is displayed in the main hallway at Lincoln School.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Dr. Catalani requested that Item 9, Approval of the 2004-05 Calendar, be removed from the agenda until the December meeting.

Mr. Bomher requested that the October 22 Closed Session Minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and modification during Closed Session.

A discussion item was added to discuss the IASB resolutions.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

President 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	Bernie Ness
Topic	Unsafe Bleachers

Speaker	Barb Thornberry
Topic	Handicap Accessible Playground at Bower

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

Two Board Members are needed to serve on the Finance Committee. The group will begin meeting in December and the meetings will be from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. Any Board members that are interested in serving should let Dr. Catalani know.

Board members are needed to participate in a presentation of PMA to view some financial planning software. This system was presented to the Board a couple of years ago but the district did not proceed any further at that time. Staff believes this software, which has been improved since the last time the district looked at it, would help develop the long range financial plan.

PMA will come to the district next week to present information and demonstrate the software so that Board members can see the software firsthand before a recommendation is made to purchase. Any Board members interested in attending should let Dr. Catalani know.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval to Purchase an Upgrade to the Middle School Applied Tech labs – Recommend the approval to purchase an upgrade for the Middle School Applied Technology Labs as presented.

2. Approval to Post Amended Behavioral Intervention Policy – Recommend the approval to post the amended policy as presented.
3. Approval to Dispose of Fixed Assets – Approval to declare specific computers and computer accessories surplus and allow the district to dispose of them.
4. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Approval of the Bills Payable and Payroll as presented.
5. Approval of Minutes – October 22 Open & Closed - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented.
6. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Swanson seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented, minus the October 22 Closed minutes. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

Item 7 – Approval of Clinical Psychologist Consultations

A number of student issues occur during the year that are outside the training and expertise of our school staff to assess and evaluate. In these instances the district has, in the past, purchased the services of a clinical psychologist to diagnose and recommend a treatment program for the student. The district needs this type of service again this year. Dr. John Glennon is a licensed clinical psychologist and is currently the Clinical Director of Glen Oaks Therapeutic Day Schools and is a consultant to several school districts in DuPage County. Dr. Glennon has assessed our students and provided staff training and consultation for District social workers in the past. It is recommended that the Board approve a contract with Dr. Glennon to provide these services for the 2003-2004 school year. The estimated cost of this service is \$18,000.

There was a discussion regarding the mandates that cause the district to need this service and a question about whether a student's health insurance could reimburse the district for these types of services.

MOTION

Member Davis moved, Member Slater seconded to approve a contract with Glen Oaks Hospital/Dr. John Glennon for the 2003-2004 school year in the amount not to exceed \$18,000. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Item 8 – Approval of High School Group 1 Curriculum

The Department of Instruction has been reviewing the curriculum following the Continuous Improvement Model for Instruction adopted by the Board of Education in June of 1996. Curriculum for high school courses in British Literature, Composition Literature & Film, Creative Writing, Popular Literature, Structure of the English Language and Survey of Modern Literature were renewed this year. The curriculum has been posted for 30 days at the public libraries in Wheaton, Warrenville, Winfield and Carol Stream, at both high schools and the SSC. All parents and community members that completed a comment sheet were contacted by a member of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction for further discussion. It is recommended that the Board approve the curriculum as presented.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Swanson seconded to approve High School Group 1 Curriculum as presented and posted. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Item 9 – Approval of 2004-05 Calendar

This item was tabled until the December 10 meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 10 – High School Group 2 Curriculum

This curriculum was posted on October 22 for public review and comment.

Item 11 – K-12 Music Curriculum

This curriculum was posted on October 22 for public review and comment.

IASB Resolutions

There was a discussion of the IASB resolutions to be presented at the Joint Conference November 22. Member Bomher will represent the District 200 Board of Education as the delegate to the assembly. The board does not support the recommendation of the committee to change the Board elections back to November and Mr. Bomher will vote accordingly.

ORAL REPORT

Item 12 – Results of Hubble Town Meeting

Dr. Catalani summarized the results of the town meetings and the surveys received after the meetings. Board members were asked to submit any further questions or issues in writing to Dr. Catalani before the December meeting. This topic will be on the December 10 agenda as a discussion item. The last meeting in January is the target date for the Board to take action on the choices for Hubble and then direct staff to form a task force.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Swanson reported that she and Member Bomher met with Dr. Catalani and reviewed the Closed Session minutes per the Open Meetings Act. A recommendation for action will be on the December 10 agenda based on the review.

The test committee met to discuss how standardized and content tests work for District 200. Until it is clear what the State is going to do, the committee cannot go any further in their work.

There was a discussion of the State Report Cards and when they will be available. Dr. Catalani stated that ISBE has not released them yet but hopefully will so before Thanksgiving.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Moving District 200 to higher levels of Greatness
2. Select & begin implementation of best long-term use of Hubble
3. Develop a long-term financial plan that leads to financial predictability & stability

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – December 10 - Washington Elementary School

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Knicker moved, Member Swanson seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues and pending litigation. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor. **The motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 8:57 PM

There will be action following the Closed Session.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Swanson seconded to reinstate the rules and reconvene in Open Session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.** The meeting was reconvened at 9:08 PM.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Davis seconded to file a Notice of Remediation for employee R2003-04-01. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

There was a discussion regarding the bleachers at Hubble and WWSHS.

There was a discussion regarding the Finance Committee. Members Bomher and Swanson will be the Board representatives to this committee.

There was a discussion regarding a financial software program presentation. The meeting will be scheduled for an early morning and it will be posted so that all Board members may attend if interested.

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Davis 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 9:25 PM.

Ken Knicker, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President