

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
November 14, 2007

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 Edison Middle School, 1125 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andrew Johnson, on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Andrew Johnson
 Rosemary Swanson
 Barbara Intihar
 John Bomher
 Ken Knicker
 Joann Coghill

Absent Members: Marie Slater

Also in Attendance: Dr. Richard W. Drury
 Dr. Lori Belha
 Mr. Bill Farley
 Dr. Robert Rammer
 Dr. Margo Sorrick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Dwight Lund led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2007 Tax Levy

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Bomher seconded to suspend the rules and open the Public Hearing on the 2007 Tax Levy. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

No one from the public commented on the tax levy proposal.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to suspend the rules and close the Public Hearing on the 2007 Tax Levy. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH HOST SCHOOL

Mr. David Kanne, Principal of Edison Middle School welcomed the Board of Education, administration and community to Edison School. Mr. Kanne reported that a sixth grade student

stated that this week was a “thankful” week. The week started with being thankful for the American veterans and Friday everyone will be thankful for the Thanksgiving break. Edison is also thankful for being recognized as a top suburban middle school for their test scores, which reflected improvement this year. The staff at Edison has been working to help struggling students meet expectations and achieving students to achieve at higher levels. Mr. Kanne also stated that the Edison community is thankful for the support of the school and District 200 by the Board of Education.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Christine Ward – WNHS

Nick Novasad - WWSHS

The two students reported on the various activities and sporting events that took place at the two high schools since the last Board meeting. They also reported on the events honoring the local Veterans in observance of Veterans Day.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

WNHS Coach Don Helberg will be inducted into the Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame at the association’s January 12 meeting. Mr. Helberg is one of only eight inductees from the state this year. Mr. Helberg joins his brother Ken, a teacher and coach at WWSHS, who was inducted in 2006 and their father Ron, who was inducted in 1979. This award recognizes coaches who have made a significant contribution to the sports of Track and Field and Cross County in the State of Illinois.

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	Cathy Mousseau
Topic	Hubble Referendum

Speaker	Michael J. Gresk
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Bryce Cann
Topic	Hubble Referendum

Speaker	Linda Pille (with minutes from Donna Budlong)
Topic	Friends of the Schools

Speaker	David Brummel
Topic	Hubble Referendum

BELIEF STATEMENT

Schools Should Promote a Culture of Respect that Values Individual Differences

Dr. Drury reported on activities being done at a sampling of schools in keeping with this belief statement.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Drury reported the following:

1. The N.E.W. 200 (Network for Educational Excellence in Wheaton Warrenville) Foundation, along with its partners the Wheaton Sport Center and Wheaton Park District held the second annual Fun Run on September 23rd, to benefit the schools and students of District 200. The N.E.W. 200 Foundation is a volunteer 501c(3)not-for-profit corporation solely dedicated to funding innovative education for District 200 schools; working in collaboration with District 200 but is independent from it. There is a press release on the Press Table with more information about the Foundation. I wish to announce that the Fun Run event was a great success and generated nearly \$11,000 for the education of our children and young adults. Grants of \$1000 were awarded to the Pre K – 8 schools that had the highest percentage participation. This year's winners are Madison Elementary School and Edison Middle School. Congratulations to both schools and to the runners from all of the schools who participated.
2. The State of Illinois recently announced the 2006 Illinois Honor Roll. The Honor Roll recognizes academic achievements with three different awards including an Academic Improvement Award and Academic Excellence Award. District 200 is one of five districts in the state to receive recognition for four or more schools. Bower Elementary School and Johnson Elementary School were recognized with an Academic Improvement Award. Schools qualifying for this award experienced substantial gains in academic achievement in both reading and mathematics for both the 2005 and 2006 testing sessions. Longfellow, Pleasant Hill, Sandburg, Whittier and Wiesbrook Elementary Schools were recognized with an Academic Excellence Award. Schools qualifying for this award met all requirements for AYP and 90% or more of the students met or exceeded state standards in reading and mathematics for three consecutive years.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Resolution to Execute Quit Claim Deed & Grant of Easement – Recommend approval of the resolution as presented.
2. Approval of High School Change Orders – Recommend approval of the change orders as presented.
3. Approval to Post Policy 3.15 Brief Period of Silence – Recommend approval to post the policy as presented for 30 days for public review and comment.
4. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
5. Approval of Minutes – October 24, 2007 Open and Closed minutes - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented. The Closed Session minutes will remain closed.
6. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

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

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing a Building Bond Referendum for a New Hubble Middle School

At the September 26, 2007 Board Meeting, action was taken to commit to placing a referendum question on the ballot for the February 5, 2008 election to build a new Hubble Middle School. District 200 Board of Education must adopt a resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing School Building Bonds to the voters of Community Unit School District Number 200, DuPage County, Illinois, at the general primary election to be held on the 5th day of February, 2008. This resolution allows the District to acquire and improve a school site, and build and equip a new Hubble Middle School. Since funds are not available for this purpose, it will be necessary to borrow money through the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$58 million. This resolution must be filed with the Board of Election Commissioners of DuPage County on or before December 3, 2007 in order for the question to appear on the February 5, 2008 ballot. The recommended wording of the ballot question is as follows:
Shall the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 200, DuPage County, Illinois, acquire and improve a school site, build and equip a new Hubble Middle School on said site and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$58,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

It is recommended that the Board adopt a resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing School Building Bonds to the voters of Community Unit School District Number 200, DuPage County, Illinois, at the general primary election to be held on the 5th day of February, 2008.

Board Secretary Intihar read the resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing School Building Bonds to the voters of Community Unit School District Number 200, DuPage County, Illinois, at the general primary election to be held on the 5th day of February, 2008.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Intihar seconded to adopt the resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing School Building Bonds to the voters of CUSD 200 in the amount of \$58,000,000. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Board members expressed their individual and collective support for this referendum question and thanked staff and parents for their work and patience in getting to this decision.

Approval of Financing Model for Hubble Middle School Referendum

Mr. Bill Hepworth, of Robert Baird, presented information on four financing options for the Hubble Referendum. The options include varying lengths of payback timelines between 14 and 19 years. The Board was most interested in two options. Option A holds the tax rate for debt service at the current .44 cents for the duration of the bonds and Option C would raise the debt service rate by .13 or .14 cents for the first few years and then the rate would decline for the

remaining years. The Board discussed these options at the October 24 Board meeting . Based on the information provided by Mr. Hepworth, it is the recommendation of the administration that Option A be chosen as the financing model for the Hubble Middle School Referendum. Under Option A, it is expected that a resident's taxes for District's bonds will not increase for the next two years. The taxes will then increase gradually over the following 12 years. Under Option C, the taxes will go up in the next two years, as well as in the ensuing 13 years. Because Option A defers some of the debt payments to the later years, this may be more equitable to current residents than Option C, since future residents will participate more in the repayment of this debt obligation. Although Option C is the least costly of the two, the deferred payment concept under Option A means that the debt will be repaid with cheaper dollars, since one dollar today is worth more than one dollar 10 years from now. Therefore, on a present value basis, Option A is actually less costly than Option C. Other considerations under the financing model are the impact of the sale price of the Hubble land as well as future development of the current Hubble property.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Option A as the financing model for the Hubble Middle School Referendum.

MOTION

Member Coghill moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve Option A as the financing model for the Hubble Middle School Referendum . Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to Sell the Hubble Property and Use of Proceeds to Offset the Bond & Interest Fund

At the October 24, 2007 Board of Education meeting, Dr. Drury recommended the sale of the current Hubble site pending the successful passage of the referendum to build a new Hubble Middle School. The Board discussed this potential sale and now the Board must pass a resolution that outlines the process. The resolution was distributed to the Board that commits to the taxpayers of the District, that in the event the referendum proposition is approved by the voters, the Board will offset the expenses of the District's Bond and Interest Fund by an amount equal to the net proceeds derived from the sale of the existing Hubble Middle School facility and site. It is recommended that the Board approve the resolution to sell the Hubble property and use the proceeds to offset the expenses of the District's Bond & Interest Fund.

President Johnson read the resolution. Board members indicated their support for this action.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Bomher seconded to approve the resolution to authorize the sale of the Hubble property and use of the proceeds to offset the Bond & Interest Fund. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ORAL REPORTS

Technology Assessment and Gap Analysis Report

Mr. Jim Oddo of Justified Technology reported on the findings of the Technology Assessment and Gap Analysis study that was conducted to determine the current status of technology in District 200 and the needs to move technology forward in District 200. Board members discussed the results of the report. Staff will come back to the Board in January with recommendations to implement the findings of the survey.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

It was reported that Member Coghill will assume the responsibility of Representative Delegate for the Resolutions Hearing at the upcoming IASB State Conference. Board members instructed Member Coghill to support all resolution recommendations except number 10.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Public Comment Procedures

Appointment of Board Representative for Wheaton Sesquicentennial Year of Celebration

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 15 has been declared as School Board Members' Day in Illinois. This day is to recognize the men and women that serve voluntarily as members of their local boards. Their dedication and work is largely unrecognized. This day is to thank all Board members for their service and time.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

December 12, 2007 – Longfellow Elementary School

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Bomher moved, Member Knicker seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Issues 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1), and Pending Litigation 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11). Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

No action is expected following the Closed Session.

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 9:43 PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President