

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
November 8, 2006

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 Hawthorne Elementary School, 334 E. Wakeman, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andy Johnson, on Wednesday, November 8, 2006, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Andrew Johnson
 Rosemary Swanson
 Marie C. Slater
 Barbara Intihar (arrived at 7:35 PM)
 Joann Coghill
 Ken Knicker
 John Bomher

Also in Attendance: Dr. Gary T. Catalani
 Dr. Lori Belha
 Mr. Bill Farley
 Mrs. Linda Knicker
 Dr. Margo Sorrick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Catalani led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION

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

A public hearing was held on the 2006 tax levy. Mr. Farley stated the purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from the community. The announcement of the hearing was posted in the local newspaper.

Community member Mark O. Stern presented his questions to the Board. No other comments were received.

MOTION

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

COMMUNICATION WITH HOST SCHOOL

Mr. John Patterson, principal of Hawthorne School, welcomed the Board, administration and community to Hawthorne School. Mr. Patterson introduced PTA President Kim Van Ofs. Mr. Patterson thanked the Board for their support of the district, especially for the great facility they provided a few years ago. Mr. Patterson presented information about a link the school has with Wheaton College and shared a PowerPoint of a PE unit that the college football players participated in. Mr. Patterson also thanked Dr. Catalani for his leadership over the last eight years and his passion for teaching and learning. Dr. Catalani has created an atmosphere for administrators to be in classrooms observing and being seen supporting education.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Catalani recognized Jim Beutjer from Beutjer Plumbing for his invaluable service during and after the October 2 rain storm. The power was out at the Administration Building which caused the sump pump to be inoperative. The building had over 14 inches of water in the lower level. All of the technology staff and equipment are housed in this area of the building. Mr. Beutjer came to the building at 4:00 AM and stayed until 11:00 that night. Dr. Catalani stated that he is convinced that if not for Jim Beutjer, the damage to the building would have been much worse. His expertise and knowledge on safely pumping the water out of the building saved the building. Mr. Beutjer even involved the City of Wheaton when he convinced them to come and find the water main break that occurred across the street from the Administrative building. Dr. Catalani reported that Mr. Beutjer does lots of work for the district and usually under emergency conditions, but this time he went above and beyond and the district greatly appreciates him. The Board thanked Mr. Beutjer.

Dr. Catalani stated that after the water receded, the lower level had to be cleaned up and the technology issues dealt with. The Technology staff had to be relocated out of their offices for about a month. These workers willingly found other work spaces and continued to provide technology services to the district. Mr. Tom Kinane led these efforts and with the help of his staff they were able to get technology up and running in two days. Mr. Kinane then introduced the staff from the Technology Department and thanked the Board for recognizing the people that do the work behind the scenes.

Dr. Catalani recognized Dr. Margo Sorrick, Mr. Mark Kohlmann and Mrs. Ann Piccione, who are currently in Washington, DC receiving the Blue Ribbon Award given to Pleasant Hill by the U.S. Department of Education. This award, given to 15 Illinois schools and 250 schools nationwide, recognizes the school's high scores on state tests and its incremental improvement over the past three years. In addition to receiving the award, our representatives were asked to present to other winners on the topic, "The Impact of an On-Site Curriculum Specialist on Student Achievement." Congratulations to Pleasant Hill School, its teachers and staff, the students and parents.

The IASB will recognize Legat Architects at the upcoming annual state conference in Chicago for their design of Wheaton North High School. This award speaks to the quality of design this community allowed the district to provide for our students.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Board decided to move the action item Approval to Hire Boelter & Yates Inc. to Complete the Risk Assessment, to just after the Public Comments section of the agenda.

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	Dub Rutledge
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Joe Mahady
Topic	Environmental Testing and FOIA

Speaker	Jay Corgiat (with minutes from Cathy Mousseau, Tina Ciner, Linda Pille, Kate Hopkins, Theresa Hinck)
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Michelle Senatore (with minutes from Rey Senatore, Ryan Senatore, Betty Welker, Mike Vettraino)
Topic	BP/Warrenville/School District

Speaker	Mark O. Stern
Topic	Hubble Redevelopment

Speaker	Gerald Harris
Topic	Superintendent Search

A citizen, during Public Comment, stated that District 200 did not have an environmental study done, that the district had just had the builder's study confirmed. President Johnson stated that this is not accurate and that a full environmental study was completed by a company hired by District 200. The land was found to be high and dry. President Johnson also clarified that figures shared last week by Dr. Catalani were clearly stated as estimates.

Dr. Catalani clarified that at no time did District 200 have any part in the agreement with Amoco and Warrenville that was mentioned during Public Comment. It must be noted that anywhere you build you would need to have a water retention area. The City of Warrenville asked Amoco to store the water from the Herrick and Galusha site so that the district can use all of the land for students. The District did ask Amoco for additional access to the property through their land and Amoco agreed to allow the district to build a road on their site. District 200 has not agreed to any of the legal ramifications of the agreement between Amoco and the City of Warrenville. If anyone drives by either of the district high schools, they will see water retention areas and if the district decides to stay at the current Hubble site a water retention area will be required and will use up lots of the land.

ACTION ITEM

Approval to Hire Boelter & Yates Inc. to Complete the Risk Assessment

Mr. Jim Vroman presented a proposal from Boelter & Yates Inc to complete a risk assessment at a cost not to exceed \$25,000. The Board discussed this proposal and the fact that Board members believe no matter what the experts from the IEPA and Boelter & Yates report, there will be those that will continue to question and resist. Board members asked Mr. Vroman if he feels the Board and administration have done their due diligence. Mr. Vroman stated that, while he is not a school attorney and counsels large corporations, he would tell them they have done all due diligence based on Phase I and Phase II investigations.

Member Bomher noted that the district is often told to act more like the business world and private sector and asked would that mean that the district should be done with their investigations? Mr. Vroman responded yes.

The Board discussed how the evaluation will be done and requested the results by December 15 if possible. The Board stated that they feel they have done their due diligence and do not like spending this additional money; however, they will support this recommendation.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to approve the contract with Boelter & Yates Inc. to complete a risk assessment. The contract is not to exceed \$25,000. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- Once again, all District 200 schools will be observing Veterans Day this year with a variety of activities and visits from local veterans. We appreciate the help of local veterans organizations in providing speakers and support for the recognitions in each school. A list of school activities is posted on the District web site.
- Information packets for those interested in running for a seat on the Board of Education are now available in the Business Office. Three seats on the seven-member board will be filled in the April 17 election. Those interested in seeking election to the Board must file nominating petitions between January 29 and February 5.
- American Education Week will be celebrated throughout the country next week and here in District 200 using the theme, "Great Public Schools; A Basic Right and Our Responsibility." A special thank you to our communities and families for the support they give to our schools.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval to Post Proposed 2007-08 School Calendar – Recommend approval to post the calendar as presented.
2. Approval of Contract with Reputation Partners – Recommend the approval of the contract with Reputation Partners for public relations work as presented.
3. Approval of High School Change Orders – Recommend the approval of the change orders as presented.

4. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend the approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
5. Approval of Minutes – October 25 Open and Closed - 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 Knicker moved, Member Bomher 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

Approval of Amendment to Special Education Transportation Contract

In June 2006, the Board approved the special Education Transportation Contract with Septran, Inc. (through SASSED) for out of district special education transportation for a three-year term. In the development of the Transportation Services Contract with Septran, there was a significant deviation in the contract language for Indemnification. The language was much broader in scope than what was called for in the original bid specifications. An amendment has been created to correct this language, and thus allowing the contract document to match the bid specification language. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the amendment to the Special Education Transportation Contract with Septran, Inc. as presented.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the amendment to the Special Education Transportation Contract as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of New District 200 Logo

During the 2005-06 school year, the Board appointed a writing team to develop a vision and mission statement based on information provided by residents in a survey and during focus group discussions held the previous year. The team reviewed the feedback and developed vision, mission and belief statements based on that information. After sharing the documents with the community, they were revised and subsequently adopted by the Board of Education. The writing team then recommended that a new logo be developed to support the vision and mission statements. A group of community volunteer marketing, advertising, and design professionals joined the writing team to plan for a new logo. The group discussed the parameters to be considered and agreed on an identifying statement to become part of the logo design. Members of the committee will be present at the meeting to talk about the logo and answer questions. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the new logo design presented at the November 8, 2006 Board of Education meeting.

Kevin Williams, a District 200 Community member and representative of the team presented the proposed logo. The Board was very pleased with the proposal and discussed how the logo will be transitioned into use.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the new District 200 logo as recommended by the Vision/Mission Committee. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

Appointment of IASB Delegate Assembly Representative and Resolution Decisions

Each year at the IASB Annual Conference, a Delegate Assembly Meeting is held to vote on the resolutions as recommended by the Resolutions Committee. The Board of Education must appoint a Board member to represent them at the Annual Delegate Assembly to be held November 18, 2006. This delegate will vote on behalf of the Board of Education on the recommended resolutions as determined by the discussion of the resolutions.

The Board decided to appoint Member Coghill as the Delegate to represent them at the assembly. The Board further instructed Member Coghill to follow the recommendations of the Resolution Committee for voting.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Swanson seconded to appoint Joann Coghill as the IASB representative to the Delegate Assembly. The delegate will follow the recommendations of the Resolution Committee in voting. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

BELIEF STATEMENTS

A highly qualified, enthusiastic staff is necessary to ensure each student's success. The Board discussed this belief statement and ways the Board can promote this belief.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Slater stated that the IASB Annual Conference is this next weekend. Member Slater reported that both Dr. Sorrick and Mary Lou Sender will be presenting to the secretary group.

Member Swanson reported that she and Member Intihar met with Dr. Sorrick to develop the wording for the Curriculum Goal. This will be on the next agenda for approval.

Member Coghill reported that she and Member Swanson spoke at the WNHS Booster meeting. There was good discussion with the parents about the Hubble issue, technology and class rank.

Member Coghill requested a synopsis of the bullying program that was presented at the parent education class.

President Johnson stated that the Board will begin interviewing candidates in the Superintendent Search during the first week of December.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

Hubble Goal
Superintendent Search
Goal Setting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – December 13, 2006 – Pleasant Hill Elementary School

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session items are listed for possible action

Student Discipline 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9)

Personnel 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

Potential Land Acquisition 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5)

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 Student Discipline 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9), Personnel 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1), and Potential Land Acquisition 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5). 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 9:43 PM.

Action is expected following the Closed Session.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to reinstate the rules and reconvene in Open Session. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Slater seconded to uphold the suspension of student S2006-07-03. 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 Coghill seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President