

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
December 12, 2001

The first regular meeting of the month of December 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 Andy Johnson, on Wednesday, December 12, 2001, at 7:24 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Andrew Johnson
 Rosemary Swanson
 Alan Bolds
 Barbara Intihar
 Ken Knicker
 Marie C. Slater
 Bob Davis (by phone at 9:00)

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATION WITH HOST SCHOOL

Mrs. Kathy DeMarzo, Principal of Lincoln School welcomed the Board, administration and community members to the renewed Lincoln School. Mrs. DeMarzo introduced the staff and PTA President. A slide show of the remodeled and enlarged building was presented.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Items 16 and 17 were moved to just after the Oral Report so that Member Davis could be part of the discussion and decision.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

None

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	Penny Coyle
Topic	CEA Contract

Speaker	Bea Milano
Topic	Deferred minutes to Jan Campbell

Speaker	Jan Campbell
Topic	Response to Letter to the Editor Regarding High Schools

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported that in light of recent letters to the editor, a response from the District perspective has been sent to the papers.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gifts to District 200 – Recommend the acceptance of the furniture from Lucent Technologies as presented.
2. Acceptance of Gift to Longfellow School – Recommend the acceptance of the \$1000 gift to Longfellow School for the purchase of materials for the LLC.
3. Approval to Dispose of Fixed Assets – Recommend the approval to dispose of surplus furniture.
4. Approval to Dispose of District Vehicle – Recommend the approval to declare the 1986 Jeep truck surplus and allow its disposal.
5. Adoption of 2002-03 School Calendar – Recommend the adoption of the 2002-03 school calendar as presented and posted.
6. Approval of Pilot Open Lunch Program for High School Seniors – Recommend the approval of the Pilot Open Lunch Program as presented.
7. Approval of Change Orders – Recommend the approval of the change orders as presented.
8. Approval of Emerson Sewer Line Emergency Repair – Recommend the approval of the emergency repair as presented.
9. Approval of Boundary Modifications for Wiesbrook & Bower Elementary Schools – Recommend the approval of the boundary modification as presented.
10. Approval of Maintenance Easement at Hubble Middle School – Recommend the approval of the maintenance easement and agreement as presented.
11. Approval of Completed Life Safety Amendments – Recommend the approval of the completed Life Safety Amendments as presented.
12. Approval of Payroll and Bills Payable – Recommend the approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
13. Approval of Minutes, November 7 Open & Closed, November 9 & 10 Closed – Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented.
14. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

Member Bolds requested that items 5, 10, 13 and the November 7 Open and Closed Session Minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Slater seconded to accept the Consent Agenda minus items 5, 10, 13 and the November 7 Open and Closed Session Minutes. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Item 5 – Adoption of 2002-03 Calendar

There was discussion about changing the 2002-03 calendar to align the semester break with the winter break. Dr. Catalani stated that his recommendation is to leave the 2002-03 calendar as presented and allow staff to spend the next few months studying options to address the final exam schedule without impacting the calendar. The Board requested that any changes that could impact the calendar be presented to the public early enough that summer calendars would not be impacted without sufficient time to be prepared.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to adopt the 2002-03 calendar as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Item 10 – Approval of Maintenance Easement at Hubble Middle School

There was discussion about the proposed agreement and its' long term implications. Member Bolds was concerned about the agreement being done in perpetuity. The current sign at Hubble will be replaced in this agreement with a better sign. The attorneys have reviewed this agreement and believe it to be a good deal for the district and they did not see any problems with the wording.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Swanson seconded to approve the maintenance easement at Hubble Middle School as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Item 13 – Approval of Minutes – November 7 Open & Closed

The minutes will be amended during the Closed Session of this meeting and brought back to the Board at the January 9 meeting for approval.

ACTION ITEMS

Item 15 – Adoption of 2001-02 Tax Levy

The 2001 tentative levy was presented at the October 24, 2001 Board meeting. A Public Hearing on the proposed tentative levy was held on November 7, 2001 at Franklin Middle School. The tentative levy has been on display and review for public comment from October 24, 2001 through December 12, 2001. No questions or comments were received from the public. It is recommended that the Board adopt the resolutions for the 2001 Tax Levy as presented requesting an 8.96% increase, that the Certificate of Tax Levy be executed and that all forms be filed with the County Clerk.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to adopt the resolutions for the 2001 Tax Levy as presented, execute the Certificate of Tax Levy and file the forms with the County Clerk. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Item 18 – Approval to Post Kindergarten Language Arts Curriculum

The Department of Instruction has been reviewing the curriculum following the Continuous Improvement Model for Instruction adopted by the Board of Education. Subject expectations, essential learnings and critical content for kindergarten language arts were developed this year. The recommendation is to post the curriculum for community review until January 11, 2002 at the Wheaton, Warrenton, Winfield and Carol Stream public libraries and at the Administration Building.

The Board requested that the curriculum also be posted at the elementary schools.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Intihar seconded to post the Kindergarten Language Arts Curriculum until January 11, 2002 at the Wheaton, Warrenton, Winfield and Carol Stream public libraries and at the Administration Building. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ORAL REPORT

President Johnson explained that the Board, Dr. Catalani and the Cabinet met on November 9 and 10 to define the Board's high priority goals for the 2001-02 school year. The goals were reduced to three from a list of approximately 40 items. Dr. Catalani gave a PowerPoint presentation about the goals. Dr. Catalani stated that it is important to set goals, but it is equally important to know how the work will be done and how the accomplishments will be measured. The Board requested that the goals be listed on the web page.

Member Davis joined the meeting at 9:00 PM.

ACTION ITEMS

Item 16 – Approval of Resolution Declaring the Intent to Issue Working Cash Fund Bonds

At the November 7 Board Meeting, a motion was approved that outlined a process to expand both high schools. The first step involves obtaining money through refinancing the current debt and selling bonds. In order to begin the process of issuing bonds, the Board must adopt a "Resolution of Intent to Issue Working Cash Fund Bonds". After approval, the Notice of Intent must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. During the next 30 days, the Board must make available a petition form to any individual requesting such a form. The Board must also adopt a "Resolution to Hold a Public Hearing" regarding the Intent of the Board to Issue Bonds. The Public Hearing must be held at least seven days prior to the adoption of the Bond Sale Resolution. The final step is the adoption of the Bond Sale Resolution. The Board must set the dollar amount for the bond sale at a level that best meets the immediate needs of the District without exceeding the limit set by law or an amount that has an immediate impact on the tax rate. It is recommended, that as required by law, the Secretary of the Board of Education read the Resolution to Issue Working Cash Fund Bonds.

Dr. Catalani gave a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the timeline for high school summer work, the \$9,906,840 proposed work and the timeline for selling of bonds. Dr. Catalani explained the benefits of a two phase approach to fixing the high schools to meet the recommendations of the high school task force and enrollment requirements. Mr. Bill Hepworth was present to answer Board questions about the bond sale.

The Board discussed the following issues:

- What can the money be used for?
- If any of the summer work would have to be redone in the final plans.
- The language for the posting.
- The recommended dollar amount for the bonds
- Whether the bonds should be sold all at once or if the request should be an up to amount and sell what is needed now and have the option to sell more if needed.
- Whether the tech plan that is part of this recommendation will make the buildings ready to address the curriculum needs.
- Why working cash bonds versus operation and maintenance bonds?
- Total amount of debt the district could access.
- The fees associated with the selling of bonds.
- The District bond rating.
- Whether the funds can be allocated to other funds.
- The possibility of adding funds up to \$14,000,000 to include money for the potential purchase of property.

The Board asked staff to find out if the district has an option of buying land on a payment basis instead of total amount in cash.

MOTION

Member Davis moved, Member Slater seconded to approve the resolution to Issue Working Cash Fund Bonds in the amount of \$14,000,000.

There was discussion of the amount to be requested in the bond sale. Dr. Catalani stated that his recommendation was to only request \$11,000,000 and not include funds to purchase property until a decision has been made regarding the use of Hubble Middle School. Additional bonds can be sold later by following the same process if the Board desires.

AMMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Intihar seconded to amend the motion to Issue Working Cash Fund Bonds in the amount of \$11,000,000. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion to amend the main motion carried 7-0.**

President Johnson read the intention to sell bonds. Secretary Knicker read the resolution to Issue Working Cash Fund Bonds (resolution attached to minutes).

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION

Upon a roll call being taken on the main motion as amended, the vote was: AYE 6 (Davis, Slater, Intihar, Knicker, Swanson, Johnson), NAY 1 (Bolds). **The motion carried 6-1.**

Item 17 – Approval of Resolution Calling a Public Hearing Concerning the Intent to Sell Working Cash Fund Bonds

The Bond Issue Notification Act requires that a public hearing be called and held in conjunction with the sale of bonds for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the district and that the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution calling such public hearing.

MOTION

Member Davis moved, Member Swanson seconded to read the resolution and set a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education to sell Working Cash Fund Bonds.

Secretary Knicker read the resolution (resolution attached to minutes).

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There was a discussion of the reports from each Board member about their experiences at the Joint Conference in November. It was decided that the Board will submit their reports in writing and a memo will be written to combine everyone's input.

President Johnson mentioned an article he read about a study on obesity in children. It was suggested in the article that pop machines in schools might contribute to their obesity. President Johnson requested that staff look into this.

President Johnson requested that the high priority goals be listed on future agendas under Topics for Future Discussion and that they be listed on the web page.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

Public Hearing – Intent to Sell Working Cash Fund Bonds
Approval of Kindergarten Language Arts Curriculum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular Meeting – January 9, Longfellow Elementary School

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in open session, Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn to Closed Session. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor. **The motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 10:35 PM.

No action will be taken following the Closed Session.

Ken Knicker, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President