

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
December 12, 2007

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 Longfellow Elementary School, 311 W. Seminary, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andrew Johnson, on Wednesday, December 12, 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
 Marie Slater

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Hank Beckman and Mr. Jim Fuller led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH HOST SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Christine Ward – WNHS

Ali Winberg - 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.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Acceptance of the 2006-07 Audit was removed from the agenda and will be brought back to the Board at a later meeting.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Board recognized former employee Lisa Kimball for her service to District 200 and her efforts in the annual observance of Veterans Day.

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	Alan Bolds
Topic	Referendum

Speaker	Jim Flickinger
Topic	Referendum

Speaker	Jim Carr
Topic	Referendum

BELIEF STATEMENT

A Safe and Secure Environment Should be Provided in All of Our Buildings

Dr. Belha gave an overview of what the district is doing to meet the objectives of this belief statement.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Drury reported the following:

- **IMAGE Testing Report** – Dr. Sorrick reported on steps the district has taken, under the leadership of Mrs. Phyllis Weaver, to work with the state to make them aware of the concerns and correct the problem of ELL students being required to take the ISAT and PSAE tests in place of the IMAGE test. Dr. Sorrick reported that Mrs. Weaver led the organization, development and distribution of a position paper for DuPage County. She presented the position paper on November 16th to the State Bilingual Advisory Council and personally provided State Superintendent Koch with a copy of the DuPage County position paper. The position paper was also presented at a November 29th meeting of the Illinois Association for Multilingual and Multicultural Education and has been distributed to the CODE2 (Consortium of DuPage ELL Educators), DELL (Directors and Coordinators for ELL Programs) and Illinois Principals. The Executive Director of LEND has also shared the letter as she deemed appropriate. The DuPage position paper was also presented to all District 200 principals and ELL teachers for their information. Representatives for Will and DeKalb Counties are using the paper as they develop their own position statements. Terri Tudor, District 200 teacher and lobbyist for INEA met with representatives for Senator Durbin, Senator Obama and federal Illinois representatives during a meeting the week of November 26th. The Board discussed this situation and expressed a desire to become involved in working with local representatives to raise their awareness level regarding the need for immediate attention to this issue.
- **WNHS** – *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked Wheaton North High School in the top 3% of high schools in the United States, using data from the 2005-06 school year. The magazine analyzed 18,790 high schools in 40 states (some states were excluded due to insufficient reporting information). The evaluation of these high schools was based on three criteria. The first two criteria measured how well these schools served all students using proficiency benchmarks. The first measure looked at how students were performing statistically compared to other students in the state, particularly in the areas of reading and math. The second measure considered how these schools were supporting the least

advantaged students and how they were performing. The final assessment judged the schools nationally on college-readiness using Advanced Placement scores as the benchmark (Advanced Placement is a College Board program that offers college-level courses at high schools across the country).

- Dr. Drury read a letter he received from a district parent commending Coaches Muhitch and Jackson for their actions with a football player from St. Rita high school following the WWSHS versus St. Rita football game.
- The Focus on Learning Newsletter is expected to go out to all community members by the end of this week or beginning of next week.
- A pod cast of the referendum presentation, starring Drs. Drury and Sullivan should be on the district web site by the end of the week.
- We are planning on posting our School Board meetings on the web site by the end of the month.
- The district needs to reapply for a waiver from the state to keep the driver's ed fee at \$250 instead of following the fee of \$50 as set in the School Code. The current waiver expires at the end of this school year. The district must conduct a public hearing and the Board must approve this application process. The deadline to request the waiver is January 11, therefore, at the January 9 Board meeting, we will conduct the public hearing and ask the Board to take action to approve the application. The public hearing notice will be posted in the newspaper, on the web site, sent to the WWEA and sent to all of our local representatives seven days prior to the hearing, as per state requirements.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gift to Longfellow School – Recommend the acceptance of the gifts of books and a computer to Longfellow School as presented.
2. Acceptance of Gift to Lowell School – Recommend the acceptance of money to Lowell School as presented.
3. Approval to Post Kindergarten through Grade Eight Social Studies Critical Content – Recommend the approval to post the critical content for 30 days as presented.
4. Approval to Post Kindergarten through Grade Eight Physical Education Critical Content - Recommend the approval to post the critical content for 30 days as presented.
5. Approval to Post Revisions to Policy 4.110, Transportation – Recommend the approval to post the policy for 30 days as presented.
6. Approval to Dispose of Surplus Assets, Band Uniforms – Recommend the approval to declare the band uniforms surplus and dispose of them as presented.
7. Approval and Adoption of a 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan – Recommend approval and adoption of the deferred compensation plan as presented.
8. Approval to Post the 2008-09 District Calendar Draft – Recommend approval to post the calendar as presented.
9. Approval to Re-post Brief Period of Silence Policy – Recommend approval to re-post the policy to reflect the change in policy number as presented.
10. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
11. Approval of Minutes – November 14, 2007 Open and Closed Minutes, and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Session Meetings Prior to July 2006 - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented, and approval to destroy the recordings of closed session meetings prior to July 2006. The Closed Session minutes will remain closed.
12. 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. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the 2007 Levy

At the October 10, 2007 Board meeting, the administration presented the 2007 tentative levy information. The aggregate levy increase reported was 9.43% over the previous tax extension for 2006 (excluding debt service). The Board conducted a required public hearing at the November 14, 2007 Board meeting. The proposed levy has been on display for public review and comment since October 11, 2007. No comments have been received from the public. It is recommended that the Board approve the resolutions and adopt the levy as presented. The Certificate of Tax Levy will be executed and filed with the County Clerk following the action of the Board.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Bomher seconded to adopt the tax levy resolution as presented, execute the Certificate of Tax Levy and direct staff to file the forms with the County Clerk. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Acceptance of the 2006-07 Audit

This item was removed from the agenda and will be brought back to the Board at a future meeting.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Swanson stated that the Library Committee that she serves on has a meeting on December 13 and Member Swanson is unable to attend. Member Swanson asked any other Board member willing to attend in her place to please contact her.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Public Comment Procedures

Appointment of Board Representative for Wheaton Sesquicentennial Year of Celebration

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

January 9, 2008 – Madison Elementary School

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Swanson moved, Member Bomher seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Issues 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

No action is expected following the Closed Session.

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 9:04 PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President