

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
December 13, 2006

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 Pleasant Hill Elementary School, 220 Pleasant Hill Road, Winfield, IL, by Board President Andy Johnson, on Wednesday, December 13, 2006, at 7:30 PM.

Prior to the meeting, the Board celebrated Pleasant Hill's National Blue Ribbon Award with the staff of Pleasant Hill School. Following the celebration, the Board recognized the WWSHS Class 8A State Champion Football Team, Coach Ron Muhitch, and the team support staff for their championship winning season.

The Board took a short break before starting the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Andrew Johnson
 Rosemary Swanson
 Marie C. Slater
 Barbara Intihar
 Joann Coghill
 John Bomher

Absent: Ken Knicker

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Mark Kohlmann led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH HOST SCHOOL

Mr. Mark Kohlmann, Principal of Pleasant Hill School thanked the Board, Administration and community members for attending the meeting at Pleasant Hill School and for celebrating their U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon Award with the Pleasant Hill staff. Mr. Kohlmann introduced Assistant Principal Jen Keeler and recognized the Pleasant Hill staff that was present at the meeting. Mr. Kohlmann described the ceremony that was held in Washington D.C. when he, along with Mrs. Keeler and Dr. Sorrick went to receive the award. Mr. Kohlmann stated that the three of them presented at the ceremony on what Pleasant Hill did to cause student

achievement and improvement. The PowerPoint will be published on the Department of Education web site. The plaque and flag that were given to the school were on display.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

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	Michelle Senatore (minutes from Rey, Chase & Ryan Senatore and Betty Welker)
Topic	Catalani lawsuit, potential school site location, IL EPA

Speaker	Joe Mahady & Jonathan Meyer
Topic	Agenda, Architect Report & Financial Prospect for Hubble land, Taxes, TIF’s

Speaker	Jan Kay
Topic	Sunshine Laws

Speaker	Mike Milnamow (minutes from Lisa Bradley, Chris Fieweger)
Topic	Hubble Project

Speaker	Mark O. Stern
Topic	Superintendent Contract

Speaker	Paul Yousif
Topic	Board Practices

President Johnson responded that the Board does all business out in public; it always has and always will. The community survey showed that the citizens want high quality teachers and they do not come without pay. The leader of those teachers has to be paid to do the job. President Johnson stated many of the things that have been accomplished under the leadership of Dr. Catalani and he deserves the pay he has been given. Based on the advice of the district’s legal counsel and a court ruling, the superintendent’s contract is not something that can be obtained through a FOIA request.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- The district is pleased to announce that the NEW 200 Foundation, the district’s educational foundation that works to support innovative instructional projects in District 200, is making a significant grant to Hubble Middle School. The \$7,000 award will support a Library Literacy Lab program that has been designed to improve reading skills in students who have been identified to be struggling to meet state standards in reading. The goal of the project is to promote a love of reading, to give students appropriate reading materials at their level, and to help them build critical vocabulary through

increased reading. We thank the Foundation for working so hard to raise additional funds to support our schools with the Fun Run held in September, and we are pleased to see them move quickly to return the profits from this event to meet a defined district need. We also thank the following staff members from Hubble who have worked to develop a well researched proposal to improve literacy in their school. Here tonight are Sue Luehring, the Hubble Librarian, Tricia Lynch, the Reading Specialist, and Jen Tavine, the Curriculum Leader. Patrick Bresnehan was also instrumental in the development of the proposal. Thank you to the Foundation Board members also here to represent their organization with this gift. The members present were recognized and Mark Bridges, the incoming President was introduced.

- Bill Hepworth from Wm. Baird and Associates, presented information on projected additional tax revenues for a redevelopment of the Hubble property to the school district, Wheaton Park District, and the City of Wheaton. (The Board requested that Mr. Hepworth provide information on the cost to the taxpayer to generate the amount of money that the redevelopment would generate.)
- Patrick Brosnan from Legat Architects presented costs to build a program driven middle school versus a program driven renovated Hubble building versus just renewing the current building. The program driven needs were developed from meetings with Hubble teachers and administrators. Mr. Brosnan will provide a summary page that shows how each model compares to the other three middle schools and it will be posted on the district's web site.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of High School Change Orders – Recommend the approval of the change orders as presented.
2. Approval of Electric Contract at WNHS – Recommend the approval of the contract as presented.
3. Approval of the 2206-07 Board of Education Goals – Recommend the approval of the goals as presented.
4. Approval to Post Middle School Technology Curriculum – Recommend the approval to post the curriculum as presented.
5. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend the approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
6. Approval of Minutes – November 8, 2006 Open and Closed, November 28, 2006 Closed and Approval to Destroy the Closed Session Recordings of Meeting Prior to July of 2005 - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented and approval to destroy the closed session recordings of meetings prior to July of 2005. The closed session minutes will remain closed.
7. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar 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 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of 2006 Levy

At the October 11, 2006 Board meeting, the administration presented the 2006 tentative levy information. The aggregate levy increase reported was 15.51% over the previous Tax Extension for 2005 (excluding debt service.) A Public Hearing was held on November 8, 2006 and the tentative levy has been on display for public review and comment. One comment was received. It is recommended that the Board adopt the resolution and certificates for the 2006 Tax Levy as presented, and that the Certificate of Tax Levy be executed, and that all forms be filed with the County Clerk.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Swanson seconded to adopt the 2006 levy as posted and presented, that the Certificate of Tax Levy be executed, and that all forms be filed with the County Clerk. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Middle School Mobile Laptop Cart Purchase

Textbooks were adopted in March of 2006 for the American History curriculum. These textbooks came with a variety of online resources for digital textbooks and instructional support materials. To take full advantage of these resources for successful implementation, the Department of Educational Services is requesting purchase of one mobile, wireless laptop cart at each middle school and presentation station. Each cart would contain 16 laptops that can be moved to any classroom and connected to the network and a printer. There is also a presentation station that contains one laptop and a designated LCD video projector with support speakers. The cost per cart is \$22,830.98 and \$2,441.00 per presentation station. The total cost for four complete set ups is \$101,087.92 and the funds are included in the 2006-07 budget. It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of four laptop carts and four presentation stations as presented.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the purchase of four Middle School Mobile Laptop Carts and presentation stations as presented at a cost of \$101,087.92. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of the 2007-08 School Calendar

Every year the Board of Education adopts a calendar for the following school year. The proposed 2007-08 calendar was recommended by the district Leadership Team. At the November 8, 2006 Board meeting, the Board approved the posting of the calendar. Approximately 18 comments have been received from parents and staff. The majority of the responses addressed the start of the school year and the dates of Spring Break. The calendar basically follows the recommendations of the Regional Office of Education, which provides guidelines that most DuPage school districts follow. The opening of school, the Winter Break and Spring Break follow those guidelines. It is recommended that the Board adopt the 2007-08 school calendar as proposed.

MOTION

Member moved, Member seconded to adopt the 2007-08 School Calendar as posted and presented. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

DISCUSSION ITEM

Seventh and Eighth Grade Family and Consumer Science Critical Content

WRITTEN REPORT

LLC Report

This report was for information only.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Slater reminded the Board of the February 12 IASB DuPage Division Dinner being held at Wheaton North High School.

President Johnson reported that the Monroe Overpass dedication will be held on January 20 and all are invited.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

Hubble Goal

Superintendent Search

Goal Setting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – January 10, 2007 – Franklin Middle 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)

Pending Litigation 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

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 the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Student Discipline 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9), Personnel 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1), Potential Land Acquisition 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5), 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.** The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 10:05 PM.

Action is expected on the student discipline item following the Closed Session.

MOTION

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

MOTION

Member Coghill moved, Member Slater seconded to uphold the suspension of student S2006-07-04. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

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 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 AM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President