

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
December 14, 2005

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 Hubble Middle School, 603 S. Main Street, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andy Johnson, on Wednesday, December 14, 2005, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

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.

COMMUNICATION WITH HOST SCHOOL

Dr. Beth Sullivan welcomed the Board of Education, Administration and community to Hubble Middle School and thanked those that participated in the tour of the building prior to the meeting.

Dr. Sullivan pointed out the Wall of Remembrance that was created as a tribute to Veterans and thanked the Board, Administration and community for allowing District 200 to hold school on Veteran's Day. This practice gives the schools the opportunity to teach kids about the veterans instead of just having a day off of school.

Dr. Sullivan introduced Veronica Nesbit, a Hubble student that won the talent portion at the Illinois American Coed Pageant. Veronica played her musical selections on the flute.

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	Mark O. Stern
Topic	Renovations

Speaker	Jennifer Hufnagel
Topic	Property

Speaker	Betty Welker (and Jill Quintana)
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Michelle Senatore (and Paul Yousif, Ted Virgilio, Tina Lehman)
Topic	Property

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

President Johnson stated that the Board and District are very proud to announce that at the Illinois Joint Conference held in Chicago at the end of November, Marie Slater was installed as the President of the IASB. Marie was elected by her peers that represent the 900 school districts across the state of Illinois.

President Johnson thanked all of the community members that attended the Hubble Open House and tour prior the start of this meeting.

President Johnson thanked Mary Lou Sender and the staff for their efforts in bringing the ElectronicSchoolBoard system to the district. There have been numerous positive comments about the increased level of communication and ease of use.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Catalani stated that he had no formal report but wished everyone a happy and relaxing Holiday Season.

Member Knicker reported that Susan Wolfe, Principal at Franklin Middle School, completed her doctorate and was hooded. This means that 3 of the 4 middle school principals have doctorates. Mr. Knicker stated that he believes this is a statement of the level of administrators in District 200. He is very proud of the number of administrators that are continuing to expand their educations.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gift to Lowell School – Recommend the acceptance of the gift to Lowell School as presented.
2. Approval of the New Articles of Agreement for the DuPage/West Cook Low Incidence Service Agreement – Recommend the approval of the articles of agreement as presented.

3. Approval to Post High School Courses: Percussion Ensemble/Percussion Studies, Wind Ensemble, Junior Varsity Women's Chorale, Men's Chorale, French 2 & 3, and Communication Studies – Recommend the approval to post the curricula as presented.
4. Request to Post Grade Seven and Grade Eight Social Studies Textbooks – Recommend the approval to post the textbooks as presented.
5. Approval of High School Change Orders - Recommend the approval of the change orders as presented.
6. Approval of Minutes, November 9 Open - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented.
7. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend the approval of the Bills Payable and Payroll as presented.
8. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Swanson 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 High School Curriculum Posted on October 26, 2005: Drivers Education, Junior/Senior Physical Education Courses and Oral Interpretation

As part of the curriculum renewal process, the district posts recommended critical content for the community to review. The curricula have been posted for 30 days on the district website. No comments have been received from the public. It is recommended that the Board approve the curricula as presented and posted.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the Drivers Education, Junior/Senior Physical Education and Oral Interpretation curricula as presented and posted. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Adoption of 2005 Tax Levy

At the October 12, 2005 Board Meeting, the administration presented the 2005 tentative levy information. The levy increase reported was 10.74% over the previous tax extension for 2004. The Board announced the recommended tentative levy and set the Public Hearing as required by law for November 9, 2005. The tentative levy has been on display and review for public comment from October 13, 2005 through December 14, 2005. No questions or comments have been received from the public. Mr. Farley gave a presentation on the tax levy. It is recommended that the Board adopt the resolutions for the 2005 Tax Levy as presented, that the Certificate of Tax Levy be executed, and that all forms be filed with the County Clerk.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Slater seconded to adopt the resolutions for the 2005 Tax Levy as 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 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Acceptance of Audit

Annually, William F. Gurrie & Company prepares an independent audit of the financial statements of CUSD 200. William F. Gurrie also expressed an opinion based on the combined financial statements of the District. The Board is asked to accept the independent audit as presented by William F. Gurrie.

Mr. Tim Cole from Gurrie addressed the Board and reported the findings of the audit and his opinion on the 2004/2005 audit that is done in compliance with all regulations of GASB 24 audit reporting. Mr. Cole stated that the District does a very efficient job of managing the finances. There are good procedures in place to monitor spending, and reporting and all in charge take the financial management issues very seriously.

It is recommended that the Board accept the 2004/2005 audit of William F. Gurrie & Company as presented.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Slater seconded to accept the 2004/2005 audit of William F. Gurrie & Company as presented. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and the **motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Lease of Computers for School Offices

School office computers need to be replaced to keep up with software and system requirements. The Department of Technology recommends the lease of 82 Dell OptiPlex GX560 computers from American Capital at a cost of \$27,020 per year for three years. Each elementary school will receive 3 computers, the middle schools will receive 5 each and the high schools will receive 10 each.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the lease of 82 Dell OptiPlex GX560 computers from American Capital at a cost of \$27,029 per year. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Posted Policy 6.15, School Accountability

The current Policy 6.15, School Accountability, is obsolete due to changes in state and federal law that require different content in each school's improvement plan. In addition, the No Child Left Behind Act requires districts to have a policy regarding School Choice as identified by the act. Although the district has followed the requirements of NCLB and this policy, it has not had a Board approved policy on the topic. This policy has been posted for public review and no comments have been received. It is recommended that the Board approve the policy as posted and presented.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve Policy 6.15, School Accountability, as posted and presented. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and the **motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 2006-2007 School Calendar

At the November 9, 2005 Board meeting, the Board approved the posting of this calendar for public review and comment. The calendar was presented through the District Collaborative Team. All members of the team unanimously supported this calendar. During the posting period, 14 emails regarding the calendar were received. Nine of the comments detailed concerns over how the winter break was scheduled and indicated a preference for the break sooner and returning to school earlier in January. One email supported the proposed calendar. The other comments were related to the start of the school year and whether inservice days should be half days or full days. It is recommended that the Board adopt the 2006-2007 school calendar as posted and presented.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Knicker seconded to adopt the 2006-2007 school calendar as posted and presented. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and the **motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Purchase of Driver's Education Car

The District currently owns four Ford Contour Driver Education cars for use in the program. These vehicles are nine years old. One of the cars was involved in an accident on December 7, 2005. The damage to the car is estimated at over \$5100, which is greater than the appraised value of \$2,655. Staff has investigated the possibility of repairing this vehicle, and has determined that it would not be cost efficient to do so. The District is able to take advantage of the Central Management Services (CMS) Purchasing Contract. The contract is available to the district as competitively bid government pricing, and allowable under the School Code. The current contract for automobiles is with Bill Jacobs Joliet LLC, and a 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt can be purchased for \$10,180. This vehicle would meet the needs as a replacement for the damaged vehicle. It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of a 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt from Bill Jacobs Joliet LLC, as part of the State Purchasing Contract.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Bomher seconded to approve the purchase of a 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt from Bill Jacobs Joliet LLC, in the amount of \$10,180, as part of the State Purchasing Contract. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

DISCUSSION ITEM

Hubble Middle School Goal

Dr. Catalani gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the time line of activities to date in the Hubble decision and provided answers to questions previously submitted by Board members. The Board discussed the available dates for running a referendum to fund any decision regarding Hubble, as well as a potential Ed Fund referendum. There was a discussion of how and where the outside activities held at Hubble could be rescheduled if the current Hubble site were eliminated.

Member Bomher thanked the public for expressing their views. One observation that Mr. Bomher made is that there is a great deal of awareness among the community and a sense that there is recognition that the current facility isn't really reaching the mission to educate kids. It is also encouraging to see the incredible perseverance by administration and staff to be creative as

was done with the Longfellow building. The question of whether to build somewhere else or build and tear down at the current site will have to be discussed and a conclusion reached.

The Board expressed a desire to have the architects develop a visual of what a middle school might look like so the Board and community get a sense of what they are aiming at.

The next step will be to decide if and when to place a referendum on the ballot.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Proposed Vision and Mission Statements

Members Intihar and Coghill presented a draft version of the Vision/Mission Statements that are the result of the work of the writing committee. Board members were asked to reflect on the two documents and submit their questions, comments and suggestions to either Board member. A revised version will be provided for discussion at the January 11 Board meeting and the Board will be asked to vote on the statements at the January 25 meeting. The draft of the documents will be posted on the district web site and all staff will get a chance to comment on the statements.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

Vision & Mission Statement

Hubble Goal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – January 11, 2006 – Monroe Middle School

TAX LEVY

Mr. Farley reported that the Board report to Adopt the 2005 Tax Levy contains an error. Under the Summary section, item 1 lists a Resolution to adopt and file the 2004 Tax Levy. This should read the 2005 Tax Levy. In order to be completely accurate, Dr. Catalani recommended that the Board revote on the adoption of 2005 Tax levy. The postings and resolutions were all accurate.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Swanson seconded to revote on the adoption of the 2005 Tax Levy with the correct year as part of the report. 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 Bomher moved, Member Knicker seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Student Discipline 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9). 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 10:15 PM.

MOTION

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

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to uphold the suspension of student S2005-06-01. 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 Bomher moved, Member Knicker seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0** and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President