

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
December 17, 2008

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 Edison Middle School, 1125 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andy Johnson, on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Andrew Johnson
 Ken Knicker
 Marie Slater
 Joann Coghill (arrived at 7:14 PM)
 Barbara Intihar (arrived at 7:28 PM)
 Rosemary Swanson
 John Bomher

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

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Swanson seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Collective Negotiating Matters. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

MOTION

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

The open meeting reconvened at 7:34 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Kim Price led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Ms. Kim Price, Assistant Principal of Edison Middle School, welcomed the Board, administration and community to Edison School. Ms. Price reported that Edison participated in the Christmas Sharing program. Edison families and staff adopted 45 Edison families that were

in need of assistance this year. The Edison Service Club rang the Salvation Army bells in front of Dominick's Food Store. While ringing the bells, the students sang Christmas carols and encouraged people to fill the buckets. By the end of their two hour shift, the buckets were filled to capacity. Edison staff participated in the Humanitarian Service Project collection of gifts for children of all ages.

Edison Orchestra students, under the leadership of Joanne Wegssheid, performed for the Board and community.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

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	Suzanne Bessette-Smith
Topic	2009-10 Calendar

Speaker	Mark Stern
Topic	Contract Extension

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Rammer did a brief presentation on the calendar. He will do an abbreviated version of the presentation from the last meeting. Mr. Johnson thanked Dr. Rammer for his presentation.
- Dr. Drury presented a Finance Committee Update with a PowerPoint. Board members discussed the report and asked questions. Dr. Drury stated that he feels the Committee is interested in the option that is a combination of solutions. Member Slater serves on the committee and she offered her thoughts on the work of the committee. Dr. Drury stated that he will bring a recommendation to the Board by the March meeting.
- Dr. Drury reported that both high schools rank in the top 3% of high schools in the United States for 2008 as reported by U.S. News & World Report. Developed by School Educational Services, a K-12 educational data research business run by Standard & Poors, the study analyzed how high schools serve all students, not only the ones planning to attend college. Over 21,000 schools were examined from 48 states comparing data from the 2006-07 school year. A three step process was used to make the determination. The first two steps look to see that all students are served well, and the third step, for those meeting the criteria of the first two steps, looks at the degree to which schools prepare students for college level work.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gift to Washington Elementary School – Recommend the acceptance of the donation of a Smart Board to Washington School as presented.
2. Adoption of Revised Policy 4.60 Purchases – Recommend the adoption of the policy as posted and presented.
3. Adoption of the 2009-10 District Student Calendar – Recommend adoption of the calendar as presented and posted for 30 days for public review and comment.
4. Approval to Post the Kindergarten through Grade 8 Science Curriculum – Recommend approval to post the curriculum as presented for 30 days for public review and input.
5. Approval to Post Supplemental Materials for Instruction - Recommend approval to post the supplemental materials as presented for 30 days for public review and input.
6. Adoption of the 403(b) Plan Document – Recommend the adoption of the 403(b) Plan Document as presented per the revised Illinois statute.
7. Approval of the Hubble Change Orders – Recommend approval of the change orders as presented.
8. Approval of Easement Agreement for New Hubble Middle School – Recommend approval of the easement agreement as presented.
9. Approval of V3 Engineering Contract for Roadway Construction Oversight Services – Recommend approval of the contract as presented.
10. Approval of Bids for Bower School Renovations – Recommend the approval of the bids as presented.
11. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of bills payable and payroll as presented.
12. Approval of Minutes –November 12, 2008 Open, and Approval to Dispose of Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to June 2007.
13. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

Board members discussed the 2009-10 calendar. Board members stated that there are many things that limit choices with the calendar development to protect the integrity of the instructional program. It is not possible to please everyone with the final calendar. From a curricular perspective, students miss out if the semester is shortened. Member Slater sat on the committee and she stated that elementary and middle school representatives reminded the committee that District 200 is more than a high school district.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater 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 2008 Tax Levy

At the October 22, 2008 Board Meeting the administration presented the 2008 tentative levy information. The aggregate levy increase reported was 10.84% over the previous Tax Extension for 2007 (excluding debt service).

The Board announced the recommended tentative levy and set the Public Hearing as required by law for 7:30 p.m. on November 12, 2008 at Whittier Elementary School. The tentative levy has been on display and review for public comment from October 23, 2008 through December 17,

2008. As of the preparation of this report, no comments were received from the public with the exception of comments made at the Public Hearing.

It is recommended that the resolution and certificates for the 2008 Tax Levy be adopted 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 Intihar seconded to approve that the resolution and certificates for the 2008 Tax Levy be adopted as presented, that the Certificate of Tax Levy be executed, and that all forms be filed with the County Clerk. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval for Bandwidth Upgrade Contract

Three vendors submitted proposals for a fiber optic network, providing Gigabit connection speeds to the SSC and a 50 megabit connection to the Internet through ICN. ICN is the state of Illinois provider of Internet access for schools and government. The district is allocated 33Mbps of connection speed free. Additional bandwidth can be purchased. The Federal E-Rate program should allow the district to recoup up to 40% of the annual cost each year on all these proposals. The vendor Norlight is a new competitor for school districts in the Illinois area. They are from the Indiana/Kentucky area. Only a few districts have signed with them to date, but there have been issues in getting the installation completed in this area. We have heard of districts that are on the verge of cancelling their contracts with them. We are not confident in Norlights ability to deliver. AT&T and Comcast are very close on their proposals. Staff feels they are very competitively matched in support and installation. One consideration is that by signing a contract with a competitor of AT&T, the district would have termination charges on the existing contracts with AT&T. These fees would depend upon when the termination happens, but are estimated at \$23,500 minimum. Staff believes that accepting the AT&T proposal is the best option for the school district. AT&T was able to drive down the cost by making the long-term investment to install fiber optic cable throughout the area, thus benefiting the residents in the future. The AT&T proposal will take approximately 32 weeks to complete, so it will be a summer completion, although the district will be able to access higher bandwidth sooner for the high schools and the Internet connection as those are already using fiber optic cable. That should be available in 8-10 weeks from contract processing. This agreement will be funded from the district budget as a monthly cost over the next 60 months. The monthly cost is \$27,804.02. It is recommended that the Board approve the contract agreement with AT&T as presented.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to approve the contract with AT&T for fiber optic networking as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Ratification of a One-Year Contract Extension with the WWEA

The current WWEA negotiated three year agreement expires on June 30, 2009. At the start of this school year, the WWEA approached the administration about a one-year extension of the current agreement. The only negotiated items were salaries and stipend pay. At the discretion of the Board, the administration offered a 1.6% increase on the salary schedule base. The WWEA leadership presented a proposed increase on stipend pay, which is equivalent to 0.1% of the total package. On December 11, 2008, the WWEA membership was called to vote on the proposal.

The rank and file approved the extension as presented. The cost of this one-year WWEA contract extension is 1.6% increase on the base, and 0.1% on stipend pay. It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the 2009-10 WWEA contract extension.

The Board thanked the staff and WWEA for their work on the extension and expressed their appreciation for the teaching staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaker	Bryce Cann
Topic	Contract Extension

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Coghill seconded to ratify the 2009-10 WWEA contract extension as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0, ABSTAIN 1 (Knicker). **The motion carried 6-0-1.**

WRITTEN REPORTS

FOIA Report

All Day Kindergarten Pilot Program Proposal

These reports were provided for information only.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Swanson provided information to the Board members from the IASB about the accomplishments of the IASB over the past year.

Member Bomher commented on the Longfellow holiday program and the talent of the staff and students.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

January 14, 2009 – Lincoln Elementary School

The next Chat with the Board session will be held on January 10, 2009 at WNHS.

The Board and administrators will have a workshop on January 28, 2009 on diversity.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

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	Bill Connor
Topic	Hawthorne Playground – funding & Equity

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Swanson moved, Member Slater seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Items 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), and Student Discipline 5 ILCS

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 9:25 PM.

Action is expected following the Closed Session

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Coghill 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.**

The meeting was reconvened at 11:12 PM.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved Member Knicker seconded to uphold the expulsion of student E2008-09-02 with the terms established in closed session. Upon a roll call 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 Swanson moved, Member Intihar seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President