

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
February 14, 2007

The first regular meeting of the month of February 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, February 14, 2007, at 7:30 PM.

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
 Ken Knicker

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Johnson led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board began the process in June 2006 to find and hire a new superintendent. The appointed candidate was announced and the Board will vote as part of the Supplemental Personnel Report to hire Dr. Richard Drury effective July 1, 2007. Dr. Drury signed a three year contract. Dr. Drury was introduced to the public.

Dr. Drury addressed those present and stated that he is very happy to be coming to District 200. Dr. Drury is developing an entry plan and will be coming to the district over the next few months in preparation for July 1.

COMMUNICATION WITH HOST SCHOOL

Dr. Beth Sullivan, Principal of Hubble Middle School, welcomed the Board, administration and community. Dr. Sullivan described a Hubble Coin Program that rewards students for being a positive influence in the school. All staff members have these coins and give them to students that they “catch” doing things for others that are above and beyond. Dr. Sullivan presented a coin to Dr. Catalani for his years of service and always doing what is right for kids. Dr. Sullivan introduced Gifted Teacher Mrs. Koelpin. Mrs. Koelpin described the Future City program and

introduced the seventh and eighth grade teams. The students then explained their projects and how they developed them. The seventh grade team will be going to Washington D.C. next weekend to compete at the national level.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Dr. Catalani recommended that the discussion item regarding Policy 6.210 – Instructional Materials be tabled to give staff time to develop a committee to research this issue and bring a proposal to the Board. The Board agreed.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Swanson seconded to table the discussion of Policy 6.210 until a committee can be formed and a proposal brought to the Board. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and the motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

ESL/Bilingual Director Phyllis Weaver and Johnson School Principal Tim Callahan were recognized for their work in planning and conducting an ESL Parent University Class last weekend at Johnson School.

President Johnson reported that the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) held their DuPage Division Dinner on Monday night at WNHS. It was a wonderful event, in which WNHS students conducted tours of the school, Edison Middle School Flower Club made the centerpieces for the dinner tables and the WWSHS Show Choir provided the entertainment for the evening. Board members thanked WNHS Principal Ms. Jill Bullo and her secretary Nancy Guzzardi, Kathy Kaceba and the Sodexo crew, and Mary Lou Sender for their efforts in assisting with the event.

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. President Johnson stated that he has been approached by several citizens about the tone of recent public comment sessions. President Johnson requested that speakers keep this in mind as they approach the microphone and keep their comments respectful and directed to the Board.

Speaker	Michelle Senatore (with minutes from Rey Senatore, Ryan Senatore, Paul Yousif)
Topic	Hubble Land Contract

Speaker	Betty Welker
Topic	School Board Campaign

Speaker	Joe Mahady
Topic	Superintendent Hiring Process

Speaker	Eredai Vivanco
Topic	Spanish Parent University

Speaker	Jill & Ed Lewaniak
Topic	WWSHS Band Incident

Speaker	Pam Nielsen
Topic	Thank You to Board

Speaker	Linda Pille (with minutes from Lisa Bradley)
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Donna Budlong
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Steven Gregory
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Cathy Mousseau (with minutes from Meg Cavanaugh)
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	David Brummel
Topic	Hubble/Thanks

President Johnson remarked in response to a Public Comment that Board members do not have access to email addresses that are in the district data base and no Board members have ever used them for campaigning.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- Thank you to the many speakers that made comments on his behalf during the Public Comment portion of the meeting
- The Wheaton Chamber's Education Committee hosted a Career Day for District 200 middle school students on February 9 at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Danada. Over 230 district students from three district middle schools and from Wheaton Christian Grammar School had the opportunity to talk with many local Wheaton business representatives to broaden their awareness of the myriad of careers available to them when they complete their education. Thank you to the Wheaton Chamber for this successful partnership activity.
- The seventh grade Future Cities team from Hubble Middle School won the Chicago Regional Future Cities Competition held on Saturday, January 27 at the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle campus and is one of 33 middle schools from across the country selected to compete in the National Future Cities Competition during National Engineers Week, February 21-23 in Washington, D.C.
- The Varsity Flying Tigers Special Olympics basketball team comprised of athletes from both high schools won the Division 3 Special Olympics Basketball Championship Tournament on Sunday, January 28th at Vernon Hills High School. They will advance to State finals at Illinois State University in Bloomington the weekend of March 17.

- Kendall Ciesemier, an 8th grader at Franklin Middle School, was named one of Illinois' top two youth volunteers for 2007 by Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals. She will be honored in Washington D.C. in the spring.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gift to WWSHS – Recommend the acceptance of the gift to WWSHS as presented.
2. Approval to Post New Policies and Revision to Existing Policies to Meet NCLB Requirements – Recommend approval to post the policies for 30 days for public review and comment.
3. Approval to Post Policy Revisions - 7.60 Resident Students; 6.240 Student Trips/Travel; and 6.310 Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs – Recommend approval to post the policies for 30 days for public review and comment.
4. Approval of the ELL Elementary and Middle School Program Recommendations – Recommend approval of the ELL elementary and middle school program as presented.
This item was moved to the Action Item portion of the agenda for discussion and separate action by the Board.
5. Approval of 2007 Summer School Program – Recommend the approval of the 2007 summer school program as presented.
6. Adoption of Resolution to Begin the 2007-2008 Budget Cycle – Recommend approval to begin the budget cycle.
7. Approval of High School Change Orders – Recommend approval of the change orders as presented.
8. Approval of Ten-Year Life Safety Surveys – Recommend approval of the safety survey as presented.
9. Approval of Transition House Lease – Recommend the approval of the lease as presented.
10. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend the approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
11. Approval to Open the August 30, 2006 Closed Session Minutes and Keep All Other Closed Session Minutes Closed – Recommend that the August 30, 2006 Closed Session minutes be made open to the public and that all other Closed Session minutes remain closed.
12. Approval of Minutes – January 10, 2007 Open and Closed, Approval to Destroy Closed Session Recordings Prior to August 2005. - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented. The closed session minutes will remain closed and recommend the approval to destroy the closed session recordings of meetings prior to August 2005 as allowable by law.
13. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

Member Swanson requested that the Approval of the ELL Elementary and Middle School Program Recommendation be moved from the Consent Agenda to Action Items for separate discussion and action by the Board.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to accept the Consent Agenda, minus the ELL Recommendation, as presented. The closed session minutes will remain closed. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the ELL Elementary and Middle School Program Recommendation

District 200 has been reviewing the ELL curriculum for elementary and middle school students. A variety of resources were used in developing this recommendation, including gathering of information from in-district stakeholders via surveys, voluntary meetings, observations, and focus parent meetings (including ELL parents and general education parents.) Benchmark data was also collected. The proposal was formulated as a result of current research information, professional and consultant contacts, feedback from all stakeholders, and review of student academic achievement. The recommendations as presented have been posted for review and comment since January 10, 2007, and no comments have been received. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the K-8 ELL Housing and Program Design as presented and posted.

Dr. Sorrick recognized ELL/Bilingual Director Phyllis Weaver and the ELL teachers that were present at the meeting. These professionals have shared their expertise and time to help develop the proposal. Dr. Sorrick also responded to written questions from Member Swanson.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Swanson seconded to approve the ELL Elementary and Middle School Program Recommendations as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Technology Audit Consultant

The Board approved the updated District Technology Plan in May 2006. One area that is addressed is Technology Deployment and Sustainability and one of the goals of the specific area is to Utilize Strategic Practices to Systemize Technology Services. The strategy and expected results for that goal include hiring a consultant to assess immediate and future needs of the network infrastructure, support processes and deliver an analysis of our strengths and gaps. In October 2006, a report on the State of District Technology was presented to the Board. That report, generated by the District Technology staff, reported on the current state and situation of technology. Further evaluation of where we are at and where we need to go was requested. A proposal was created and sent out to a number of vendors. Four vendors responded with cost estimates. The Tech Steering Committee reviewed the proposals and heard presentations from three of the four vendors. Based on the review of the committee, it is recommended that the Board approve a contract with Justified Technology to conduct an audit. Justified Technology believes they can complete the audit in 240 hours and the cost is not to exceed 280 hours. The cost of this work is \$24,000 and not to exceed \$28,000 if the extra hours are needed to complete the audit.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve a contract with Justified Technology at a cost of \$24,000 to \$28,000 to complete a technology audit of the district. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Middle School Technology Curriculum

The middle school technology curriculum has been posted for public review and comment. No comments have been received. The Board discussed the curriculum. It is recommended that the Board approve the curriculum as posted and presented.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Slater seconded to approve the middle school technology curriculum as posted and presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Agreement with McNaughton LLC to Purchase the Herrick Road Property

The Board of Education established a high priority goal to build a new middle school in the southwest portion of the district. The Board investigated several properties and entered into negotiations with McNaughton LLC for a parcel of land at Herrick and Galusha Roads in Warrenville. An agreement has been reached on this property contingent on receiving a No Further Remediation (NFR) letter from the IEPA, the positive risk analysis report received on January 12, 2007, and the successful passage of a referendum as per the negotiated agreement.

Dr. Catalani read a change that will be made to the section 21 of the contract. This change gives the seller more flexibility in tax implications and does not change the sale price or contract. The Board will be asked to vote on the amendment at the next meeting.

At a later date, staff will ask the Board to authorize the architects to begin the design work for the new middle school and develop plans similar to what was done for the high school projects.

The Board discussed the contract and resolution to purchase the property at a cost of \$7.6 million with the above listed contingencies.

Member Bomher commended all of the staff that worked on this agreement. Mr. Bomher stated that he supports this fully based on three issues; this is the best site for kids because it puts the school closer to where they live, it is cost effective realizing that the most effective option is not always the cheapest option, and this benefits the tax payers with the sale of Hubble because it offsets the cost and gets the land on the tax roll. As a resident he sees this site as a way to help enhance the growth of the downtown Wheaton area. Mr. Bomher stated that he appreciates all of the input from audience members; he has listened to all of them and reflected on what they said. Mr. Bomher can not agree with Educate 200. As things go forward, Mr. Bomher hopes that all debate can be done at a civil level. Members Slater, Swanson and Intihar stated their agreement with Mr. Bomher's comments. Member Knicker reminded everyone that when you rehab a building there are always unknown and unexpected things that come up and this can drive up the price. President Johnson stated that the sale of the current Hubble property will benefit the school district, the city and the park district with added tax revenue.

Member Intihar read the resolution approving the real estate contract.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to approve the purchase agreement and resolution with McNaughton LLC for the purchase of the Herrick and Galusha Roads property in

the amount of \$7.6 million dollars with contingencies to receive a NFR letter from the IEPA, the positive risk analysis report already received and a successful referendum. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: **AYE 7, NAY 0. The motion carried 7-0.**

DISCUSSION ITEM

Board Policy 6.210 – Instructional Materials

This discussion was tabled. A committee will be formed to review this policy and develop a recommendation to be brought to the Board at a later date.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

President Johnson requested that the Board consider moving the April 11 meeting to April 4 because there is only one March meeting and moving the date up one week will put the meetings closer together.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Coghill seconded to reschedule the April 11, 2007 Board of Education meeting to April 4, 2007. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

The Superintendent Search goal will not be removed from the agenda and the Hubble Goal will come and go as needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – February 28, 2007 – Johnson Elementary School

CLOSED SESSION

None

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: **AYE 7, NAY 0. The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President