

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

The first regular meeting of the month of March of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at Lowell Elementary School, 312 S. President Street, Wheaton, IL, by Board Vice President Rosemary Swanson, on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 7:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members:      Andrew Johnson (by phone)  
                             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  
                             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**

Mrs. Denise DeSalvo, Principal of Lowell School, welcomed the Board, administrators, and community members to Lowell School. Mrs. DeSalvo recognized the staff and PTA members that were present at the meeting. Four students narrated a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted each classroom at Lowell and thanked Dr. Catalani for his years of service to the district.

**MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

The Approval to Extend the Bovis Contract and the Approval to Proceed with Building Design & Bid Documents reports were moved from Action Items to Oral Report Items. This was done to follow the Board protocol of hearing the oral report at the first meeting, discussing at the next meeting and taking action at the third meeting.

The Oral Report Items will be moved to just after the Superintendent's Report and before the Consent Agenda.

## RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Susan Wolfe, Principal of Franklin Middle School, introduced Franklin student Kendall Ciesemier. Kendall was awarded the Illinois Middle School Top Volunteer title. Dr. Wolfe told the story of how and why Kendall received this award and stated that Kendall will now go on to the National level where she will compete with a middle school student from all states in the US for the National title. Kendall also received the President's Service Volunteer award.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice President Swanson 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	Carol Hameister
Topic	Bus Safety

Speaker	Doug Slager
Topic	Spending on New School Before Referendum

Speaker	Michelle Senatore (with minutes from Rey Senatore, Dik Claus, Darlene Miele)
Topic	Land Contract & 2 Agenda Items

Speaker	Eileen Tehrani
Topic	Concern of School Closing

Speaker	Firouz Tehrani
Topic	Proposal to Transplant Hubble

Speaker	Mark O. Stern
Topic	Architect Contract

Speaker	Joseph Mahady
Topic	Remove Vote on Land Contract from Agenda

Speaker	Mark Rissman
Topic	R-Rated Movies

Dr. Catalani stated that a committee has been formed to look at this situation and district policy. The committee is being lead by Dr. Chuck Baker and consists of representatives from the staff, parents and Board members. The committee will review the policy as it stands today and make recommendations to the Board of Education. Dr. Catalani also reported that the movies referenced by Mr. Rissman were not shown in their entirety and none of the scenes referenced by Mr. Rissman were used. Dr. Catalani hopes the recommendation of the committee is to eliminate all R-rated movies.

Speaker	Pam Nielsen
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Topic	Land Purchase
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## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- In response to comments from Mrs. Senatore, Dr. Catalani reported that this morning, McNaughton Builders updated the two depositories of information with the latest information from the IEPA. All information from the IEPA goes directly to McNaughton Builders. The last report stated that the IEPA requested additional information, which is not an unusual request. The work plan has now been accepted by the IEPA and this gives the environmental company the go ahead to start collecting additional soil and water samples. Once those are submitted to the IEPA the IEPA has 90 days to rule. The ruling will be to either issue an NFR (No Further Remediation) letter, or refuse to issue an NFR letter and request additional information.
- In response to comments from Mr. Stern and Mrs. Senatore, Dr. Catalani read Public Act 94-1097 and Local Government Act 50/ILCS 510/1 et sequel. This Act eliminates the ability for a unit of government to obtain fee information in proposals for services from architects, engineers and land surveyors. Specifically, the bill states that “in no case shall a political subdivision, prior to selecting a firm for negotiation under Section 7, seek formal or informal submission of verbal or written estimates of costs on proposal in terms of dollars, hours required, percentage of construction cost, or any other measure of compensation”. The selection of the design firm is supposed to be based on the qualifications only; price, then is to be negotiated afterwards.
- Since the last report, several FOIA requests have been received. They include the following: copier and fax bids, candidate petitions, life safety surveys, architect presentations, employee contracts, Board Meeting minutes, and the contract for the Herrick Road Property and related documents.
- The Varsity Flying Tigers advance to the Special Olympics State Basketball tournament this weekend at Illinois State University. The Flying Tigers are coached by Alex Moore and Adam Ferguson and include students from both high schools.

## **REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **ORAL REPORTS**

#### **Report from Hubble Boundary Sub-committee**

Dr. Beth Sullivan presented information from a recent meeting of the Hubble Task Force Boundary Sub-committee. This sub-committee is one of six task force sub-committees. No action is being requested at this time and the sub-committee will probably not come back to the Board with a recommendation until November 2007. The committee did an unofficial poll of the Hubble PTA to get feedback. At this time, the sub-committee is looking at some of the Danada areas and Briarcliff North and South. One of the goals is to eliminate the situation that splits students from Lowell to two different middle schools. Lowell is the only school that has students feeding into different middle schools.

#### **Approval to Extend Bovis Contract and Approval to Proceed with Building Design & Bid Documents**

Mr. Farley explained the reason for considering an extension of the Bovis Contract and the Legat approval to proceed with building designs for the Hubble site as reported in the Board packet. Mr. Patrick Brosnan from Legat Architects gave a PowePoint presentation on the costs associated

with the design and bid documents comparing the costs and timeline of starting now or waiting until after a successful referendum.

The Board will discuss these items at the April 4, 2007 Board meeting.

### **Options for Renovation of Jefferson Preschool**

Mr. Patrick Brosnan presented information about the potential options for renewing Jefferson Preschool. Hubble and Jefferson are the only two buildings in the district that have not been addressed for renovation/renewal. Mrs. Knicker explained the program and Jefferson and the types of students that attend there. Mrs. Knicker will provide information for the Board on trend data and changes to the law that affect this program.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of the 2007-08 Fee Schedule – Recommend the approval of the fee schedule as presented. This represents no change from the 2006-07 fee schedule.
2. Approval of Follett Contract Renewal – Recommend the renewal of the contract with Follett for library automation.
3. Approval of the Assessor Software Renewal with Progress Education Group – Recommend the approval of the Assessor Software contract renewal with Progress Education Group.
4. Approval of the Novell Software License Agreement Renewal – Recommend the renewal of the Novell Software License Agreement.
5. Approval of the Network Associates Support Renewal for Anti-Virus Protection – Recommend the renewal of the contract with Network Associates for anti-virus protection.
6. Approval to Post Critical Content for High School Courses – Recommend the approval to post the critical content as presented for public review and comment.
7. Approval of Employer Costs of IMRF Benefit Protection Leave – Recommend the approval of the estimated employer cost of this employee's IMRF Benefit Protection Leave request.
8. Approval of the Amendment to the Land Purchase Agreement – Recommend the approval to the land purchase agreement as presented on February 14, 2007.
9. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend the approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
10. Approval of Minutes – February 14, 2007 Open - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented.
11. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

Mr. Bomher requested that the Approval of the Amendment to the Land Purchase Agreement be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate action.

### **MOTION**

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented minus the approval of the amendment to the land purchase agreement. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### Approval to Purchase Augmentative Communication Devices

Special Services is seeking approval to purchase two augmentative communication devices to meet IEP and assistive technology needs as well as providing the flexibility to try this device for students that may be ready to benefit from such a device. Multi-needs students necessitate this device for basic communication functioning. It is recommended that the Board approve purchase of two Dynavox augmentative communication devices for a total of \$15,516.25.

## **MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the purchase of two Dynavox augmentative communication devices for a total cost of \$15,516.25. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### Approval of Copier/Printer/Fax Supplies

This will be the fifth consecutive year that District 200 has gone to bid to secure the lowest unit pricing for common copier/printer/fax supply items. This year the list contains over 100 items and these items will be purchased from vendors with the lowest unit bid price. Legal notice was published and four of the fourteen potential bidders participated in the process. Two vendors, Best Computer Supplies and Standard Stationary Supply, were not considered because their price per unit did not meet the guidelines outlined in the bid language. Supplies will be purchased by individual buildings, as needed, and billed to the appropriate supply accounts. It is recommended that the Board approve the vendors for the purchase of copier/printer/fax supplies as presented. These bids will be valid through March 31, 2008.

## **MOTION**

Member Slater moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the vendors for the purchase of copier/printer/fax supplies as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### Approval of Amendment to the Land Purchase Agreement

At the February 14, 2007 Board meeting, the Board approved the land purchase agreement. Dr. Catalani read the amendment and the Board approved the agreement with the amendment. The action requested at this time is to finalize that agreement with the amendment to section 21.

## **MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the amendment to section 21 of the land purchase agreement as presented at the February 14, 2007 Board meeting. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

## **BELIEF STATEMENT**

Discussion Regarding Belief Statement 3

*Each student deserves a challenging, rigorous, and comprehensive curriculum that leads to academic achievement, social well-being, self-realization, good citizenship, and personal growth. Each student should have the opportunity to enhance these characteristics through a comprehensive extracurricular program.*

Board members discussed this statement. Member Coghill distributed articles she recently read that address ways other districts are achieving this goal. Member Swanson stated that she hopes

the district is ratcheting up programs for students that are not accessing all we have to offer, looking at what barriers need to be removed to move the district to the next level. Member Intihar stated that there are still necessary improvements at the high school level and a need to differentiate for different ability levels.

### **REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

League of Women Voters Candidate Forum – April 10 at the Wheaton Park District Community Center

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Next Regular Meeting – April 4, 2007 – Jefferson Preschool

### **CLOSED SESSION**

#### **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 to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Issues 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and Pending Litigation 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11). 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 10:08 PM.

No action is expected after the Closed Session.

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**Barbara Intihar, Secretary**

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**Andrew Johnson, President**