

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
March 26, 2008

The second 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 Franklin Middle School, 211 E. Franklin Street, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andrew Johnson, on Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Joe Kish led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH HOST SCHOOL

Dr. Susan Wolfe, Principal of Franklin Middle School, welcomed the Board, administration and community to the school. Dr. Wolfe recognized the PTA and staff and highlighted the following successes of Franklin students:

- The Future Cities Team won first place in the Chicago Region and special awards at the National competition in Washington, D.C.
- Greg Baker, a 7th grade student, is one the National Geographic Society semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2008 Illinois Geographic Bee.
- Miguel Hernandez has been named one of three students in District 200 receiving the Outstanding Hispanic Student of the Year Award.
- The PE Department organized a Hoops for Hearts fund raiser and the students raised over \$3400.

Dr. Wolfe stated that teaching and learning is about making relationships and connections. Franklin is working to make all students high achievers, and Dr. Wolfe is thankful for supportive parents, students that want to learn, teachers that love to teach, and a Board of Education and Superintendent that want what is best for all students.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Christine Ward – WNHS
Nick Novosad – WWSHS

The two high school students reported on recent and upcoming events and accomplishments at the schools.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Drury recognized Pleasant Hill Elementary School, and Principal Ken Bonomo for raising over \$23,700 through their St. Baldrick's Project to support a cure for children's cancer research. St. Baldrick's fund raising has people agree to shave their heads for pledges. The highlight of the Project's assembly at the school on March 20 was several students shaving Mr. Bonomo's head. There were 29 volunteer hair stylists to shave the heads of the 65 participants.

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.

Speaker	Charles Pfeister (with minutes from Mike Ferguson)
Topic	Teacher Appreciation Baskets and Vending Contract

Speaker	Mark Stern
Topic	Busses and Easement

Speaker	Marilyn Cocogliato
Topic	Spanish Parent University

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

On Monday, March 24, staff met at Outreach Center in Carol Stream with approximately 34 parents from the French Quarter apartments to share with them the Longfellow attendance boundary recommendations for the 2008-09 school year. We indicated that we were very sensitive to their concerns and feelings about moving their children from Longfellow. The recommendation took into account the feedback we received at the March 10th meeting with these parents. Therefore, the recommendation for the 2008-09 school year is that students who are currently in first through fourth grades at Longfellow would be able to stay there for the remainder of their elementary careers. Bussing would be provided for these students from the French Quarter to Longfellow. In order to open one classroom at Longfellow for next year, the current 8 kindergarten students from the French Quarter apartments would be transferred to Pleasant Hill Elementary next fall for first grade. The distance and travel times would virtually be the same. The support programs and services students receive at Longfellow would also be provided to these students at Pleasant Hill as they are currently at Longfellow. Moving these 8 students would reduce the number of first grade sections for next year and make available the necessary classroom for fourth grade. All new students, at any grade, moving into the French Quarter apartments would be enrolled at Pleasant Hill starting immediately. For next year, parents of current students in grades one through four would have the option of attending

Pleasant Hill. Mr. Bonomo assured the families that they would be able to visit Pleasant Hill to become acquainted with the school and there would be transition programs developed to help in their move to this new school. Parents with a current kindergarten student and an older sibling at Longfellow would have the option of moving both children to Pleasant Hill or leaving the older sibling at Longfellow; however, it is necessary for all the current 8 kindergarten students to move to Pleasant Hill in order to open the additional classroom. Parents were appreciative that the District listened to their concerns. They thanked us for taking the time to meet with them at the Outreach Center and for finding a compromise solution. Although some kindergarten parents would prefer staying at Longfellow, there was an understanding that this recommendation took into account all parties and allowed the majority of students the opportunity to finish their elementary school experience at Longfellow. We feel it was a very positive and productive meeting. We would encourage the Board of Education to approve this recommendation at the April 16 Board meeting.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gift to WNHS – Recommend acceptance of \$569.83 to WNHS as presented.
2. Acceptance of Gift to Franklin Middle School Future Cities Program – Recommend the acceptance of the gift of \$700 to Franklin Middle School as presented.
3. Approval to Post the LLC Program Review – Recommend approval to post the program review for 30 days for public review and comment.
4. Approval of the 2008 Summer School Recommendation – Recommend the approval of the summer school recommendation as presented.
5. Approval to Post Board Policy 7.60 Revisions for Public Review – Recommend approval to post the revisions to Policy 7.60 for 30 days for public review and comment.
6. Approval of Minutes - March 12, 2008 Open and Closed, and Approval to Destroy Recordings of Closed Session meetings prior to October of 2006 as allowable by law – Recommend approval of the minutes as presented and approval to destroy the recordings as allowable by law. 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 Intihar moved, Member Knicker 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 the High School English Language Learners Program and Housing Recommendation

Staff has been studying the delivery method for the high school ELL program. The Board was given information on the current program design and delivery model whereby the program is offered at WNHS. Information on the proposal to offer ELL programs at both high schools was also included in the Board report. Financial support for the current high school ELL program is \$413,800. The proposed average cost for expanding the high school ELL program to include both high schools is approximately \$546,800 and funding will be provided by the district and ELL grants. It is recommended that the Board approve the high school ELL housing and program design as presented.

There was a discussion about the need to grow the program and the ability to offer twice the program without twice the cost. Dr. Belha and Mrs. Phyllis Weaver addressed issues related to recruiting and hiring highly qualified ELL teachers. Mrs. Weaver reviewed the program expectations. Member Swanson stated that she would prefer to see staff come back with requests for additional FTE then have students do without necessary classes.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the high school ELL housing and program design as presented. 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 Bid

For several years, District 200 has bid out common copier, printer and fax supply items to secure the lowest unit pricing. This year the list contains over 150 items. These items are purchased from vendors with the lowest unit bid price. Eleven vendors' submitted bids and the bid results were contained in the Board report. Supplies will be purchased by individual buildings/departments, as needed, and charged to the appropriate supply accounts. It is recommended that the Board approve the vendors for the purchase of copier/printer/fax supplies through March 31, 2009 as presented.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Bomher seconded to approve the vendors for the purchase of copier/printer/fax supplies through March 31, 2009 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Lease Agreement for an AS/400

The IBM AS/400 server that the district relies on to run both the student management system and the financial management system, CIMS, was purchased by this district in 1999. Since then, it has been expanded, but can no longer be upgraded. The operating system cannot be upgraded to the most current version available, and the current disk space is too full to allow the district to have easy access to historical data. For the near future, the district is not in a position to move to a new software solution, but plans to review requirements in the future. Thorough research and investigation is necessary to better plan for the future. Since no other software solutions run on an AS/400, it makes more sense to lease an AS/400 server to allow flexibility in the event of a change in management software. This proposed replacement of the AS/400 is recommended by the Technology Department and confirmed by the Technology Assessment performed last spring. The Business Office and the Technology Department are recommending a four-year, Fair Market Value lease with American Capital. The proposed lease has an annual payment of \$24,391 for a total lease cost of \$97,564 and will be paid from the district budget. It is recommended that the Board approve the lease agreement for an AS/400 with American Capital for an annual cost of \$24,391, as presented.

Mr. Tom Kinane explained that this AS/400 is a replacement of the current AS/400 and has more gigs of memory space and more than double the speed. This need was outlined in the Tech Plan recommendation and will allow the district to upgrade and expand the web based applications for teacher use and afford easier data retrieval. Staff is also working with AT&T to provide a new technology that allows faster band widths without a lot of investment and without the need to lay fiber optics. This advancement would be in place for next school year.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the lease agreement for an AS/400 with American Capital for an annual cost of \$24,391, as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Chiller Compressor Bid at Franklin Middle School

In August 2007, a severe storm caused a power outage at Franklin Middle school. Subsequently, all power was lost to all major mechanical units, including the chiller system. As ComEd restored a single phase of three phase power to the building, the compressor unit burned out. Due to these events, the chiller compressor needs to be replaced. Bids were received for the base bid that includes a one year factory warranty on the compressor, and an alternate bid for the additional cost for 2-5 year extended warranty. Based on the bid tabulation and review, staff recommends the base bid of Korellis in the amount of \$18,995. This loss has been claimed with the insurance company. It is further recommended that the alternate bids for the 2-5 year extended warranty be rejected since the benefit for this does not warrant the additional cost.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Swanson seconded to approve the bid of Korellis in the amount of \$18,995 for the Franklin Middle School chiller compressor and reject all alternate bids. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Extension of Transportation Contract

District 200 will be completing a one year contract extension for district transportation. The contract is with First Student, Inc. (formerly Laidlaw Transit, Inc.). By Illinois School Code, the district can elect to extend the contract on a year-to-year basis by mutual agreement of both parties. However, this year-to-year extension cannot occur if a school board receives a timely request from another interested contractor that a contract be let by bid. While the district did receive a letter from an interested vendor dated March 4, 2008, our legal counsel advised us that this was not considered timely, since we had already begun negotiations with First Student, Inc. for a contract extension. More importantly, given the size of our district, and the complexity of our transportation routes, there is insufficient time to initiate and complete the transportation bidding process, evaluate the bids and the qualifications of the successful bidder, award a contract, and ensure that the acquisition of busses, a properly situated bus garage, and the hiring of properly trained drivers could all occur before the commencement the next school year. First Student, Inc. has presented a proposal for extending the contract for one additional year with an annual increase of 2.5%. The increase is based on the actual rate costs. The Consumer Price Index for the 2007 levy was set at 2.5%. We believe the 2.5% increase reflects a fair change, and is favorable to the district. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with First Student, Inc. for a one-year extension as presented.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the contract with First Student, Inc. for a one-year extension at an increase of 2.5% as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Building Permit – New Hubble Middle School

With all large projects, the Regional Office of Education (ROE) requires the district to obtain a building permit. The upcoming work for the new Hubble Middle School requires that the ROE issue a permit in order for work to begin. Legat Architects has certified the plans and

specifications associated with the work and will submit the information to the ROE along with the accompanying Resolutions and Applications. There is no charge for the building permit or the inspection that will take place at the conclusion of the work. It is recommended that the Board request a building permit from the ROE for the new Hubble Middle School.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to request a building permit from the ROE for the new Hubble Middle School. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Second Set of Bid Packages – New Hubble Middle School

In February, the Board of Education awarded the bid package for structural steel. This was the first of over 30 bid packages associated with the new Hubble Middle School. This is the second set of bid packages.

The remainder of the bid packages were opened on Thursday, March 20, 2008. A total of 129 contractors replied to the 31 different bid packages. At this time we are asking the Board to approve the second round of bid packages which includes: Mass Excavation, Site Utilities, Structural Excavation, Landscaping, Fencing & Site Improvements, Building Concrete, Masonry, Fire Protection, Building Plumbing, HVAC and Building & Site Electric & Low Voltage contracts. Bovis and Legat have conducted scope reviews with these contractors and are making the recommendation to bring these contracts forward to the Board of Education for approval. A copy of the recommendation from Bovis is attached to this report. Included in the awards are add alternates for: Alternate #1- Galusha Road turn around (\$115,900), Alternate #2 - Permeable Pavers for the North Parking Lot (\$149,350), Alternate #4 - Higher Recycled Content-Concrete Masonry Units (CMUs) (\$15,000) and Alternate #6 - Expanded Closed Circuit Security Systems (\$60,100). These packages are time sensitive to begin the project in early April. The remainder of the bid packages will be brought to the Board for approval in April.

Two bid packages, Fire Proofing and Kitchen Equipment will be re-bid. We did not receive any bids for Fire Proofing and only one bid for Kitchen Equipment. The Fire Proofing bid is a small package in cost and scope. The lone bid received for the Kitchen Equipment was returned to the contractor unopened and we are hopeful that we will receive multiple bids when these packages are re-bid. It is recommended that the Board of Education award the contracts including the alternates as presented in the attachment from Bovis Lend Lease.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Knicker seconded to award the contracts including the alternates as presented in the attachment from Bovis Lend Lease. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Construction Materials Engineering Services

As part of the new Hubble project, the district needs to contract for services associated with construction materials engineering. This includes soil, concrete, asphalt, steel and mortar testing. All of this work requires lab testing and site observation throughout the entire project. The district has a long and successful relationship with Testing Services Corporation (TSC) of Carol Stream, IL for Construction Materials Engineering Services. They provided these services for all of the referendum construction projects in the district over the past years. Both our architect and construction manager have also worked closely with TSC on these past projects. It is

recommended that the Board of Education direct staff to retain Testing Services Corporation for Construction Material Engineering Services.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Bomher seconded to direct staff to retain Testing Services Corporation for Construction Material Engineering Services. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Joinder Agreement

The City of Warrenville entered into an agreement with BP Amoco for certain easements for the benefit of the new Hubble Middle School. The two primary benefits are for stormwater detention and emergency vehicle ingress and egress for the school site. The district will be utilizing the authority under the agreement for stormwater management. However, ongoing negotiations with the Warrenville Office Complex for emergency ingress/egress should be finalized soon and the district will have a need for the BP land for emergency access at this time. The agreement between the City of Warrenville and BP Amoco requires that the school district approve a Joinder agreement and assume the same obligations that the City of Warrenville has agreed upon. The main obligations relate to insurance and indemnification of BP Amoco for the use of the property. District counsel has reviewed the agreement and prepared the resolution for Board approval. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution and sign the Joinder Agreement with the City of Warrenville and BP Amoco.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Swanson seconded to approve the attached resolution and sign the Joinder Agreement with the City of Warrenville and BP Amoco. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

DISCUSSION ITEM

Revisions to Policy 2.200, Policy 2.220 and Policy 2.230

The Board discussed the proposed revisions to these policies. The Board's intent in making these revisions is to create more opportunities for more people to address the Board. Some Board members suggested that the minutes to speak be increased from three minutes to five. President Johnson reminded everyone that the Board meetings are business meetings for the Board held in public and the Board is charged with attending to the business of the district. These changes might encourage people to get a resolution to their situation through communication with staff before taking it to the Board level. It was suggested that there be a spot on the district web site where people could sign up to come and speak at a Board meeting and indicate the topic. It was stated that these changes would not be written in stone and if the Board tries these proposed revisions and find they don't work the policy can be changed again. The Board will take action on this proposal at the next meeting.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Response to Intervention (RTI) Update

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

April 16, 2008 – Hubble Middle School

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Bomher moved, Member Intihar seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Issues 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1), and The Setting of a Price For Sale or Lease 5ILCS 120/2(c)(6). 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 9:15 PM.

No action is expected following the Closed Session.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President