

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200**  
**April 14, 2004**

The first regular meeting of the month of April 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 Vice President Rosemary Swanson, on Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at 7:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members:     Andrew Johnson (by phone)  
                          Ken Knicker  
                          Rosemary Swanson  
                          Barbara Intihar (by phone)  
                          Marie C. Slater  
                          John Bomher

Absent:                Bob Davis

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Ralph Heatherington led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE HOST SCHOOL**

Mrs. Beth Sullivan, Principal of Hubble Middle School, welcomed the Board, Administrators and community members to Hubble Middle School. Mrs. Sullivan introduced the staff that was present. A group of students performed segments from a recent production of *The Music Man*. A sixth grade student presented her science project.

**MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

Mrs. Swanson stated that the WNHS Scholastic Bowl Team finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the State for the third year in a row. Mr. Ralph Heatherington introduced the coaches, Ms. Susan Martin and Ms. Phyllis Kidd. Ms. Martin introduced the students on the team and the Board congratulated them for their accomplishment and gave them each a certificate of recognition.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mrs. 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	Katie Anderson
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Sandy Goetz
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Sharon Trockman
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Michelle Senatore/Brett Trockman
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Betty Welker/Corinne Elg
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Dan Elg
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Betsy Bennett
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Lori Yousif
Topic	Hubble

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- District 200 is the proud recipient of two awards honoring its academic achievement and meeting the needs of families. The first is the Bright A+ award that recognizes academic excellence. The second award is from SchoolMatch.
- The WWSHS Show Choir performed at the National School Board Association Conference in Orlando at the end of March. The choir was selected by audition to perform prior to a keynote address by First Lady Laura Bush, who praised the group's performance and said that after talking with the students she believes that the state of public education is "alive and well". Congratulations to the students for a job well done and their director Gordon Krauspe.
- Two Lincoln Elementary School third graders have won second and third place in their age group in the DuPage County division of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Poster/Essay Contest. The students, Michael Restaino and Camille Nuttall, will be recognized at an awards ceremony on April 24.
- The Wheaton North Falconettes Dance Team won second place in the hip-hop category at the Illinois Drill Team Association's State Competition March 27 at University of Illinois. The dance team is coached by Mary Albertson.

## REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gift to WWSHS – Recommend the acceptance of \$1,738.10 to WWSHS from Target as presented.
2. Acceptance of Gift to Lowell Elementary School – Recommend the acceptance of the 24 laptop computers to Lowell Elementary School as presented.
3. Approval of IHSA Annual Membership – Recommend the approval of the IHSA Annual Membership for both high schools as presented.
4. Approval of contract Renewal with Infinitec – Recommend the renewal of the Infinitec contract for one year as presented.
5. Approval to Post Policy 6.300, 6.280 and 7.190 Amendments – Recommend the approval to post these policies for public review and revisions as presented.
6. Approval to Cancel the June 23, 2004 Board of Education Meeting – Recommend the cancellation of the June 23, 2004 Board of Education meeting.
7. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend the approval of the Bills Payable and Payroll as presented.
8. Approval of Minutes – March 24 Open - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented.
9. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

Member Swanson requested that policy 7.190 be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

### MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Slater seconded to accept the Consent Agenda, minus the posting of policy 7.190, as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### Policy 7.190

There was discussion about the proposed policy 7.190. Some Board members felt the language needed additional modifications and clarifications under the section pertaining to cell phones with cameras. It was decided that the Board will approve the posting of the policy as presented but requested that the policy be brought back at the next meeting with revisions to the language to further clarify the policy.

### MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Johnson seconded to approve the posting of Policy 7.190 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

## REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

### ACTION ITEMS

Item 10 – Approval of Modification to January 28, 2004 Hubble Motion

The Board of Education passed a motion at the January 28, 2004 Board meeting that read:

Member Bomher moved, Member Slater seconded that in keeping with the long-term goal of the Board that the district establish a new middle school in the southwest corner of the district and direct staff to form a committee to study the process to accomplish this. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. The motion carried 7-0.

In order to respond to questions raised by community members, it is suggested that the motion be modified by adding a sentence to the end of the motion that reads: "As part of the motion, it is understood that a referendum will be held to gain voter authorization and funding for the construction of the new school". This will provide clarification on the Board's intent to hold a referendum. It is recommended that the Board approve this modification.

#### **MOTION**

Member Johnson moved, Member Intihar seconded to modify the January 28, 2004 motion to add a sentence to the motion that states: "As part of the motion, it is understood that a referendum will be held to gain voter authorization and funding for the construction of the new school". Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Dr. Catalani stated that staff has prepared a Fact Sheet that lists questions that have been asked about the Hubble process and timeline and responses to those questions. This Fact Sheet and the time line of steps taken to date will be posted on the District web page and will be sent home through the school newsletters.

Dr. Catalani stated for clarification, that the district has not received any bids on a new middle school or a tear down of Hubble. The District has received estimates to build a new school from Legat and Bovis Lend Lease. These two companies are the same people that have given the District estimates for the renewal of the elementary schools and Monroe and the current high school projects. The referendums for all of these projects were based solely on their estimates and they were very accurate with both projects. Because of this, the District is very confident in their numbers for a middle school project.

#### Item 11 – Approval of High School Renovation Project Bids

In April of 2003, the voters of District 200 approved a \$72M referendum for additions and renovations and site work at both high schools. On March 25, 2004, bids were opened for a majority of the work at the schools. As part of the award process, Bovis Lend Lease has reviewed the bids and met with the lowest qualified bidders. It is recommended that the Board award all bids as described in the recommendation letter from Bovis Lend Lease including all add alternates with the exception of the HVAC alternate at WWSHS, in the amount of \$48,763,304, and furthermore reject all bids as noted. It is further recommended that the Board award the bid for the auditorium roof section at WNHS to Knickerbocker Roofing in the amount of \$149,300. Lastly, it is recommended that the Board approve the Builders Risk policy with RLI Insurance Company in the amount of \$132,858.

#### **MOTION**

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the high school project bids as

described in the recommendation letter from Bovis Lend Lease including all add alternates with the exception of the HVAC alternate at WWSHS in the amount of \$48,763,304, reject all bids as noted, award the bid for the auditorium roof section at WNHS to Knickerbocker Roofing in the amount of \$149,300, and approve the Builders Risk policy with RLI Insurance Company in the amount of \$132,858. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Item 12 – Approval of Bower HVAC Replacement Bids

The mechanical systems at Bower Elementary School are in need of replacement. The central boiler and chiller systems are past their useful life and have both had significant failures in the past two years. A project with an approximately \$1,000,000 budget has been developed to replace the mechanical system over the 2004 summer. At the February 11, 2004 Board meeting, the Board approved the pre-purchase of equipment that have a long lead time to allow for delivery at the beginning of the summer. Bids were opened for the replacement of the systems and reviewed by Legat Architects and KJWW Engineering. It is recommended that the Board approve the bids from Monaco Mechanical in the amount of \$875,000, which includes the add alternates to replace the lighting and ceiling in the multi-purpose room and painting of the ductwork in the gym. This bid is approximately \$48,000 under the budget estimate.

**MOTION**

Member Bomher moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the bids for the Bower HVAC to Monaco Mechanical in the amount of \$875,000, which includes the add alternates. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Item 13 – Approval to Apply for a Building Permit from the Regional Office of Education for the Bower HVAC Project

The Regional Office of Education (ROE) requires the district to obtain a building permit for all large projects. The Bower HVAC project requires an ROE permit. It is recommended that the Board approve the application for a building permit from the ROE for the Bower HVAC project.

**MOTION**

Member Slater moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the application for a building permit from the Regional Office of Education for the HVAC project at Bower School. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Item 14 – Approval of Resolution for the Reduction in Force, Dismissal, and Termination of Certified Staff

As required by the Illinois School Code, certified staff shall receive written notice 45 days prior to the end of the school year from the employing Board that he/she will not be re-employed for the following year. Depending on the circumstances, these individuals may be eligible for recall. Dr. Belha read the resolution for Non-renewal of identified First Year, Non-Tenured Teachers. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the resolution to end the contractual services of the identified first year teachers effective June 8, 2004 as presented.

**MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Bomher seconded to approve the resolution to end the contractual services of the identified first year teachers effective June 8, 2004 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Dr. Belha read the resolution Authorizing Notice of Honorable Dismissal to Non-tenured Teachers. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the resolution to end the contractual services of the identified non-tenured teachers effective June 8, 2004 as presented.

### **MOTION**

Member Bomher moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the resolution to end the contractual services of the identified non-tenured teachers effective June 8, 2004. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Member Intihar excused her self from the meeting at 9:35 PM.

### Item 15 – Approval of Resolution of the Reduction in Force, Dismissal, and Termination of Classified Staff

As required by the Illinois School Code, classified employees shall receive written notice from the employing Board at least 30 days before removal or dismissal. Depending on the circumstances, these individuals may be eligible for recall. Dr. Belha read the resolution of Honorable Dismissal of Educational Support Personnel. This affects 24.47 FTE, which equates to 37 employees and this reduction is due to changes in programs and enrollment. It is recommended that the Board approve the resolution as presented.

### **MOTION**

Member Slater moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the resolution to end the contractual services of the identified Educational Support Staff as presented. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

#### Item 16 – Finance Committee Recommendations

This discussion was postponed until May 26 due to the lateness of the hour and the absence of Board members. The postponement of the meeting will not have a negative impact on the business of the district because the Board previously approved the 2004-05 fee schedule and the number of staff to be terminated to meet the financial goal for next year. The decision regarding the sale of bonds would best be made after the State of Illinois makes a decision on the funding of education for next year.

### **TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION**

1. Moving District 200 to higher levels of Greatness
2. Select & begin implementation of best long-term use of Hubble
3. Develop a long-term financial plan that leads to financial predictability & stability

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Next Regular Meeting – April 28, 2004 – Emerson Elementary School
- Partners in Poetry with District 200 and the Cities of Wheaton and Warrenville - April 20 at WWSHS
- Justice Bob Thomas to speak on Character in the Community – April 19 at the Wheaton Park District Community Center

**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 personnel issues and pending litigation. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.** The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 9:45 PM.

No action is expected following the Closed Session.

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**Ken Knicker, Secretary**

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**Andrew Johnson, President**