

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
April 4, 2007

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 Jefferson Preschool, 130 N. Hazelton, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andrew Johnson, on Wednesday, April 4, 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
 Mrs. Linda Knicker
 Dr. Margo Sorrick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Rosemary Swanson led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Technology Policies to Meet CIPA Requirements

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Knicker seconded to suspend the rules and open the Public Hearing on the Technology Policies to Meet CIPA Requirements. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried**.

Mr. Tom Kinane, Director of Technology, presented information about the policies and the reasons for proposing them.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Intihar seconded to close the public hearing and reinstate the rules. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried**.

COMMUNICATION WITH HOST SCHOOL

Mrs. Stephanie Farrelly, Principal of Jefferson Preschool, welcomed the Board of Education, administration and public to Jefferson Preschool. Mrs. Farrelly thanked the Board and Dr.

Catalani for always “inspiring in each person the passion to excel” and leading by example. A video was shown that highlighted activities at Jefferson that align with the district’s mission and vision statements. Each Board member and Dr. Catalani were given a copy of the video.

Mrs. Farrelly recognized the Jefferson staff and announced that they have been re-accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Mrs. Linda Knicker introduced the coaches and members of the Flying Tigers Basketball Team. The team finished in third place at the State Special Olympics this year. This is the team’s first year of participation.

Dr. Dawn Snyder introduced WWSHS student Christina Rojas who took First Place at the state speech contest for her Original Oration. Coach Paul Lichy was also introduced. Members of the WNHS speech team will be recognized at the April 25 meeting.

Dr. Catalani introduced Brian Turyna and Ken Bonomo. Dr. Turyna will be the next Principal of Wiesbrook Elementary School and Mr. Bonomo will be the next Principal of Pleasant Hill Elementary School. Both of these appointments will be approved as a part of the Personnel Report.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

President Johnson requested that the two discussion items be removed from the agenda until the April 25 meeting with action at the first May meeting.

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	Pam Nielsen
Topic	Fiscal Responsibility

Speaker	Jeremy Kirkman
Topic	R-Rated Movies

Speaker	Betty Welker (with minutes from Paul Yousif, Mark Stern, Jill Quintana, Joseph Mahady)
Topic	School Board Candidates & Superintendent Contract

Speaker	Debbie Pederson
Topic	R-Rated Movies

Speaker	Firouz Tehrani (with minutes from Rey Senatore)
Topic	Fiscal Responsibility & R-Rated Movies

Speaker	Janine Ford
Topic	R-Rated Movies

Speaker	Sue Berossian
Topic	R-Rated Movies

Speaker	Michelle Senatore
Topic	Educate 200 Event Invitation & Land Negotiations

President Johnson stated that Attorney Ares Dalianis, who is a professional land negotiator, negotiated the sale price of the Herrick Road property based on research. Dr. Catalani, Mr. Farley, and Mr. Johnson were the district representatives during the negotiations.

Speaker	Rhonda Broussard
Topic	Day of Silence

The following comments were given in response to Public Comments:

- A committee has been established to address the R-rated movie policy. The committee is made up of representative teachers, parents and Board member Barbara Intihar. The committee recommended and administration supported an immediate moratorium on R-rated movies until the work of the committee is completed. The Administrative Regulation that goes with the policy needs lots of work. The committee intends to invite many people with different views on this topic, including students, to address the committee and share their concerns and suggestions. The committee will ultimately bring a policy recommendation for Board consideration. The recommended policy will then be posted for 30 days for public review and comment and ultimate Board approval.
- It is correct that Dr. Catalani's contract has not been released. The courts upheld the ruling that contracts are exempt from FOIA requests. Dr. Catalani's compensation package has been published several times. The total compensation for this year is exactly the same as last year, even though the contract indicates that there should have been an increase.
- Architects are selected based on performance and, in fact, must be selected through performance. The law is very clear that districts are not allowed to ask for pricing before the selection. Fees are based on the cost of the project after a bidding process. Construction is done on a comprehensive bid process. Architects and construction companies are chosen through an interview process. District 200 follows the law very well. Once it is time to build, all work is bid and the low bidder gets the work, which then sets the price for the architects.
- Member Intihar asked if any of the district's projects had come in over budget. Dr. Catalani stated that the elementary projects came in under budget and initial estimates of costs. The high schools projects was under budget and the district will be able to do more projects at the two high schools with the left over money even though at the time of bid, architects thought the scope of work would have to be reduced because of expected costs. Member Bomher added that during the high school referendum, the district reported that the expected tax impact to the community would be fifteen cents and the actual cost was nine cents. This validates the conservative fiscal management that has guided the Board of Education.
- The District has no control over the date the organization sets for the Day of Silence. The district can not legally stop students from engaging in this activity. All staff members have been informed that students do not have the right to remain silent in class and if they choose to remain silent there will be consequences. All students must dress for PE and if

they are required to give a report in their classes they must give the report. Dr. Catalani will check with the principals to make sure all staff members are aware of these requirements. The community member requested that a PACE call be sent to high school parents advising them that the district does not support this event.

- Member Swanson stated that in an Abraham Lincoln book on leadership, Lincoln said not to let an incorrect statement about you pass. Member Swanson stated that she feels the need to comment on statements made about the school board incumbents. None of their web sites state anything negative about any candidates and the idea that statements are being made about other candidates is just not true.
- President Johnson stated that there are no incentives in Dr. Catalani's contract tied to the Hubble Middle School issue. President Johnson asked that people stop propagating no bid contracts and hidden information on Hubble.
- Member Intihar stated that Dr. Catalani previously offered to let the citizen that filed the lawsuit regarding his contract come to the office and look at the contract. The offer was rejected and the case then went to court where the Judge ruled in favor of the district. President Johnson stated that the Board has never released anyone's contract to the public and has always taken the stand that it is inappropriate to open personnel files to anyone.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- The WNHS Scholastic Bowl took second place at the IHSA state tournament on March 17. The team lost the championship title in a close match with New Trier High School. This marks the ninth consecutive year that the WNHS team has gone to the state tournament as part of the Elite Eight. Congratulations to the team and to coaches Phyllis Kidd and Susan Martin.
- The WWSHS football tigers continue to reap the rewards of their state championship season. The team has been invited to attend the Cub's first night game of the season on April 16 with Coach Ron Muhitch throwing out the first pitch. The four team captains will join Coach Muhitch in singing *Take Me Out to the Ball Game* during the 7th inning stretch.
- Nancy Peterson, school psychologist at WNHS for 25 years, was honored by the National Association of School Psychologists with the 2007 Presidential Award for Exceptional Service to Children and the National School Psychologist's Association at their annual meeting. Ms. Peterson was honored for distinguished service as National Chairman of the NASP Publications Board and for her 20 year volunteer leadership at the national level.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval to Dispose of Fixed Assets – Recommend approval to declare specific computers and computer accessories surplus and allow the District to dispose of them.
2. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend the approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
3. Approval of Minutes – March 14 Open & Closed and Approval to Destroy the Closed Session Recordings of meetings prior to October 2005 - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented and approval to destroy the closed session recordings of meetings prior to October 2005 as allowable by law. The Closed Session minutes will remain closed.

4. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Bomher 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 Bid for Band Uniforms

In 1997, the district purchased new marching band uniforms for WWSHS and in 1998 for WNHS at a total cost of \$80,755.20. The uniforms had a life expectancy of ten years. A committee of principals, band directors, and parents worked together to develop bid specifications for new uniforms. The bid called for 160 uniforms for WWSHS and 120 uniforms for WNHS. Bids were sent to three vendors. It is recommended that the Board approve the bid from DeMoulin Bros. & Co in the amount of \$80,681.80 as presented.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to approve the purchase of band uniforms for both high schools from DeMoulin Bros. & Co. in the amount of \$80,681.80 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of New Policies and Revisions to Existing Policies to Meet NCLB Requirements

The NCLB legislation calls for districts to adopt certain policies to support the requirements of the law. The district has previously adopted or amended policies to meet these requirements, but a state audit of the district last year suggested some additional amendments and new policies. The Board posted the policies for public review and comment at the February 14, 2007 meeting. No comments have been received from the public. It is recommended that the Board approve new policies 4.80 – Operational Services, Accounting and Audits, 6.140 – Instruction, Education of Homeless Children, 6.145 – Instruction, Migrant Students, and amended policies 6.170 – Instruction, Title I Programs, and 7.340 – Students, Student Records as posted and presented.

MOTION

Member Coghill moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the policies 4.80, 6.140, 6.145, 6.170, and 7.340 as presented and posted. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

Approval of Revisions to Policies 7.60 Resident Students, 6.240 Student Trips/Travel, and 6.310 Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs

Several policies need updating due to changes in law or changes in practice. These policies were posted at the February 14, 2007 Board meeting. No comments have been received. Revisions to policy 6.240 provide additional detail regarding requirements for student travel. Policy 6.310 has minor revisions to the policy, but an administrative regulation has been developed to more clearly define circumstances that allow an exemption from physical education in high school. The administrative regulation does not require Board approval. Revisions to policy 7.60 update the requirements for foreign students to enroll in District 200. It is recommended that the Board approve the changes to these policies as posted and presented.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve policies 7.60, 6.240, and 6.310 as posted and presented. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

Approval of Revisions to Policy 6.235 Access to Technology and Policy 7.310 Publications

The Technology Steering Committee recommended that policies and administrative regulations related to student use of the electronic networks be updated to reflect today's use by students. Additionally, some wording needed to be changed to meet the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), which enables us to continue eligibility for the e-rate discount. Matters of Internet safety are now included in the Access to Technology policy as well as in the related administrative regulation. The policy on publications was amended to reflect issues related to Internet publications. These policies were posted at the February 14, 2007 meeting and no comments have been received. It is recommended that the Board approve the revisions to these policies as posted and presented.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Bomher seconded to approve the revisions to polices 6.235 and 7.310 as posted and presented. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

Adoption of Resolution for 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 or 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 resolutions that authorize notice of dismissal to part-time teachers, part-year full-time teachers, first-year teachers, second-year teachers and third-year teachers indicating that they will not be employed for the 2007-2008 school year. It is recommended that the Board move to end the contractual services of the identified part-time teachers, part-year full-time teachers, first-year teachers, second-year teachers, and third-year teachers effective June 13, 2007.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Swanson seconded to end the contractual services of the identified part-time teachers, part-year full-time teachers, first-year teachers, second-year teachers, and third-year teachers effective June 13, 2007. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Adoption of Resolution for 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 that authorizes notice of dismissal of educational support personnel, indicating that they will not be employed for the 2007-2008 school year. At this time, we anticipate the 53.45 FTE classified staff need to be dismissed due to changes in programs and enrollment. This will impact 62 employees. It is recommended that the Board of Education move to end the contractual services of the identified employees effective June 6, 2007.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Swanson seconded to end the contractual services of the identified employees effective June 6, 2007. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

DISCUSSION ITEM

Building Design & Bid Documents

Bovis Contract Extension

These items were tabled until the May 9 meeting.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Intihar reported on the recent meeting of the R-rated movie committee and reiterated that a moratorium has been placed on the showing of r-rated movies until a policy decision has been reached. The committee is made up of a three teachers from each high school, the two high school principals, booster club representatives, Member Intihar and the chair of the committee is Dr. Chuck Baker. The booster representatives were asked to identify a process for parent input and a system will be put into place for representative students to give input. Additional staff will be invited to meetings and by May 14 the committee will look at all of the information and determine the next steps.

Member Slater announced that members of the Board and administration will be going to San Francisco to attend the National School Board Association (NSBA) conference. The district will be presenting on the negotiations process used for the current teacher's contract. Mary Lou Sender will be presenting to the administrative assistants as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – April 25, 2007 – Sandburg Elementary School

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Slater moved, Member Knicker 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 9:35 PM.

No action is expected after the Closed Session.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President