

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200**  
**May 10, 2006**

The first regular meeting of the month of May of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at Edison Middle School, 1125 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andy Johnson, on Wednesday, May 10, 2006, at 7:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

Also in Attendance:  Dr. Gary T. Catalani  
                          Mr. Bill Farley  
                          Mrs. Linda Knicker  
                          Dr. Margo Sorrick

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**COMMUNICATION WITH HOST SCHOOL**

Mr. David Kanne, Principal of Edison Middle School, welcomed the Board, administrators and community to Edison Middle School. Mr. Kanne stated that this is Teacher Appreciation Week and recognized his staff for their outstanding dedication. Mr. Kanne also thanked the Board of Education for supporting the Edison staff, faculty and students and thanked them for everything they do for District 200.

**MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Dr. Catalani stated that the title of the report, Approval to Adopt Revisions to Policy 4.155, Naming District Facilities, should be titled Approval to Adopt Policy 4.155, Naming District Facilities. This is a new policy, not a revision.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. 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	Mark Stern
Topic	Teacher Contract

Speaker	Michelle Senatore
Topic	Educate 200

Speaker	Deb Durrbeck
Topic	SEA 200

### **RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

President Johnson recognized SEA 200 for a recently sponsored resource night held at Hubble Middle School. The group provided a large amount of resources that are available to families and students with special needs.

President Johnson thanked the WWEA and the CEA for the Honor's Tea they hosted today to recognize the 15 & 25 year employees and the retirees. President Johnson thanked the honorees for their service to students.

President Johnson stated that the Educate 200 group is not endorsed by the Board of Education and is a private group.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- Thanks to Deb Durrbeck and the SEA 200 group for their very positive approach to advocacy of our special needs group.
- WNHS was honored in the May 6 issue of Newsweek magazine as one of the nation's top high schools. The list of top high schools recognizes those that the magazine believes offer a program that best prepares students for the rigors of college. The calculation is based on the number of students taking Advanced Placement exams compared to the size of the graduating class. As you know we have been increasing the number of AP course offerings in the last several years and also requiring extensive training of the staff who teach those courses. WNHS was one of 31 schools in Illinois, one of 4 unit districts and the only school from the DuPage Valley Conference. Congratulations to WNHS.
- The Wheaton Warrenville PTA Council was selected as the Outstanding Council in Illinois for the second consecutive year by the Illinois PTA during its annual convention in late April. Congratulations to President Betsy Bennett and the many PTA officers and volunteers who helped earn this recognition.
- The PTA Council is sponsoring a program on Internet Safety at 7:30 PM Monday, May 22 at Hubble Middle School. Presented by the DuPage County Sheriff's Department, the program will address Internet safety, including the proper use of such social networking services as MySpace.com and the potential hazards of providing personal information online. We urge parents and students to attend this informative evening.

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

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Acceptance of Gift from SEA200 – Recommend the acceptance of the gift of \$2000 worth of books and DVD's to be used district wide.

2. Approval of High School Change Orders – Recommend the approval of the change orders as presented.
3. Approval of Mileage Reimbursement Rate for 2006-07 – Recommend approval of the increase in the mileage reimbursement rate from \$0.31 to \$0.445 per mile as presented.
4. Approval of Last Day of School – Recommend the approval to officially designate Wednesday, June 7 as the final day of student attendance for the 2005-06 school year.
5. Approval to Post Policy 1.30, School District Philosophy – Recommend approval to post the policy as presented.
6. Adoption of 2006-07 Board of Education Meeting Dates and Locations – Recommend the adoption of the 2006-07 Board of Education meeting date and location calendar as presented. The calendar can be modified as needed following the guidelines of the Open Meetings Act.
7. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend the approval of the Bills Payable and Payroll as presented.
8. Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2006 Open & Closed - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented. The closed session minutes will remain closed.
9. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

### **MOTION**

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to accept the Consent Agenda 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 to Buy-out Lease on Computers

Three years ago, the District entered into a 3-year lease agreement for 548 Dell computers for the elementary schools. The computers are still very viable and can be re-deployed to replace older computers in the district. The cost to buy the computers is \$90,420. It is recommended that the Board approve the buy-out of the lease for these computers.

### **MOTION**

Member Swanson moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the buy-out of the lease on the computers from American Capital in the amount of \$90,420. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

#### Approval to Extend Warranty on Computers Coming Off Lease

This request is to extend the warranty on the 548 computers that the district has asked to purchase at the end of the lease period. This request is for two additional years of warranty at a cost of \$43,292. It is recommended that the Board approve the warranty extension as presented.

### **MOTION**

Member Swanson moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the two year warranty extension on 548 computers at a cost of \$43,292 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Hardware Support Contract Extension with Pearson NCS for Scanners

District 200 administers over 100 local assessments that are electronically scored. The scanners to do this are NCS OpScan 3 and OpScan 6 scanners. The District owns 26 of these scanners. This extension of the contract with Pearson will provide continuous maintenance to ensure that these devices operate as designed. The cost to renew the support contract extension is \$18,792. It is recommended that the Board approves the renewal of the contract with Pearson NCS to support the scanner hardware for scoring local assessments.

**MOTION**

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the renewal of the hardware support contract extension with Pearson NCS to support the scanner hardware. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval for the Annual Renewal of The Assessor software with Progress Education Group

The Assessor software is used by the district for electronic scoring of local assessments. All schools have access to this application for scoring the assessments. The annual support contract renewal is \$20,600. It is recommended that the Board approve the annual renewal of The Assessor software with Progress Education Group.

**MOTION**

Member Coghill moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the annual renewal of The Assessor software with Progress Education Group in the amount of \$20,600. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Changes to Policy 5.90, Reporting Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect

Changes in the way state officials deal with suspected child abuse and neglect create the need to update our current policy. A new policy was posted for public review and no comments from the public have been received. The new policy provides more specificity to the procedures involving a suspected case of child neglect or abuse. It is recommended that the Board adopt the new policy 5.90, Reporting Suspected child Abuse and Neglect as posted and presented.

**MOTION**

Member Slater moved, Member Bomher seconded to adopt the new policy 5.90, Reporting Suspected child Abuse and Neglect as posted and presented. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to Adopt Policy 4.155, Naming District Facilities

The district does not currently have a policy or written guidelines regarding the naming of district facilities. Schools have practiced autonomy in naming areas within or outside of their buildings. This policy was posted for public review and comment. No comments have been received. The proposed policy sets general parameters for naming facilities and gives the final authority for naming facilities to the Board of Education. It is recommended that the Board adopt Policy 4.155, Naming District Facilities.

**MOTION**

Member Slater moved, Member Knicker seconded to adopt Policy 4.155, Naming District Facilities. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Resolution to Participate in the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus  
PMA Financial Network, Inc. is updating their client files. As part of this exercise, a resolution stating that the Board of Education has approved the District's participation in their Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund is needed. Annually, the Board approves the District's participation in the fund as a short term investment vehicle. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the resolution allowing for the participation in the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus.

#### **MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the resolution allowing for the participation in the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

#### Approval of the Depositories of the District

Each year the administration presents a recommendation to approve the banks and financial institutions that the district uses to hold funds. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the resolution identifying the district's depositories as presented.

#### **MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the resolution identifying the district's depositories as presented. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

#### Approval to Purchase Networking Equipment for High School Additions – Final Phase

With the nearing completion of the additions at the high schools, there is the need to purchase additional network switches to enable the data network in the new areas. The Department of Technology has received two quotes for the equipment. CDW-G is the low bidder in the amount of \$27,838.80 plus shipping. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of the networking equipment for the high school additions from CDW-G.

Dr. Catalani pointed out that this work was part of the plans for the high schools and the cost is part of the \$72 million construction fund. Dr. Catalani reported that the two high school projects are still ahead of schedule and under budget. The work of both projects will be completed by the end of June. Dedication ceremonies are being planned for late August or early September.

#### **MOTION**

Member Slater moved, Member Bomher seconded to approve the purchase of the networking equipment for the high school additions from CDW-G. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

#### **WRITTEN REPORTS**

##### Technology Plan Update 2006-2009

The report was provided for information only.

#### **REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Member Swanson reported that she attended the Wellness Committee meeting. The goal of the committee is to bring a proposed policy to the Board by the end of summer for posting and

subsequent approval. Dr. Catalani suggested that the policy contain wording that indicates the district will be in compliance of whatever the law declares.

Member Slater asked Dr. Catalani to share the results of the general assembly in regards to budget and how it impacts District 200. Dr. Catalani stated the foundation level increase is \$170.00, but with a rapidly growing EAV, the best the district can hope for is to break even and not see a minor decrease in funding. If the inflation rate is added into the consideration, it becomes a major financial hit.

Member Intihar reported that she had served on the committee that chose the current food vendor. As a part of that committee, she went with a group to look at some of the schools and how their food service is operating. Member Intihar stated that she is very pleased with what she saw. The food was presented in a very attractive manner and the students seemed to be making healthy selections. One school had a student suggestion box.

Member Swanson reported that she is attending a DuPage Division planning meeting to lay out the programming for the coming year. Member Swanson requested that Board members send her an email with any programming suggestions. Member Bomher suggested a program on partnerships between schools and business communities similar to what Mayor Daley spoke about at the NSBA Conference. Mr. Bomher would like to hear information from the business leaders about what needs they see workers will need in the coming years. Member Slater suggested that one of the District 200 high schools be used for the Spring Dinner.

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

Hubble Goal  
Superintendent Search

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Next Regular Meeting – June 14, 2006 - SSC

#### **MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Slater moved, Member Bomher seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Issues 5ILCS 1202(c)(1). 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 8:29 PM.

No action is expected following the Closed Session.

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**Barbara Intihar, Secretary**

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**Andrew Johnson, President**