

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
May 14, 2008

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 Johnson Elementary School, 2S700 Continental Drive, Warrenville, IL, by Board President Andy Johnson, on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 6:15 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
 Dr. Robert Rammer

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Swanson seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Issues 5ILCS 120/2(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 6:17 PM.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Swanson seconded to reinstate the rules and reconvene in Open Session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting was reconvened at 7:20 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Johnson led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH HOST SCHOOL

Mr. Tim Callahan, Principal of Johnson Elementary School, welcomed the Board, administrators and community to Johnson School. Mr. Callahan introduced staff member Mrs. Susan Coulter. Mrs. Coulter has been working with students that formed a cheerleading group. The students presented their Johnson School cheer.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Board honored the employees celebrating 15 or 25 years of service to the district.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Christine Ward – WNHS

Ali Winbert and Nick Novosad – WWSHS

The two high school students reported on recent and upcoming events and accomplishments at the schools. President Johnson then read a resolution honoring the three students for their service to the Board this year.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

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	Mark Stern
Topic	Bower Parking Lot Renovations Bid

BELIEF STATEMENT

A highly qualified, nurturing, and enthusiastic staff is necessary to ensure each student's success. Dr. Belha reported on the processes used by Human Resources to recruit, hire and retain highly qualified staff in District 200.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The Edison Middle School Jazz Band and the Edison Middle School Eighth Grade Concert Band were invited to perform at the Illinois Grade School Music Association (IGSMA) Northern Division State Contest. The Northern Division consists of 419 IGSMA-member middle schools located in 51 counties north of Springfield. Both Edison bands are under the direction of Jill D.Carr. Middle school bands competing in the State Contest are awarded either a Division I, II or III ranking, with Division I being the highest honor. Earlier this spring, Seventeen middle school concert bands, and eight middle school jazz bands were invited to compete in the IGSMA Northern Division State Contest. Both the Edison Jazz Band and the Edison Eighth Grade Concert Band were awarded the highest honor of Division I. The IGSMA State Band Contest was held Saturday, April 26, 2008 at Chicago Christian High School in Palos Heights, Illinois. The IGSMA State Jazz Band Contest was held Saturday, May 3, 2008 at Lundahl Middle School in Crystal Lake, Illinois.
- The National Council of Teachers of English sponsored the 2008 NCTE Promising Young Writers Program. Schools nominated 631 students and 200 were chosen as outstanding writers. Each student submitted two pieces of writing, which were read and evaluated by two judges. Papers were judged on content, purpose, audience, tone, word choice, organization, development and style. Adam Billingham, a student at Monroe Middle School, was 1 of 5 state winners and received a certificate of recognition from NCTE.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Teacher Appreciation Week Baskets – Recommend the acceptance of the donation of baskets from Profit Systems, Inc. as presented.
2. Acceptance of Gifts to Washington School – Recommend the acceptance of money from DonorsChoose.org and Adopt-A-Classroom as presented.
3. Acceptance of Gift to Lowell School – Recommend the acceptance of scholarships for students to attend summer athletic camps as presented.
4. Approval of Revised Board Policy 7.360, Student Directory Data – Recommend adoption of the revisions to Policy 7.360 as posted and presented.
5. Approval of Revised Board Policy 7.60, Student Residence – Recommend adoption of the revisions to Policy 7.60 as posted and presented.
6. Approval of Contract Upgrade with AT&T for Improved Network Connections – Recommend approval of the contract upgrade with AT&T as presented.
7. Approval of the Support Contract for CIMS with Weidenhammer Systems – Recommend approval of the contract for CIMS support as presented.
8. Approval of Occupancy Permit Wheaton North – Approval of the application to the Regional Office of Education for an occupancy permit for the concession stand/storage/washrooms at WNHS as presented.
9. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with West Chicago District 33 – Recommend the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding with District 33 and the final payment per the 1990 agreement.
10. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
11. Approval of Minutes – April 16, 2008 Open and Closed, and the May 2, 2008 Special Meeting – Recommend the approval of the open and closed session minutes as presented. The Closed Session minutes will remain closed.
12. 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.**

Dr. Drury introduced Jason Stipp, who was approved on the Personnel Report as the next principal of Monroe Middle School.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of GCA Services Group Custodial Contract Renewal

The Board of Education approved a three year contract with SBM Maintenance Contractors, Inc. (now GCA Services Group) in May 2005. The district is completing the third year of this contract, and the contract states that after the initial term of the contract, the parties may extend the duration of the contract for additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement of the parties. Also, the contract states that rates for subsequent contract years shall be escalated at a rate mutually agreed to by District 200 and the contractor, not to exceed the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The contract rate increase is proposed at 2.5%. The contract states that any increase in the compensation provision shall be limited to the lower of 5% or the percent increase in the CPI

used for tax cap purposes on the most recent tax levy. The CPI of the most recent levy was 2.5% (2007). Last year's contract renewal was increased by 3%, even though the CPI was 3.4% (2006). Based on the history of the CPI and past contract renewal, staff feels a 2.5% increase is a fair amount. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the extension of the contract for custodial services with GCA Services Group for the 2008-09 school year in the amount of \$2,032,010.47 and will be paid for from the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the extension of the contract for custodial services with GCA Services Group for the 2008-09 school year in the amount of \$2,032,010.47 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0.

The motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Athletic Trainer Services Contract Extension

The Board approved a one year contract with OAD Orthopaedics for athletic trainer services last year. This contract expires on June 30, 2008. The contract states that after the initial term of the contract, one year contract extensions may be negotiated for an additional three years. OAD Orthopaedics has proposed a one year extension under the terms of the current contract, with no increase in the hourly rate of \$17.00 per hour. Terms of the current contract include a minimum guarantee of 2,000 contract hours – 1,200 at WWSHS and 800 at WNHS. The remaining hours for both high schools are filled with current staff. The district has been very pleased with the services OAD Orthopaedics provided this past year, and given the fact that OAD Orthopaedics is not increasing the hourly rate for services, we are recommending a one year extension to the contract. This extension would expire on June 30, 2009. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a one year extension with OAD Orthopaedics for the athletic trainer services contract at WNHS and WWSHS at a continued cost of \$34,000.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the one year extension with OAD Orthopaedics for the athletic trainer services contract at WNHS and WWSHS in the amount of \$34,000 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Field Bid WWSHS

WWSHS identified work on their varsity baseball field as part of the wish list work to be paid with interest earnings from the high school referendum. In May of 2007, the Board of Education rejected the bids for the field work (based on the recommendation of the administration) due to an unfavorable bid result. The project scope has been reduced, and a new bid was distributed this spring. Bids were received for the field work on May 6, 2008. A total of three vendors bid on the project. The base bid included work on the infield, outfield, retaining wall, fencing and seating areas. Four alternates were also included in the bid. Alternate 1 was for removal and replacement of the existing dugouts, Alternate 2 was for a storage facility and associated electric work, Alternate 3 was for a warning track and related drainage and Alternate 4 was for vinyl coated fencing on much of the campus. The lowest base bid was from Landworks, Ltd. at a cost of \$350,704. Based on submitted alternates, it is recommended that Alternate 3 at a cost of \$6,711 and Alternate 4 at a cost of \$18,515 also be awarded. Legat Architects has checked references on Landworks LTD., and agrees with this recommendation.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Coghill seconded to award the base bid for field work at WWSHS to Landworks Ltd. at a cost of \$350,704, and Alternate 3 at a cost of \$6,711 and Alternate 4 at a cost of \$18,515 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Kitchen Equipment & Fire Proofing Bid – New Hubble Middle School

Two bid packages for the new Hubble Middle School have yet to be awarded. No bids were received for fire proofing, and only one bid was received for kitchen equipment. The administration informed the Board of Education that these bid packages would be re-bid. Bids for both packages were received on May 6, 2008. A total of two bidders replied to the Fire Proofing bid, and four replied to the bid for kitchen equipment. The low bidder for fire proofing is IFE&S of Broadview, IL at a cost of \$42,500. The low bidder for kitchen equipment is Schweppe & Sons of Lombard, IL at a cost of \$354,282.85. Bovis Lend Lease has done a scope review of both contractors, and provided a letter of recommendation. It is recommended that the Board of Education award the contract for fire proofing to IFE&S of Broadview, IL at a cost of \$42,500, and award the contract for kitchen equipment to Schweppe & Sons of Lombard, IL at a cost of \$354,282.85. With the award of these bid packages, the project is still on budget.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Coghill seconded to award the contract for fire proofing to IFE&S of Broadview, IL at a cost of \$42,500, and award the contract for kitchen equipment to Schweppe & Sons of Lombard, IL at a cost of \$354,282.85. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Bower Parking Lot Renovations Bid

As part of the pavement renewal process, the south and north lots at Bower Elementary School were identified for replacement. The parking lots have been maintained throughout the years, but they have well exceeded the 20 year life expectancy. To properly maintain the integrity of the parking lots for safety and repair, the surface needs to be replaced. The project includes complete removal and replacement of the surface and stone base in milling and resurfacing of the parking spaces and re-striping the lot. The bid also included an alternate for milling and resurfacing of the north parking lot. The parking lot on the south side was the original area that was targeted for renovation, based on the age and condition of the lot. The north lot was added as an alternate bid, since it was not in as bad condition as the south lot. Thirteen bids were received. The lowest qualified bidder was Lorusso Cement Contractor with a base bid of \$127,000. Lorusso also bid on the alternate. References were checked and prices confirmed by Legat Architects. Based on the bid tabulation and review/recommendation by Legat, it is recommended that the base bid of Lorusso Cement Contractor in the amount of \$127,000, plus the alternate bid of \$58,000 for a total cost of \$185,000 be awarded.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Slater seconded to award the base bid in the amount of \$127,000, plus the alternate bid of \$58,000 for a total cost of \$185,000 to Lorusso Cement Contractor. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Mr. Farley, in response to a Public Comment, stated that this project was on a priority list for last year. The district had to deal with the county due to flood plain issues and the process took much

longer than anticipated. Due to the tax cap, the Operations Budget is very tight. While permeable pavers are a great option, the price is prohibitive.

Approval of Electric Contract

District 200 is currently under contract with Constellation New Energy, Inc. for electricity services under the current Fixed Price Program. Our 22 current contracts are due to expire in May 2008. The district has entered into a one month extension of this agreement with the provider to provide sufficient time to complete a RFP. The district has contracted with a consultant to conduct the RFP process. Electricity prices are near three year highs and timing is critical with regards to electricity pricing. Pricing is only good for a few hours. Staff is asking the Board of Education for approval to enter into an index agreement with a supplier from June 2008 through May 2009 with ability to convert to a fixed price. Additionally, staff is asking the Board for approval to grant the Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations authority to execute index and future fixed agreements for up to 24-36 months, for amounts not to exceed 15% change from 2008-09 project cost. This contract could be converted to either a long or short term fixed agreement at anytime, with the approval of the Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations. This will allow the district the ability to secure an electric contract in a timely manner, which is very critical given the volatility of the market. Given the current market conditions, staff is estimating the electrical contract will cost between \$2.4 and \$2.6 million for the 2008-09 fiscal year. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve entering into an index agreement with a supplier from June 2008 through May 2009 with ability to convert to a fixed price. Also, to approve authority to the Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations to execute index and future fixed agreements for up to 24-36 months, for amounts not to exceed 15% change from the 2008-09 project cost.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Bomher seconded to approve entering into an index agreement with a supplier from June 2008 through May 2009 with ability to convert to a fixed price. Also, to approve authority to the Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations to execute index and future fixed agreements for up to 24-36 months, for amounts not to exceed 15% change from the 2008-09 project cost. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of K-12 LLC Program Review

The District 200 Curriculum Review Cycle schedules all curriculums and programs to be reviewed on a six year cycle. This document contains recommendations for the LLC Program based on the first phase of the review process. Over the years, District 200 has provided an enriching LLC experience for our students. In the 1970's, our learning centers were recognized as among the best in the nation. Today, however, our students are living in a world that has been revolutionized by ready access to vast stores of information that are continually increasing and rapidly changing. While this information explosion has provided countless opportunities, it also has dramatically altered the knowledge and skills needed to live productively. We must prepare our students to navigate successfully through this profusion of media. District 200's Board Policy defines that the role of the LLCs is to ensure that students and staff are effective users of information by providing instruction, services, leadership, and resources to support the instructional staff in the effective delivery of curriculum, and to provide students with the environment and materials conducive to maximum growth in the knowledge and skills necessary for lifelong learning. The costs associated with the program development include task force work groups during the summer and next school year. There will be equitable funding across our

schools and will be brought to the Board of Education at the conclusion of the design and development phase of the review process. Most of these costs are currently met through the district school operating expenses, the technology budget, and Educational Services Departmental budget. The Illinois State Library Grant monies are also used to contribute toward equitable funding in our schools through the purchase of a collection of award books, i.e., Monarch, Caudill, or Lincoln Book Award books for each school. No comments, questions, or inquiries were received from the community associated with this review as presented in the Board report and the Board is asked to approve it.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the LLC Program review as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

DISCUSSION ITEM

Energy Educators Proposal

At the April 16, 2008 Board of Education meeting, Mr. Glen Gaines of Energy Educators presented information about a proposal to reduce energy consumption in District 200. Mr. Gaines was present at this meeting to answer questions from Board members. There was discussion about the next steps if the proposal is accepted. Mr. Farley stated that he contacted colleagues in the area that are currently working with Energy Educators and received very favorable references. This item will be brought to the Board for action at the May 28, 2008 meeting.

WRITTEN REPORT

FOIA Report

This report was provided for information and in keeping with the Open Meetings Act.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

President Johnson stated that the Board recently received an email asking if messages sent to the Board of Education through the district web site are reaching Board members. President Johnson reported that any emails sent through the web site are automatically forwarded to Board members private email addresses. If action is necessary, Dr. Drury sends the email to the appropriate staff member to deal with it. If the email is a request directed at the Board, President Johnson responds and if the email is directed to individual Board members, then that Board member responds.

President Johnson reported that Mr. Stern had sent a request for two topics to be placed on the meeting agenda. The first item was regarding budget and public funds. This topic was brought up at the May 8, 2008 Board session with local legislators to help educate them on the impact of the state budget. The second item was regarding IAQ issues in mobile classrooms. District 200 has a strong committee that handles IAQ issues and they have reported that any issues revolving around mobile classrooms or any other building issues have been addressed as they have come up. Mr. Farley can provide any additional information on both of these topics and there is no need for discussion at the Board table.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

2008-09 Budget

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Swanson stated that IASB resolutions must be completed at the May 28 or June 11 Board meeting if they are to be submitted on time. President Johnson and Member Swanson will work with Mrs. Phyllis Weaver to write a proposed resolution regarding the ELL testing concerns and bring it to the Board so that the Board can submit the resolution to the IASB Resolutions Committee.

President Johnson reported that on May 23, Johnson School is hosting an Art Fair. The Johnson family is donating a portrait of his father, whom the school is named after, to honor him. Everyone is invited to attend.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

May 28, 2008 - Lowell

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

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	Scott Copeland
Topic	June 3 rd Make-up Day

Speaker	Mark Stern
Topic	Current Hubble Site Sale and City of Wheaton

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Swanson moved, Member Bomher seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Issues 5ILCS 120/2(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 9:14 PM.

No action is expected following the Closed Session.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President