

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
May 23, 2007

The second 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 Wheaton North High School, One Falcon Way, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andrew Johnson, on Wednesday, May 23, 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

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

COMMUNICATION WITH HOST SCHOOL

WNHS Principal Jill Bullo welcomed the Board of Education, administration and community to Wheaton North. Ms. Bullo reported that the senior honors assembly was held today. Ms. Bullo thanked the elementary and middle schools for their contributions to the outstanding students that were honored, it took the whole district to bring the students to this point. Dr. Catalani was honored at the assembly as well and given Falcon book ends. Ms. Bullo thanked Dr. Catalani for his service to the district, his leadership, guidance and dedication. Dr. Catalani was always committed to the students. Ms. Bullo thanked Dr. Catalani and the Cabinet for their support during her recent health issues.

Dr. Catalani reported that at the honors assembly, twin graduates were honored for perfect attendance for their entire K-12 school career. In addition, another senior was honored for high school perfect attendance and this student had only missed one day in his entire K-12 school career.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Dawn Snyder introduced WWSHS student Emily Disbrow. Emily received the Presidential Scholar Award. Emily was one of 161 national recipients. The Board recognized Emily and her parents.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

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	Mark O. Stern
Topic	WWSHS Fieldhouse

Speaker	Carolyn Rebman
Topic	Senior Prank – Unfair Punishment

Speaker	Eredai Vivanco
Topic	Respect

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

Two District 200 teachers have won substantial grants from BP for their proposals related to energy conservation. Susan Connelly, fourth grade teacher at Longfellow, won a \$10,000 grant to purchase interactive technology and materials to help students learn about sources of energy through inquiry and discovery based activities. Monroe science teacher Donna Sceerey won a \$5,000 grant to purchase an energy bike to help reinforce the need for energy conservation by demonstrating the amount of energy needed to make certain things happen.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval to Post Family and Consumer Science Textbooks – Recommend the approval to post the textbooks as presented.
2. Acceptance of Gifts from the New 200 Foundation – Recommend the gifts in the form of grants from the New 200 Foundation as presented.
3. Approval to Purchase a Laptop Cart to Support High School CTE Courses – Recommend the approval to purchase a laptop cart using grant money, as presented.
4. Approval of Resolution to Partially Abate and Transfer Monies from Working Cash Fund to Operations and Maintenance Fund – Recommend the approval to abate and permanently transfer \$300,000 from the working cash fund to the operations and maintenance fund as presented.
5. Approval of Resolution to Partially Abate and Transfer Monies from Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund – Recommend the approval to abate and permanently transfer \$201,000 from the working cash fund to the education fund as presented.

6. Approval of Minutes – May 9, 2007 Open - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented.
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 Swanson seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6 (Intihar, Swanson, Bomher, Coghill, Knicker, Slater, Johnson), NAY 0, Abstain 1 (Knicker). **The motion carried 6-0-1.**

President Johnson introduced Dr. Robert Rammer. Dr. Rammer was approved on the personnel report for the Curriculum Director position. Dr. Rammer will start in the district on July 1, 2007.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Wheaton North Auditorium Seating Bid

The construction at both high schools is complete and most contracts have been paid in full. There is an anticipated balance of referendum funds of approximately \$500,000 and another \$2M plus in interest earnings and other revenue. The remaining referendum funds are to be spent on work at the high schools. In addition, staff believes that the interest earnings on the project should also go towards work at the two high schools. Both high schools were asked to create a high priority list of projects. WNHS identified replacement of the auditorium seating. Bids were received for seating utilizing the existing aisles (665 chairs) as well as an alternate bid that moves the aisles (695 chairs) to make up for the loss of additional seating to meet ADA requirements. Another bid that was sent out for field work, outdoor storage and library remodeling at WNHS also included an alternate to fill the existing aisles (\$5,800). Two bids were received and it is recommended that the Board approve the alternate bid of Larsen Equipment, which includes the additional chairs lost to ADA compliance for a total cost of \$137,745.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the bid from Larsen Equipment with the alternate bid for additional seating in the amount of \$137,745 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Bid for Library Work at WWSHS; Outdoor Washrooms, Storage and Concession Building at WNHS and Rejection of Field Work at WWSHS

The construction at both high schools is complete and most contracts have been paid in full. We anticipate a remaining balance of referendum funds of approximately \$500,000 and another \$2M plus in interest and other revenue. The remaining referendum funds are to be spent on work at the high schools. Both high schools were asked to create a high priority list of projects. WWSHS identified library renovations and new furniture and field renovations. WNHS identified replacement of the auditorium seating, a multi-use building to house outdoor washrooms, storage and concessions. In addition, a roof replacement (Board approved on 5/9/07) was also needed. Bids documents were sent out and three vendors responded. Each bid included a base bid for all three projects as well as a cost breakdown of each project. In addition to the base bid, 10 alternate bids were included in the package. Six were related to the field renovations portion of the bid, two were related to the library work, one was related to the outdoor facility, and one was for flooring work in the auditorium at WNHS. Based on bid results, it is recommended that the base bids be awarded for the Library remodeling (\$220,000) at WWSHS and the outdoor bathrooms, storage and concession building (\$660,000) at WNHS. In

addition it is recommended that the bids be awarded for Alternate #1 for concession casework in the amount of \$39,000 (Boosters will reimburse the district for this cost), Alternate #6 in the amount of \$22,000 for library lighting as part of the remodeling, and Alternate #8 in the amount of \$5,800 for leveling of the existing aisle at WNHS as part of the auditorium seating project. It is further recommended that the bid for field work and all other alternates be rejected. The field project will be re-evaluated and the tennis court will be bid as primary work. All other modifications will be bid based on remaining funds.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the base bids for Library Remodeling at WWSHS (\$220,000), Outdoor Bathrooms, Storage and Concessions at WNHS (\$660,000) and alternate #1 (\$39,000), alternate #6 (\$22,000) and alternate #8 (\$5,800) and reject the field renovation bid at WWSHS and all other alternates as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of WWSHS Library Furniture Bid

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MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the bid from Lowery McDonnell for library furniture for WWSHS in the amount of \$161,512.49 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Adoption of Resolution Supporting Changes in NCLB Act

NSBA has issued a call to action for local Boards of Education to adopt a resolution urging their U.S. Representative to co-sponsor H.R. 648, a bill that would improve implementation of the current NCLB Act. The suggested resolution was attached to the Board report. The proposed changes contain more than forty provisions that focus on five areas: Assessments, Measuring Adequate Yearly Progress, Sanctions, State Flexibility by the U.S. Department of Education and Non-Public Schools. The bill would increase the flexibility for states to use additional types of assessments for measuring AYP including growth models; grant states more flexibility in assessing students with disabilities and students not proficient in English for AYP purposes; create a student testing participation range, providing flexibility for uncontrollable variations in student attendance; allow schools to target resources to those student populations who need the most attention by applying sanctions only when the same student group fails to make adequate yearly progress (AYP) in the same subject for two consecutive years; ensure that students are counted properly in assessment and reporting systems; allow supplemental services to be offered in the first year of improvement; strengthen federal responsibility for funding; require NCLB testing and reporting for non-public schools for students receiving Title I services. It is recommended that the Board adopt the resolution urging local community and civic leaders and

appropriate members of the Illinois Legislature in encouraging local representatives to co-sponsor H.R. 648.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Slater seconded to adopt the resolution urging local community and civic leaders and appropriate members of the Illinois Legislature in encouraging local representatives to co-sponsor H.R. 648. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

WRITTEN REPORT

Elementary and Middle School Gifted Program Review

This report was provided for information only.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Hubble Committee – Status Review & Discussion

Dr. Catalani reviewed the make up of the Hubble Committee and sub-committees. He also reviewed the status report from each committee. Dr. Catalani reported that he met with Mayor Gresk to discuss the current Hubble site. Whatever happens at that site has to happen with the cooperation of the city, park district and school district. Dr. Catalani stated that Paul Colgan, chairman of the Alternate Use Sub-committee, will put together a timeline for his committee's work.

Member Swanson stated that she appreciates the information and is happy to hear that others are interested in what happens at the current site. She believes there are two parts to the question about alternative uses for the property; 1) if and when the district vacates the property what should be done with it, and 2) how and when does the Board decide if it should be sold or used for other purposes. Member Swanson feels there is a need to collectively analyze and decide what to do about the property. If the committee is addressing this issue, Member Swanson asked when the Board will make the decision.

Member Intihar stated that there is a need to clarify what properties are on the table and what are not. Are Jefferson and the SSC part of the plan? Should there be a consideration of keeping part of the land for future use and selling part? Member Intihar suggested that the Board define some limits to give the committee and then look to the administration to recommend the best way to take care of the educational needs of the district. Member Slater suggested that the recommendation might include a list of all the potential needs of the district and then the committee can look at how they can be met. Member Johnson suggested that the demographer reports be updated.

Dr. Catalani agreed that there are lots of issues but realistically the financial reality does not allow the district to do everything. The committee is going to look at the issue of if or when to vacate Hubble, they will look at possibilities for Jefferson and the SSC. The Hubble property becomes the gateway to the community and relieves the community financially by putting the property on the tax rolls. The committee needs time to come back and report to the Board of Education. This discussion is about a real opportunity to collectively come together with other entities and decide what is best for all members of the district community. It is a way to use the tax money once to help all entities instead of each group using tax money without sharing. This is the way for the total community to come together and do it right.

Member Slater suggested that the Board think about what the district would need to provide an all day kindergarten and universal preschool. Dr. Catalani stated that these ideas would require lots of space and the cost would be very high.

Member Bomher stated that he thinks the sooner the three entities come together and have a vision the better. The Board needs to make sure they have considered all of the options and issues because no one has a crystal ball to know for sure, but the Board needs to be able to say they made the best decision they could make. The other issue Member Bomher feels is very important is to make sure the district maximizes the return on the property if it is sold. Hopefully the committee can address this and Member Bomher feels it is very important to have staff members on this committee. Dr. Catalani stated that he will examine the make-up of the committee and make sure that the correct district people are on the committee.

President Johnson requested that staff give a collective recommendation on whether the building should be sold in all or part and what could potentially go on that property.

Member Knicker stated that he believes it is good to look at the process and that he has full faith in Paul Colgan and his involvement with other groups. Member Knicker reminded the Board that the charge to the committee was to give a recommendation and then the Board could question and work with them. The original discussion on the choice to build a new middle school included a discussion of alternatives including whether to vacate the land or not.

Member Swanson stated that she does not want to communicate that she is interested in stopping the current motion in place. She is not set on keeping or selling the property and she is not looking to resolve the issue tonight. She wants to focus on the process to make sure the Board is diligent on this project and does not short cut any part of the process. This is a key step and she wants to be sure the Hubble sub-committee is clear on their charge. This should not be just a demographics enrollment issue; it is also about programs and what the price tag would be. While she knows it is probably more than the district can afford, she doesn't want to overlook anything.

Dr. Catalani stated that he believes Dr. Drury needs to be involved in this issue and process. Member Intihar stated that she wants to make sure all district properties are on the table for discussion. Member Coghill stated that when the committee worked on the new logo, they found many wonderful professionals from the community and she believes the district needs to tap into as many of them as possible for feedback and input.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Knicker reported that he has been looking into how other districts handle public comment. He has information from about 20 other districts that he will copy and summarize for the other Board members. Member Knicker and Member Intihar will work on this and bring a recommendation to the Board that will make it possible to hear from people that want to address the Board and encourage individuals to speak during the Public Comment section of the meeting. Board members are asked to send a list of things they can't live with or can't live without for Public Comments. This will be put on a future agenda for a discussion.

Member Intihar reported that the R-rated Movie Committee met. Member Intihar summarized the work of the committee and highlighted the policy recommendation that will be brought to the Board of Education to be posted for public review.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Public Comment – possible changes to the policy and procedure
Current Hubble Site

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – June 13, 2007 – SSC

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to 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 9:08 PM.

Action may be taken following the Closed Session

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Coghill seconded to reinstate the rules and reconvene in Open Session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the motion was: AYE7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0** and the meeting was reconvened in Open Session at 10:00 PM.

MOTION

Member Coghill moved, Member Knicker seconded to authorize the attorney to seek a settlement agreement in a legal case as presented in Closed Session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Slater moved, Member Bomher seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0** and the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President