

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200**  
**May 25, 2005**

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 Edison Middle School, 1125 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andrew Johnson, on Wednesday, May 25, 2005, at 7:30 PM. Prior to the meeting, a reception was held for all employees celebrating 15 or 25 years of service with the District. All of these employees were recognized by the Board and their building principal.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members:        Andrew Johnson  
                             Ken Knicker  
                             Barbara Intihar  
                             Rosemary Swanson  
                             John Bomher (by phone until 8:45)  
                             Joann Coghill  
                             Marie C. Slater

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Intihar led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE HOST SCHOOL**

Mr. David Kanne, Principal of Edison Middle School addressed the Board and community during the recognition of employees with 15 & 25 years of service.

**MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Member Swanson requested that the Board add an item to discuss the elementary band and orchestra proposal that was given to the Board at the May 11 meeting. President Johnson stated that it will be added under Reports from Board Members.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

President Johnson recognized the organizers of the Safe Prom Celebration.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- The Technology Center of DuPage (TCD) is holding its annual Awards Night convocation tonight. During this program, 9 students from WNHS and 10 students from WWSHS will be named Outstanding Seniors in their program areas.
- The New 200 Foundation is a non-profit, volunteer organization that raises monies to support innovative teaching and learning in District 200. Over the past 3 years, this volunteer organization has distributed almost \$60,000 directly to our schools. It has helped every school in the district. The Foundation has awarded 72 mini-grants over this time for innovative teaching methods, as well as strategic larger grants that have broader impact across the district. A sample of the projects it has funded include a new smartboard for visual math learning, digital microscopes for science exploration, a classroom greenhouse, an animation studio, digital neighborhood mapping, and a Lenart sphere for middle school geometry. The Foundation has recently announced another round of mini-grants. Eighteen teacher projects will be funded for a total of \$8,220. We very much appreciate their contributions to district schools.
- The School Employees Loss Fund (SELF), of which District 200 is a member, chose District 200 to receive the School Employee Loss Fund 2005 Achievement Award for dedication to streamlining the accident reporting process. This award is for the efforts in the HR department regarding workers compensation claims.
- The Wheaton Warrenville Coop Boy's Gymnastics Team took first place at the state meet. We will be honoring the team and coaches at the June 8 Board Meeting.

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval to Post Revisions to Policy 6.210, Instructional Materials – Recommend the approval to post the revisions to Policy 6.210 for 30 days for public review and comment.
2. Approval of Change Orders – Recommend the approval of the change orders as presented.
3. Approval of Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement Jewell Road Work – Recommend the approval of the amendment to the Resolution & Certification authorizing the Intergovernmental Agreement, the Grant of Temporary Easement and the Quit Claim Deed between DuPage County and the School District as presented.
4. Approval of Minutes – May 11 Open - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented.
5. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

There was a discussion about the May 11 Open Session minutes. Member Intihar requested that the minutes be amended to reflect that staff and legal counsel had reviewed the response by SBM to concerns raised by custodial employees. The responses to the allegations were responded to by SBM in a satisfactory manner and because of that, the Board was comfortable awarding the contract renewal to SBM for custodial services. Because that discussion did not take place at the meeting, but instead had been communicated to the Board in a memo, the minutes will not be amended.

### **MOTION**

Member Knicker moved, Member Slater 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**

### Item 6 – Approval of Health Curriculum

A task force made up of classroom teachers, physical education teachers, nurses, a middle school representative and three administrators was assembled to develop a draft of the elementary health critical content during the winter of 2004. The Elementary Curriculum Leaders continued this work this year. The final parent/community involvement component included an opportunity for individual contact with person who reviewed and responded to the curriculum once it was on display. A final draft of the health curriculum was distributed this year through the Elementary Curriculum Leaders for review by every teacher in the district. The Elementary Curriculum Leaders considered feedback returned and appropriate changes were made to the document at a recent meeting. The final drafts were given to the Board members to review. An exemption letter is included for parent use if they wish to have their student excluded from the instruction. The curriculum was on display at the libraries in Wheaton, Warrenville, Carol Stream and Winfield, the SSC and the elementary buildings for public review and comment. One comment was received. It is recommended that the Board adopt the health curriculum as presented and posted.

## **MOTION**

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

### Item 7 – Approval of Handwriting Curriculum

A Handwriting Task Force made up of classroom teachers, Occupational Therapists/Physical Therapists (OT/PT's), an ELL teacher and two administrators was assembled to develop a draft of the elementary handwriting critical content and the work was continued by the Elementary Curriculum Leaders. The final parent/community involvement component included an opportunity for individual contact with persons who reviewed and responded to the curriculum once it was on display. The draft of the handwriting curriculum was distributed this year for review by every teacher in the district. Appropriate changes were made to the document based on feedback from the teachers. The final drafts were provided to the Board members. The proposed curriculum replaces the D'Nealian script with the Ball and Stick method. The curriculum was on display for public review and comment at the libraries in Wheaton, Warrenville, Carol Stream and Winfield, the SSC each elementary building. One response was received. It is recommended that the Board approve the handwriting curriculum as posted and presented.

Mrs. Swanson asked if the district can communicate this change in handwriting curriculum to the area preschools. Dr. Sorrick stated that her department will look into the feasibility of contacting the area preschools.

## **MOTION**

Member Swanson moved, Member Slater seconded to accept the kindergarten through fifth grade handwriting curriculum as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Item 8 – Approval to Post Health and Family Living, and Handwriting Materials

The Board previously approved the health and handwriting curricula. Materials are needed to support the implementation of the programs including updating family living videos. It is recommended that the Board approve the posting of the materials for public review and comment at the libraries in Wheaton, Warrenville, Carol Stream and Winfield, and the SSC as presented.

**MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to approve the posting of the health and family living, and the handwriting materials for public review and comment at the libraries in Wheaton, Warrenville, Carol Stream and Winfield, and the SSC as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Item 9 – Renewal of Life Insurance Policies

The Board of Education purchases basic Life Insurance for all full time employees. The current annual premium for insurance with Cigna is approximately \$98,146.80 and this contract is set to expire on May 31, 2005. Quotes were received from other competitive and viable companies and the district is able to renew with Reliance Standard at an annual premium of approximately \$85,968.00. It is recommended that the Board approve the contract with Reliance Standard with a three-year rate of an annual premium of approximately \$85,968.00.

**MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the contract with Reliance Standard with a three-year rate of an annual premium of approximately \$85,968.00. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**WRITTEN REPORTS**

Item 10 – Clean Energy Grant

Item 11 – Science at the Center

These reports were provided for information only.

**WORKSHOP**

Item 13 – Budget Preparation

Mr. Bill Farley presented information on the process to develop the budget and the current and projected financial picture for the district. Board members are asked to submit any questions for staff response.

President Johnson and Member Swanson volunteered to serve on an advisory committee to meet with Mr. Farley throughout the budget process.

**REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Member Swanson requested that staff provide additional information about the impact of the current elementary band and orchestra programs versus the impact of the proposed program.

Information requested includes the actual number of students in the programs and the actual number of classroom disruptions for the pull out of students.

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

In order for District 200 to continue to strive for higher levels of greatness, the Board of Education adopted the following high priority goals:

- Renew the District's Vision/Mission Statement to Reflect the Beliefs and Values of the Entire School Community
- Develop a Long-term Financial Plan that is Consistent with the Renewed Vision/Mission Statement
- Continue Implementation of the Board's Decision to Build a New Middle School in the Southwest Part of the District

Dr. Catalani stated that the consultant is currently conducting the community survey for the vision and mission statement. Results of the survey will be presented to the Board at the July meeting.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Next Regular Meeting – June 8 – SSC
- High School Graduations – June 5 - COD

There was no Closed Session at this meeting.

### **MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Intihar moved, Member Coghill seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and the **motion carried**. The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 PM.

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**Barbara Intihar, Secretary**

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**Andrew Johnson, President**