

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
May 9, 2007

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 Longfellow Elementary School, 311 W. Seminary, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andrew Johnson, on Wednesday, May 9, 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 (by phone)

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Paul McKinney led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH HOST SCHOOL

Paul McKinney, Principal of Longfellow School, welcomed and thanked the Board of Education, administration and community for their support during his 33 years of service in District 200.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Prior to the meeting, the Board recognized employees celebrating 15 and 25 years of service.

President Johnson introduced John Burlace, director of the WWSHS Classics Show Choir, and recognized them for their recent Cabaret Night. The Classics Choir raised \$10,000, which will be donated to Enterprise High School in Alabama. Mr. Burlace introduced representatives of the Show Choir.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Accepting the Canvass of the Vote of the April 17, 2007 General Election

Per Section 9-18 of the Illinois School Code, the Board must accept the canvass of the votes from the April 17, 2007 general election. It is recommended that the Board accept the canvass as provided by the DuPage Election Commission, which reflects the total votes recorded as:

John T. Bomher	7,286
Rosemary Swanson	7,878
Marie Slater	7,879
Mark O. Stern	4,351
Betty Welker	4,374
Paul Yousif	4,190

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Swanson seconded to accept the canvass of the April 17, 2007 general election as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0.

The motion carried 7-0.

Oath of Office by Newly Elected Board Members

President Johnson administered the Oath of Office to John Bomher, Marie Slater and Rosemary Swanson.

Election of President Pro-tempore

A Board member must be selected to serve as president pro-tempore to facilitate the election of the Board President. It is recommended that the Board elect a president pro-tempore.

MOTION

Member Johnson moved, Member Bomher seconded to elect Member Slater as the president pro-tempore for the purpose of conducting the election of the Board president. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

Nomination of President of the Board of Education

President pro-tempore Slater opened the floor for nominations.

MOTION

Member Swanson nominated Andy Johnson as President of the Board of Education. No other nominations were offered. The President Pro-tempore declared Andy Johnson as the President for two years. President Johnson then resumed leading the meeting.

Nomination of Vice President of the Board of Education

President Johnson opened the floor for nominations for vice president.

MOTION

Member Intihar nominated Rosemary Swanson as the Vice President of the Board of Education. No other nominations were offered. President Johnson declared Rosemary Swanson as the Vice President for two years.

Nomination of Secretary of the Board of Education

President Johnson opened the floor for nominations for secretary.

MOTION

Member Coghill nominated Barbara Intihar as the Secretary of the Board of Education. No other nominations were offered. President Johnson declared Barbara Intihar as the Secretary for two years.

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	Donna Messina
Topic	R-rated Films

Speaker	Melissa Guido
Topic	R-rated Films

Speaker	Mark O. Stern
Topic	Legat Contract

Speaker	Ralph Heatherington
Topic	Legat Contract

Speaker	Evre Caprel
Topic	R-rated Films

Speaker	Cathy Mousseau (with minutes from Vimila Menon)
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Tony Abbinante
Topic	Monroe/Weapons

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- Emily Disbrow, a senior at WWSHS, has added another honor to her list of accomplishments. It was announced last week that Emily is one of 141 Presidential Scholars in the United States and one of three from Illinois. A young man and woman are chosen from each state and another 15 students are selected at large. Presidential Scholars are selected based on their academic success, artistic excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as evidence of community service, leadership, and demonstrated commitment to high ideals. We will formally recognize Emily at our May 23rd Board meeting.
- Kendall Ciesmier, an eighth grader at Franklin, is one of ten middle and high school students from across the nation who were named America’s top youth volunteers for 2007 in The Prudential Spirit of Community awards program. Kendall, who was recognized at the March Board meeting, received the award in Washington during a four day celebration. Kendall formed a nonprofit organization that has raised \$80,000 since 2004 through web site donations and t-shirt sales to benefit AIDS orphans in Africa.

- Chris Gilbertson is one of 15 Chicago area school nurses who have completed the School Nurse Leadership Training sponsored by the Healthy School Campaign, National Louis University, and the University of Illinois at Chicago. The program's goal is to improve student health. We are pleased to recognize Ms. Gilbertson for this achievement during National Nurses Week.
- District 200 has once again been named one of the top public school districts in the nation by Expansion Management magazine. District 200 ranked in the top 16 percent of the 2,819 districts that were rated. The study is done to provide the magazine's corporate subscribers with a means of comparing the type of work force they are likely to encounter when planning a corporate opening or relocation.
- Commend Mr. McKinney for his efforts in the evacuation drill that was conducted today using his building. Mr. McKinney successfully evacuated the entire Longfellow student body and staff to WNHS. The drill simulated a spillage of toxic fumes in the area. Wheaton, Warrenville, Winfield and Carol Stream police and fire departments participated in this drill. The drill went very well, and while we hope we never need to use the lessons learned, it is important in today's world to be prepared. Lori Belha is to be commended for her leadership in organizing this drill and Mr. McKinney for his willingness to allow the use of his building and staff.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Mileage Reimbursement Rate for 2007-08 – Recommend the approval of the mileage reimbursement rate for 2007-08 to match the IRS rate of \$0.485.
2. Approval to Dispose of Surplus Assets – It is recommended that the Board declare the identified items surplus and approve the disposal of these assets as presented.
3. Approval to Post Revisions to Policy 2.220, School Board Meeting Procedure – Recommend the approval to post the revisions to Policy 2.220 to reflect changes in the law.
4. Approval to Post High School Novels – Recommend approval to post the high school novels as presented.
5. Approval of the Depositories of the District – Recommend the approval of the resolution identifying the district's depositories as presented.
6. Approval of Employer Costs of IMRF Benefit Protection Leave – Recommend the approval of the estimated employer cost of this employee's IMRF Benefit Protection Leave as requested.
7. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend the approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
8. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.
9. Approval of Minutes – April 25 Open and Approval to Destroy the Closed Session Recordings of meetings prior to November 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.

MOTION

Member Swanson 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. Catalani introduced Lisa Connolly. Ms. Connolly was approved on the Personnel Report as the newly created Director of K-12 Literacy position.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Wheaton North Roof Bid

A large section of roof at Wheaton North is at the end of its service life and is in need of removal and replacement. Legat Architects has been receiving bids recently for similar roofing work at an average of \$16 per square foot. The square footage of roof area 27 at WNHS is 18,673 (cost of \$299,000). The architects also suggested including adjoining roof area 28 (2,113 square feet) as well. Adding this additional space increases the square footage to 20,786 (cost \$332,576). Area 28 was included as an alternate in the bid package. Nine bidders responded to the notice to bid. Bids were received and reviewed by the architects. It is recommended that the Board approve the bid for roofing work to Olsson Roofing, the lowest qualified bidder, with the alternate bid included for a cost of \$279,440.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the bid from Olsson Roofing, including the alternate bid, in the amount of \$279,440 for the roofing work at WNHS. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to Lease Document Imaging Equipment

Due to the age of the equipment that has been used for the scanning of student records, the hardware and software both need to be upgraded. Due to the age of the equipment, staff has been unable to scan approximately 250 boxes of records. Leasing the new system from Digital Paper Solutions would cost the district \$485.00 per month for 60 months, which includes maintenance and upgrade protection for the life of the lease. At the end of the lease, the district will have the option to purchase the equipment for \$1.00. It is recommended that the Board approve the lease for the document imaging equipment from Digital Paper Solutions as presented.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the lease of the document imaging equipment from Digital Paper Solutions for 60 months at a cost of \$485.00 per month as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Wheaton North Auxiliary Gym Refinishing Bid

As part of the routine maintenance and upkeep, gym floors need to be refinished on a regular basis. This work was bid last spring as an alternate bid to the main gym floor refinishing project. At that time, the low alternate bid was \$22,300. Staff recommended rejecting all bids for this work and re-bidding in spring of 2007. Bids were sought, including two alternate bids. It is recommended that the Board approve the bid from the low bidder, Lenco Flooring, for the base bid and both alternate bids for a total cost of \$9,615.

MOTION

Member Coghill moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the bid from Lenco Flooring for the base bid and two alternate bids for the refinishing of the auxiliary gym at WNHS in the amount of \$9,615. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Sodexho Contract Renewal

Sodexho is under contract with the district for management of food services. The district will be completing the second year of a five-year contract renewal option. Sodexho has worked hard to meet goals and provide enhancements to the food service program this year. As part of the renewal process, the Board of Education can annually approve the contract up to the full five-year length of the contract. The renewal is based on the CPI for food service workers and is set at 2.5%. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the extension of the Sodexho contract for food service for the 2007-08 school year as presented.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the extension of the food contract service with Sodexho for the 2007-08 school year as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to Proceed with Building Design & Bid Documents

In an effort to set the timeline for a new middle school, staff would like to proceed with building design and preparation of bid documents. This approach provides a great benefit to the students and the community. By proceeding to develop the architectural and engineering bid documents, the affect of inflation on this project is minimized and a new learning environment can be provided for students a year earlier than it could be if the district were to delay the start of the design. The Board of Education received an oral presentation on this at the April 4, 2007 Board meeting, discussed this at the April 25, 2007 meeting and it is now recommended that the Board direct Legat Architects to proceed with Building Design & Bid documents as presented. The cost reflects the negotiated fee of 6.75% of the total cost of construction as defined by the Legat contract. Each phase of this work will be brought to the Board of Education for approval before it is begun.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Swanson seconded to direct Legat Architects to proceed with building Design & Bid documents for a new middle school as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Members Bomher and Swanson commented that they both believe this is the right thing to do. This decision is a judgment call and was not made without much thought. The professionals have not led the district wrong on all of the other similar projects and they have completed previous work in a cost efficient manner, and therefore, Board members feel safe in trusting them and following their expert opinions and advice.

Approval to Extend Bovis Contract

Bovis Lend Lease was chosen as CUSD 200's construction manager in 1999 as part of a competitive process approved by the Board of Education. Prior to the 2002 referendum, a Memorandum of Understanding outlined the services that Bovis would provide to the district for the renovations and additions to the high schools as well as future work for Hubble Middle School. In anticipation of the potential for the new Hubble Middle School referendum, staff recommends an extension of the current agreement. By extending the contract, the terms and conditions of the original agreement do not change. Bovis will defer all billing for services performed during the pre-referendum phase of the project for two years or until the successful passage of a referendum, whichever is earlier. Compensation for the pre-construction phase of

the project will not exceed \$30,000. It is recommended that the Board approve the extension of the Bovis Contract as presented and discussed by the Board.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Swanson seconded to approve the extension of the Bovis contract as presented at a not to exceed cost of \$30,000. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Appointment of IASB Governing Board Representative

District 200 is a member of the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB). As a member district, the Board must appoint a representative to the Governing Board. It is recommended that the Board make an appointment.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Coghill seconded to appoint Rosemary Swanson as the representative to the IASB Governing Board. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Slater requested that the IASB DuPage Division be allowed to use WWSHS for their dinner meeting next school year. Dr. Catalani stated that the school could absolutely be used and we will work with the IASB and the high school to find a date that works for both groups.

Member Swanson reported that the NSBA has adopted HB 648, a resolution on how to improve NCLB. The NSBA is looking for districts to draft a resolution to support HB 648 since this is the year to re-author NCLB. Member Swanson requested that this item be placed on the agenda for the May 23 Board of Education meeting.

Member Coghill referenced an email Board members received regarding healthy vending machines. Dr. Catalani stated that Lisa Maher has already been directed to investigate these vending machines.

Member Swanson stated that several Board members attended the WWEA Honor's Tea that was held this afternoon. Member Swanson reported that she added up the years of service of the retiring teachers and it equals at least 571 years of service to District 200 and over 600 years of total experience in education.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Member Knicker stated that he and Member Intihar hope to have some information to present to the Board at the next meeting on alternatives to the manner in which the Board handles Public Comment.

Member Johnson stated that the Board held a goal setting and governance meeting with Dr. Drury and a representative from the IASB. The goals discussed at that meeting will be discussed at a future Board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – May 23, 2007 – WNHS

CLOSED SESSION

None needed.

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 9:08 at PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President