

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
June 11, 2008

The first regular meeting of the month of June of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at the School Service Center, 130 W. Park Avenue, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andy Johnson, on Wednesday, June 11, 2008, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Andrew Johnson
 Rosemary Swanson
 John Bomher (arrived at 7:55 PM)
 Ken Knicker
 Marie Slater
 Joann Coghill

Absent: Barbara Intihar

Also in Attendance: Dr. Richard W. Drury
 Dr. Lori Belha
 Mr. Bill Farley
 Dr. Robert Rammer
 Dr. Margo Sorrick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Dawn Snyder led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- WNHS and TCD seniors Jeanette Andrews and Nermin Avdic placed first in the Level 3 divisions of graphic design, layout and PhotoShop in the 2008 Triton College Visual Communications Competition. Both of these students were also named 2008 Outstanding Seniors in the Graphic Communications program at TCD.
- WWSHS Boy's Volleyball Team took first place at state this year. The Board will honor the team at a future Board meeting.
- WNHS Baseball Team took fourth place at state this year. This is an historic win for WNHS, it is the first time that a WNHS baseball team has advanced to the state level competition.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

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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	Charles Pfeister
Topic	Vending

Speaker	Mark Stern
Topic	Board Calendar/Full Release/Jefferson

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Large Unit District Association (LUDA) Membership Renewal and Dues – Recommend the approval of the LUDA membership renewal and dues as presented.
2. Approval of Mileage Reimbursement Rate for 2008-09 – Recommend the approval of the reimbursement rate of \$.505 as presented.
3. Approval of Life Safety Extension of Time – Recommend the approval of the extension of time for Jefferson School as presented.
4. Approval of Mobile Classroom Inspections for School Year 2008-09 – Recommend the approval of the mobile classroom inspections for Washington School as presented.
5. Approval of Worker's Compensation Renewal – Recommend the approval of the Worker's Compensation renewal with SELF in the amount of \$570,274 as presented.
6. Approval of Property, Casualty and Liability Insurance Renewal from CLIC – Recommend the approval of the property, casualty and liability insurance renewal with CLIC in the amount of \$363,492 for the term of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 as presented.
7. Approval of Funding for PDEExpress – Recommend the approval of the funding for PDEExpress as presented.
8. Adoption of the 2008-09 Board of Education Meeting Calendar – Recommend the adoption of the calendar as presented.
9. Approval of Continuation of Full Time Release Program for WWEA President – Recommend the approval of the full time release for the WWEA President as presented.
10. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
11. Approval of Minutes – May 8 Special Closed Session, May 14 Open and Closed and May 28 Open and Closed. Recommend approval of the 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 Slater moved, Member Coghill seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

There was discussion about the Board meeting calendar. Mrs. Sender stated that the regular meeting schedule was presented for action in keeping with the rules of the Open Meeting Act.

Since the Board had not discussed nor agreed upon a schedule for the “Chat with the Board” sessions, that calendar has not yet been established. The Board decided to take action under Action Items to establish the schedule for the extra sessions.

ACTION ITEMS

“Chat with the Board” Sessions

The Board discussed the format they envision for the “Chat with the Board” sessions. The original design calls for at least quarterly meetings on a Saturday morning. The Board decided to start with once a month sessions instead and re-evaluate after the first few sessions based on attendance. The sessions will be held on the second Saturday of the month at the SSC from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. The first session will be held in September. There will be no formal agenda and citizens of the school district will have the opportunity to just come in and have conversation with Board members.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Slater seconded to establish the schedule for the “Chat with the Board” sessions. The sessions will be held on the second Saturday of the month beginning in September. The sessions will be held in the Board Room at the SSC and run from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Member John Bomher arrived at 7:55 PM.

Approval of Wheaton Warrenville South High School Restructuring Plan

As a part of the No Child Left Behind federal legislation, District 200 submitted school improvement plans for each District 200 school and a District improvement plan to the Board of Education for review and approval on October 24, 2007. A restructuring plan is required after a school does not make AYP for a fifth consecutive year. Wheaton Warrenville South High School developed a restructuring plan and incorporated it into the school improvement plan that was submitted to the Board of Education for approval on October 24, 2007. However, Illinois and federal law requires a separate restructuring document be submitted on the restructuring template located on the IIRC website after school board approval. The attached restructuring template for Wheaton Warrenville South was completed based on the SIP plan of October 24, 2007. The information on pages 3-12 in "Section 1A Data & Analysis - Report Card Data", was updated by ISBE based on data collected for the Illinois School Report Card. Pages 14-17 of the plan give a brief description of restructuring activities and redirects the reader to pages 37-80 of the "WWSHS School Improvement Plan" for delineation of all of the plan's actions and timelines. Upon submission, the plan will subsequently be approved and monitored by the State Superintendent of Education. The Board of Education is asked to review and approve the Wheaton Warrenville South High School Restructuring Plan.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the extension of the WWSHS restructuring plan as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of the Prevailing Rate of Wages Ordinance

The Prevailing Wage Act required that our district pay workmen the prevailing wage for DuPage County, either directly or through a contactor with whom we contract work on any of our school

district projects. In addition, the law requires we make a determination of the most recent prevailing wage to make sure contractors we may appoint are paying the correct wage.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Bomher seconded to approve the prevailing rate of wages ordinance as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Snack Vending Contract Renewal

The Board of Education approved a one year contract with Triple S Vending for snack vending at Wheaton North High School and Wheaton Warrentville South High School last year. This contract expires on June 30, 2008. The contract states that it may be renewed for up to two additional single-year extensions at no change in terms. Each additional contract year would run July 1 - June 30. These vending machines are filled with various items such as chips, cookies, breakfast rolls, fruit snacks, candy, gum, milk, water, and coffee. The District has been very pleased with the services Triple S Vending provided this past year. Our contract states that we receive 31% commission percentage on snack vending items sold in the machines. Through April 2008, our commissions at Wheaton Warrentville South have increased by 49% as compared to the same time period last year. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a one year extension with Triple S Vending for the contract of snack vending in both of our high schools.

The Board discussed the contract and the issues that have been raised by Mr. Pfeister. Board members expressed support for the staff in this decision. The Board expressed a desire to see all vending machines monitored on a regular basis and would like to discuss the idea of having all vending monies included in the district operating budget. Dr. Drury stated that staff will be doing meter readings on at least a quarterly basis and working on a plan to show how all funds are spent and used. Staff hopes to bring this plan to the Board in July or August. Member Swanson requested that, to memorialize the vendor machine monitoring for future years, an administrative regulation be created.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the one year extension with Triple S Vending for the contract of snack vending at both high schools as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Resolution(s)

Each year the IASB invites districts to submit resolutions for consideration by the membership at their annual delegate assembly. Members Johnson and Swanson formed a writing committee to develop resolutions on behalf of CUSD200. Proposals were developed to address two specific issues: Fair Testing for All, and Mandated Board Training.

Fair Testing for All

Assessing the academic progress of ELL students is problematic for all states. Illinois used IMAGE as an alternate assessment which was known by the federal government to be considered an unacceptable approach. Therefore, this year the state changed to ISAT/PSAE testing for ELL students. However, the change as implemented is likely to be detrimental to both students and districts. ISAT/PSAE results will not provide meaningful data to guide instruction and improve student learning. The accommodations are not sufficient to overcome this barrier to successful testing. Students are set up for failure and schools are more likely not to make AYP. While the

state has a plan to improve the test for this subgroup, it is spread over five years with no relief from sanctions in the meantime. Staff and Board members have advocated for fair testing of all students so that academic progress can be accurately assessed. Resolutions to amend three existing IASB position statements relative to NCLB and assessment testing, and a new general belief statement affirming support for fair testing, were developed for consideration by the whole Board.

Mandated Board Training

Proposed increased accountability measures for local school Boards often include mandated ethics and finance training. We strongly support every Board member being as knowledgeable as possible on matters that affect the stewardship of their districts. However, volunteer school Boards should not be subject to training requirements that are not imposed on other elected bodies. To the extent the state does include such mandates, the Illinois Association of School Boards has the experience and resources to deliver that training most effectively, and the state should look to IASB as the primary provider for such services. A resolution to amend an existing IASB position statement relative to finance reform, and a new general belief statement affirming the role of IASB in Board member training, were developed for consideration by the whole Board.

The Board discussed the proposed resolutions.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Slater seconded to submit the resolutions and belief statements to IASB relative to testing and Board training as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

WRITTEN REPORTS

Wellness Policy Report

FOIA Report

These reports were provided for information and in keeping with the Open Meetings Act.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Coghill reported on the Wheaton Sesquicentennial Committee that she serves on. The committee meets every two weeks and the plans are moving along. The celebration begins on July 4, 2008 and end on July 3, 2009. There are many community wide activities in the planning stage and District 200 will be part of many of them.

Member Swanson stated that she read an article that summarized a State Pathways to Schools grant and asked if District 200 is involved. Mrs. Mary Clifford responded that yes, the district is involved and that she is attending a training next week on this topic.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

2008-09 Budget

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

July 9, 2008 - SSC

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	Mark Stern
Topic	Prevailing Wage

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Swanson moved, Member Slater 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 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 8:43 PM.

No action is expected following the Closed Session.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President