

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200**  
**July 9, 2003**

The first regular meeting of the month of July 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 Andrew Johnson, on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, at 7:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Andrew Johnson  
Rosemary Swanson  
John Bomher  
Barbara Intihar  
Ken Knicker  
Marie C. Slater  
Bob Davis

Also in Attendance: Dr. Gary T. Catalani  
Dr. Bev Becker  
Mr. Bill Farley  
Mr. John Sluis  
Mrs. Margo Sorrick

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Dr. Sorrick led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Johnson stated that the Board values the comments of the public, but has agreed not to respond or react to comments made without getting more data. Lack of action does not reflect lack of concern.

Speaker	Jackie Miller and Betty Welker
Topic	Gifts from the PTA's

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- President Johnson spoke at the Opening Ceremonies of the Vietnam Moving Wall and did an excellent job and represented District 200 very well.
- Marcie Nordlund, the new Principal of Johnson School, just had her book, *Differentiated Education*, published.

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Acceptance of Gifts from the PTA – Recommend the acceptance of the gifts from the PTA as presented.
2. Acceptance of Gift to District 200 Music Program – Recommend the acceptance of the gift to the District 200 Music Department as presented.
3. Approval of Extension of Intergovernmental Agreement for School Liaison Officers – Recommend the approval of the extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Wheaton for Liaison Officers at each high school.
4. Approval of Comprehensive Textbook List – Recommend the approval of the Comprehensive textbook Lists for the 2003-2004 school year as presented.
5. Approval of Renewed Elementary Report Card – Recommend the approval of the renewed elementary report cards as presented.
6. Approval of Policy 6.235, Access to the Internet – Recommend the adoption of the amendments to Policy 6.235, Access to the Internet as presented and posted.
7. Approval of Miscellaneous Policies Required by the NCLB Act – Recommend the adoption of Policy 7.15 and amendments to Policies 7.50, 7.340 and 7.350 as presented and posted.
8. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend the approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
9. Approval of Minutes – June 25 Open and Closed - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented.
10. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

Member Davis requested that the minutes for the June 25 Open meeting be amended by removing the first paragraph under Public Comment.

Member Slater commended the PTA for their gifts to the district in the amount of \$74,770.68. The district would not be able to provide the kinds of things that the PTA donates to the schools and the Board appreciates the hard work and efforts of the PTA.

### **MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented with the amendment to the June 25 Open minutes. The Closed Session Minutes will remain closed. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### Item 11 – Approval of Building Designs for WNHS & WWSHS Construction Project

Dr. Catalani stated that this process started with the High School Task Force that designed a program of the future. The Board of Education took that design and asked the architects to answer what type of building is needed to deliver the program. Legat Architects presented a PowerPoint display of information on the plans they have developed, with District 200 staff, for the construction at the two high schools. There was discussion about the plans and Board members asked questions. These plans are program driven. It is recommended that the Board approve the designs for the construction at WNHS & WWSHS so that the project can move to the preparation of construction documents phase and work can begin to seek bids for the work.

## **MOTION**

Member Knicker moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the designs for the construction at WNHS & WWSHS as presented so that the project can move to the preparation of construction documents phase. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

## **DISCUSSION**

### Item 12 – Tentative Budget

Dr. Catalani stated that responses to Board questions were at Board member's places at the meeting. The 5-year projection requested by the Board will be completed before the August 13 meeting and Public Hearing. Board members discussed the proposed budget and asked questions. Dr. Catalani stated that the Average Daily Attendance (ADA) was lower this year because the use of technology for recording and documenting attendance has caused more accurate data and the district has a better understanding of the state guidelines for documenting absences. There was discussion of how the district can discourage families from taking students out of school for vacations and appointments. Dr. Catalani stated that the District Collaborative Team is looking at ways to create the school calendar in a manner that will maximize instructional weeks and decrease short weeks that tend to encourage families to take students out of school. These changes will hopefully have a positive affect on the ADA.

The Board discussed the current financial reports that they receive and questioned the value of the monthly budgeting report. Staff will look at the current reporting system and report back to the Board with a recommendation for future reporting. Member Swanson expressed a desire to be part of the investigation and development of a reporting system that supplies Board members with the information that helps them the most.

The Public Hearing for the Tentative Budget will be held at the August 13, 2003 Board meeting and the Board will be asked to adopt the budget at the August 27 meeting. Board members are encouraged to submit any additional questions to Dr. Catalani as soon as possible.

## **REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Member Knicker asked if the District needs to have defibrillators in the schools. Dr. Catalani stated that the district is waiting to see the language of the new law if the Governor signs the bill and what will be needed to meet the law.

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

Hubble Issues

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – August 13, 2003 – SSC

## MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Davis moved, Member Slater seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a potential land purchase. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

No action is expected following the Closed Session.

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 9:43 PM.

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**Ken Knicker, Secretary**

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**Andrew Johnson, President**