

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
August 22, 2007

The second regular meeting of the month of August 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, August 22, 2007, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Andrew Johnson
 Rosemary Swanson
 Barbara Intihar
 John Bomher
 Ken Knicker

Absent: Joann Coghill
 Marie Slater

Also in Attendance: Dr. Richard W. Drury
 Mr. Bill Farley
 Mrs. Linda Knicker
 Dr. Robert Rammer
 Dr. Margo Sorrick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Swanson led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

President Johnson stated that the district had a great opening of the school year and President Johnson thanked the administrators and staff for their efforts.

Dr. Drury announced that Dr. Belha is not at the Board meeting because District 200 was asked to present its safety plan to the International Fire Chiefs' Conference. Dr. Belha, Wheaton Fire Chief Greg Berk, and retired principal Kevin Kane provided an eight hour training today on designing school plans and building relationships with first responders.

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	Ted Witte
Topic	LEED

Speaker	Mark O. Stern
Topic	R-rated Movies

Mr. Stern deferred his comments to the agenda item.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Drury agreed with President Johnson that the district had experienced a great start. However, there have been a few issues at a couple of buildings. At 4:30 this morning Hawthorne and Washington were without power and power was restored before the start of school. A one week paving project at Monroe was started three weeks ago and due to the unusual amount of rain that project is still not complete. This project was further compromised by the power and phone lines being inadvertently cut from the building. Dr. Drury asked Mr. Farley to give an update on the following topics:

- Mr. Farley thanked Dr. Spychala, the Monroe staff, students and parents for their cooperation in dealing with no front drive to the school. Mr. Farley also thanked the DuPage County Fair Grounds for working with the district to get a workable solution to the situation and allowing the district to use their property for parking and student drop off.
- The A/C chiller at WWSHS developed a leak. A work crew has been on site working on this and the estimated time for the repair is by the end of the week. The other chiller unit is running, but with the hot humid weather, there are areas in the school that are very warm. Dr. Snyder is redirecting classes to other areas of the building where possible. Dr. Snyder sent a phone message to all WWS parents today with a status report.

Dr. Drury asked Mr. Paul Colgan, Chair of the Hubble Alternate Site Committee, to give a status report on the work of the committee. Mr. Colgan reported that the committee is working with the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce and is working on a way in which to get more community members involved in discussing the potential uses of the Hubble property. The committee and the Chamber of Commerce have appointed Mr. Pete Pointner to lead this effort. The committee has obtained the cooperation of the Northeast Chapter of the Illinois Association of Architects to participate in a Charette. A Charette is an urban planning technique for consulting with all stakeholders and is used as a means of getting ideas on the table for discussion and consideration. The Charette will consist of five diverse groups that will meet to brainstorm ideas of what could happen on the property. There will be two or three volunteer architects at each table. Most of the architects are Wheaton residents that have volunteered their time. The Charette will be held on September 8 at the Wheaton Community Center. The committee requested Board of Education representation. Interested Board members should contact Mary Lou Sender. Once the Charette process is completed, the committee will report back to the Board of Education.

Dr. Drury reported that the district is still waiting for the official NFR letter from the IEPA. The draft letter has been received by the developer and he has been told that the IEPA is working on sending the official letter.

Dr. Drury asked Mrs. Linda Knicker to introduce two employees that have had recent job title changes. Mrs. Knicker introduced Ann Piccione and Ellen O’Rourke, two veteran teachers that have served as classroom teachers and curriculum interns. Both of these teachers are joining the

Special Education team and working as Remediation Through Intervention (RTI) Facilitators. RTI is a procedure used to respond to mandate interventions for students instead of waiting for them to fail. These teachers will be the link between regular education and special education and will be working to make the two a seamless operation.

Dr. Drury asked Mr. Bill Farley to report on the state budget. Mr. Farley stated that after 71 days of overtime, the legislature approved a budget. The budget is now sitting on the Governor's desk awaiting his approval. The good news is that if the budget stands as currently written there will be a significant increase to the funding of education. There could be a \$400 increase in the foundation level, which means a significant increase for District 200. The budget also includes increases in reimbursements for special education staff. Now state leaders are waiting to see what happens and what the Governor does with the budget.

Dr. Drury introduced Mr. Bryce Camm, the newly elected WWEA President. Mr. Camm thanked the Board of Education for the full release that the Board approved for his contract. Mr. Camm intends to use his time to enhance the working relationships between WWEA employees and the administrators as everyone works for what is best for kids to see them excel.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONSENT AGENDA

1. Request to Post ELL Elementary Social Studies and Science Supplemental Materials – Recommend approval to post the materials as presented.
2. Approval of Title I District Plan – Recommend approval of the submission of the Title I Plan for District 200 to the State Board of Education as presented.
3. Approval of Minutes – August 8, 2007 Open & Closed, and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Session Meetings Prior to March 2006 - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented and approval to destroy the recordings of Closed Session Meetings prior to March 2006. The Closed Session minutes will remain closed.
4. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

Approval to Move to a LEED Certified Design

The district is interested in obtaining LEED Certification for the new Hubble Middle School. LEED Certification is defined on the US Green Building Council Web Site as follows: The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings. LEED gives building owners and operators the tools they need to have an immediate and measurable impact on their buildings performance. LEED promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality. LEED provides a roadmap for measuring and documenting success for every building type and phase of a building lifecycle. LEED has four distinct levels of recognition, with each level requiring additional initiative in the project. The four levels are Platinum, Gold, Silver and Certified.

The upfront costs for LEED certification including application and commissioning are approximately \$460,000. It should be noted that even if the district did not opt for LEED Certification, it would be our recommendation to have building commissioning as part of this project. That cost is one half of the total anticipated cost of LEED Certification. However, the anticipated upfront costs prior to a successful referendum would be approximately \$275,000. The LEED documentation, engineering costs and commissioning would be the main costs. After a successful referendum, it is recommended that Legat be directed to apply for a grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Foundation (ICEF) that could bring as much as \$135,000 to offset the application costs.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the application for LEED Certification at a minimum level of Certified and a goal of being at the LEED Silver level

The Board discussed this opportunity and supports this effort.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the application for LEED Certified Design for Hubble Middle School at the approximate cost of \$275,000 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Health Insurance Third Party Administration & Stop Loss Policy

The district operates a self insured health and dental program that utilizes the services of a Third Party Administrator (TPA) to administer the district plan document. Benefit Brokers & Consultants (BBC) serves as the broker of record for the district and is responsible for seeking quotations for TPA services as well as excess loss coverage and prescription benefit services. The district contracted with Professional Benefit Administrators, Inc. (PBA) of Hinsdale as the TPA for the 2006-07 plan year. The current broker, Edward Vesely of Benefit Brokers & Consultants, Inc. (BBC), has been seeking Stop Loss Insurance in the marketplace. The district is completing the first year with PBA as our TPA. When the Board approved PBA last year, the service contract stated that the second year there would be no increase over the base year. The district is very satisfied with the service provided by PBA. It is recommended that the Board renew the agreements with PBA as the TPA and name BBC as the Broker of Record for the 2007-08 policy year. In addition, the Board annually approves the stop loss coverage for the policy. The district purchases aggregate coverage for all claims as well as specific coverage which provide a ceiling on individual claims. For the expiring policy year, the specific level was \$155,000. The Board was given the renewal rates for stop loss and administrative fees. It is recommended that the Board approve the rates and vendors for Health/Dental Insurance as presented

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the rates and vendors for Health/Dental Insurance as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

DISCUSSION ITEM

Policy 6.210 – R-Rated Movie Policy

Speaker	Mark O. Stern
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Topic	R-rated Movies
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Member Intihar stated that, contrary to an article in the press, the R-rated Movie Committee is not a permanent committee that looks at movies, but instead was a committee whose job was to look at how movies are used in District 200 schools. If the middle schools want to use more than G-rated movies, a committee would need to be formed. The new committee could certainly use the R-rated Policy as a framework, but it would not be high school people making the recommendations for middle school. The emphasis of the proposed policy is on literacy. Full length movies will most likely not be used; instead clips will be used to emphasize a concept. Principals will be monitoring movie usage per the process for approval.

Board members thanked the committee for their work on this policy. Board members stated that they feel the proposed policy is a much stronger policy that provides a good balance that is not too restrictive on staff but judicious for all students. Parents have to give permission for their student to view an R-rated clip or film. The Board feels that the committee listened to the public and went back and strengthened the proposed policy.

WRITTEN REPORTS

2007 Summer School

English Language Learners Report

These reports were provided for information only. Dr. Sorrick recognized Mrs. Phyllis Weaver for her work on these reports.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Swanson reminded Board members that the IASB DuPage Division dinner is on September 19 at WWSHS. Board members need to register online for this event at the IASB web site.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Technology Audit

Public Comment Procedures

Hubble Use Committee Report

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – September 12, 2007 – Monroe Middle School

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Bomher moved, Member Knicker 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.**

No action is expected following the Closed Session.

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 8:30 PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President