

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
August 23, 2006

The first 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 Vice President Rosemary Swanson, on Wednesday, August 23, 2006, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Rosemary Swanson
 Marie C. Slater
 Ken Knicker
 Joann Coghill
 John Bomher

Absent: Barbara Intihar
 Andrew Johnson

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Bomher seconded to suspend the rules and open the Public Hearing on the proposed 2006-07 budget. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Mr. Farley showed a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed 2006-07 budget showing the expected revenues and expenses. Mr. Farley stated that one question was received at the Winfield Public Library from a citizen. The question was regarding the zero dollar amount listed on the revenue side for the gifted program. Mr. Farley will respond to the citizen and explain that the gifted revenue the district received in previous years came from a grant, but since the grant has been discontinued, the district has been covering the costs for the gifted program. That is why that line item now reflects zero.

Mr. Joseph Mahady, a citizen of Wheaton, commented on the impact on the district of TIF funding by the communities. Mr. Mahady invited Mr. Farley to attend a utilities conference with him.

Mr. Mark Stern, a citizen of Wheaton, stated that he was happy to see a balanced budget presented. He is glad that a finance committee is being formed and he hopes the district has the financial wherewithal to address the obligations of the new teacher contract. Mr. Stern stated that he hopes the Board focuses on the budget items necessary for the core mission and not on luxury items. Mr. Stern stated that he hopes the Board members go back to the IASB and discuss the issues of future financial planning.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Coghill seconded to reinstate the rules and close the Public Hearing on the proposed 2006-07 budget. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Dr. Catalani recommended that the two discussion items be tabled until the full Board was present to participate. All Board members were in agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Swanson 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.

Mrs. Swanson stated that as the new school year is starting, the Board has lots of work to do that relates to teaching and learning. The Board needs to stay focused. While the Hubble issue is very important on people's minds, there is a process to bring it to closure one way or another. Ultimately, there will be a referendum and the entire community will have a say. As other government bodies do, Mrs. Swanson asked that comments on the Hubble issue be limited to new information only to allow the Board time to move forward with the other business of the district.

Speaker	Arnie Werling (Russ Tedrehn minutes)
Topic	Basketball Hoops at Washington School

Speaker	Ed Paschke (Mark Stern, Sarah Vetraino minutes)
Topic	BP Amoco/Hubble

Speaker	Paul Yousif
Topic	PB Amoco/Hubble

Speaker	Richard Sublett
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Michelle Senatore (Mr. & Mrs. S. Stelter, Mary Barwig, Ralph Dahm
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	minutes)
Topic	Bp Amoco/Hubble

Vice President Swanson stated that she too was on the BP Amoco tour and felt the characterizations of the responses from the BP Amoco representatives were not as depicted by Ms. Senatore. Ms. Swanson had a different perspective on the outcome of the tour.

Speaker	Betty Welker
Topic	BP Amoco

Speaker	Cathy Mousseau (Deb Durrbeck, Sheila Rutledge, Debbie Mignin, Pam Nickerson minutes)
Topic	BP Amoco/Hubble

Speaker	Joseph Mahady
Topic	BP Amoco Hubble

Speaker	Fred Clarke
Topic	Hubble

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

It has been a fantastic opening to the new school year.

The District Social Work Department, under the direction of Donna Kozica, worked with the Humanitarian Project Group in Wheaton this summer to arrange for food and support for thirty of our families who were in need of this assistance. Each month the thirty families identified by the district's Social Work Department were provided with food and other services. In addition to this, 50 brand new backpacks filled with school supplies and gift certificates for necessities to begin the school year were delivered to Donna Kozica at Hubble to distribute to students in need. The Humanitarian Service Project will continue to partner with the District Social Work Department to provide additional services to these identified families. Our thanks to Donna Kozica for contacting and working with this agency and for her tireless effort on behalf of parents and students in District 200.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval to Dispose of Fixed Assets – Recommend the approval to declare older pianos surplus and allow the district to dispose of them.
2. Approval of Occupancy Permit for Wheaton North High School – Recommend the approval to request an occupancy permit from the Regional Office of Education.
3. Approval of High School Change Orders – Recommend the approval of the change orders as presented.
4. Approval of Substitute Pay Increase – Recommend the approval of a \$5.00 per day increase to the substitute teacher pay rate.
5. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend the approval of the Bills Payable and Payroll as presented.

6. Approval of Minutes – July 12 Open and Destruction of the Closed Session Recordings from February 2005 - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented and approval to destroy the February 2005 Closed Recordings.
7. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Slater 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.**

Dr. Sorrick introduced the new Curriculum Leaders and Julie Oziemkowski, the new Director of School Improvement Planning, to the Board of Education.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval to Purchase Computerized IEP Software

Special Services has sought an agreement with a vendor to install, maintain and train special education staff using a new IEP computerized/web-based system, facilitating standardization of the IEP/goal writing process. The recommended provider is Netchemia and there is a one time software fee of \$54,000. There will be a yearly maintenance and hosting fee of \$20,000. The program will be used by Edison, Pleasant Hill, Whittier, Washington and Lowell this year and the remaining schools will be trained for use in the 2007-08 school year. It is recommended that the Board approve the proposal from Netchemia for the computerized IEP system.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Bomher seconded to approve the proposal with Netchemia for computerized IEP software for a one time fee of \$54,000 and a yearly maintenance and hosting fee of \$20,000 as presented.. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of Middle School Novel List

The Board approved the posting of these materials at the July 12, 2006 Board of Education meeting. No comments have been received on these novels and it is recommended that the Board approve the list of book titles as presented and posted.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Slater seconded to approve the adoption of the Middle School Novel List as presented and posted. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval to Adopt ESL Middle School Social Studies Textbooks

The Board of Education approved the posting of these textbooks at the June 14, 2006 Board of Education meeting. No comments have been received on these books and it is recommended that the Board approve the adoption of the ESL Middle School Social Studies textbooks as presented.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the adoption of the ESL Social Studies textbooks as presented and posted. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of Wellness Policy

By law, districts that participate in the National School Lunch Program are required to develop and adopt a school wellness policy. A committee was formed to accomplish this goal. Their proposed policy was posted at the June 14, 2006 Board of Education meeting and no comments have been received. It is recommended that the Board adopt Wellness Policy 6.50 as presented and posted.

MOTION

Member Coghill moved, Member Bomher seconded to adopt Wellness Policy 6.50. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of Athletic Trainer Service Agreement

The district annually seeks an agreement with a vendor for certified athletic trainers. These trainers deliver services to the students who attend the two high schools. The actual hours worked will be submitted on timesheets and the hours are not to exceed 1000 hours at WNHS and 1200 hours at WWSHS. It is recommended that the Board approve the proposal from Orthopaedic Associates of DuPage, LTD. (OAD) for services from August 2006 to May 25, 2007 for approximately \$37,400.

MOTION

Member Coghill moved, Member Slater seconded to approve the proposal from Orthopaedics Associates of DuPage, LTD. for approximately \$37,400. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Rejection of Field House Storage Unit Bid

The field houses at the two high schools need storage units for athletic and PE equipment. Bids were accepted for the units, including installation. Based on disparities in the bid specifications and bid replies, it is recommended that all bids be rejected. Due to the urgency of the project, staff is requesting approval to begin an RFP process. Since each building's estimate is less than \$20,000, and can be awarded separately, an RFP is allowable.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Bomher seconded to approve the rejection of the bids for the field house storage units and to give direction to staff to complete an RFP process in order to get the project completed in a timely manner. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of Stop Loss Carrier – Health Insurance

The Board of Education recently approved Professional Benefit Administrators, Inc. of Hinsdale as the third party administrator (TPA) for the 2006-07 plan year. Quotes were sought for Stop Loss Insurance. Changes are being recommended to the current Stop Loss policies. The first change is a one time occurrence because of the change this year to move the plan year starting month. The second change is a switch from a \$145,000 specific coverage level to \$155,000 level. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with Majestic Underwriters as the Stop Loss Carrier for a term of 13 months effective 9/1/06 in the amount of \$637,122.98.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Slater seconded to approve the contract with Majestic Underwriters as the Stop Loss Carrier for a term of 13 months effective 9/1/06 in the amount of \$637,122.98. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

WRITTEN REPORT

8th Grade Fast Paced Science Pilot – this report was provided for information only.

There was a discussion about the pilot program and who will be participating. Mrs. Bossier reported that 8th grade students from all four middle schools that took fast paced math last year will participate in the pilot program.

Dr. Catalani stated that Dr. Baker will be leading a Middle School Committee with Mrs. Bossier, Dr. Sorrick, Dr. Catalani, and the four middle school principals. This committee will be identifying the expectations and outcomes wanted for a middle school student in District 200.

Member Bomher stated that he is glad that the important work on teaching and learning is taking place.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Vice President Swanson stated that she is interested in receiving a report on the plans for dealing with a pandemic flu. Dr. Catalani reported that an update will be sent to the Board members. Since a school district itself will not respond to an epidemic, District 200 belongs to a bigger group that is working on these plans. The group is working with experts in this area and the group will respond collectively. District 200 is as on top of this issue as possible at this time.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

Hubble Goal

Superintendent Search

Goal Setting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – September 13, 2006 – Bower Elementary School
- Board Governance Closed Session – August 31, 2006 – SSC
- High School Dedications August 27 – WNHS 1:00, WWSHS 2:00

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Bomher moved, Member Coghill seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President