

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200**  
**August 24, 2005**

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 24, 2005, at 7:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

Absent:                 Joann Coghill

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**MOTION**

Member Swanson moved, Member Intihar seconded to open the Public Hearing on the 2005-06 budget. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor. **The motion carried.**

Mr. Bill Farley presented information on the budget. The proposed budget represents an approximate \$700,000 deficit. No comments were received from the public.

The Board discussed the proposed budget and the plans for continuing to narrow the gap between funding and costs. Dr. Catalani reported that all administrators have been asked to look at their budgets to help identify areas where cuts and reductions can be made. Staffing cuts were made this year and the district continues to lobby representatives for changes to the funding of education in Illinois. The district has historically created very conservative budgets so it is important to remember that some of the deficit may be diminished by the end of the fiscal year.

The Board discussed ways to better communicate the district's budget and spending to the community.

### **MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to close the Public Hearing. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor. **The motion carried.**

### **COMMUNICATION WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

Mrs. Linda Knicker introduced Scott Radford. Mr. Radford was the Director of the summer school program. Mr. Radford gave an overview of the 2005 summer school program. A video was shown highlighting the program.

### **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

President Johnson recognized the entire District 200 staff for the great beginning to the school year.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

Today was the first full day of school. Sodexo Marriott did a great job of feeding the students; Laidlaw did a great job of transporting the students. It takes a full team starting with the Board of Education to successfully educate the students. Everyone has done a great job getting ready for and opening the school year.

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

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Change Orders – Recommend the approval of the change orders for the high school project as presented.
2. Approval of Occupancy Permits, WNHS & WWSHS – Recommend the approval of the form requesting occupancy permits from the Regional Office of Education as presented.
3. Approval of Minutes, August 10 Open - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented.
4. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

### **MOTION**

Member Knicker moved, Member Slater 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.**

Dr. Catalani introduced Ali Maggio-Biermeister, approved tonight on the Supplemental Personnel Report, as the new Director of Professional Development.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### Item 5 – Approval of High School ELL American Government Textbooks

The textbooks for this course have been on display for public review and comment at the public libraries in Wheaton, Warrenville, Carol Stream and Winfield, and at the SSC. No public comments were received. Staff is requesting that these textbooks be purchased in English and Spanish. It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of the textbooks as presented and posted.

### **MOTION**

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the purchase of the ELL High School American Government Textbooks as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### Item 6 – Approval to Adopt Amendments to Policy 4.170, Safety

New legislation requires school districts that operate a physical fitness facility to adopt and implement written policies and procedures for responding to medical emergencies that occur at the facility. The policy was posted for public review and comment on July 13, 2005. Feedback was received from one individual and the policy was amended to reflect the suggested changes. It is recommended that the Board approve the adoption of the revisions to Policy 4.170.

### **MOTION**

Member Swanson moved, Member Bomher seconded to approve the adoption of Policy 4.170, Safety, as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

## **REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Member Slater stated that the IASB is hosting a professional development opportunity for Superintendent's Administrative Assistants and Secretaries to the Board of Education. Member Slater reported that Mary Lou Sender serves on the IASB committee to create such opportunities for the assistants. Mrs. Sender reported at the request of the Board on how this group was created and what future things are being planned.

Member Knicker stated that he was at a meeting at WWSHS last week and was excited to here conversation about the "school within a school" concept. Mr. Knicker was glad to hear that the high schools are promoting this with students and parents in an unmandated way.

Member Intihar stated that members of the Board of Education were given a tour of the WNHS facility. The building is quite impressive and the Board members appreciated the graciousness and hospitality of Principal Jill Bullo and her administrative staff.

President Johnson reported that the Board of Education held a planning session on August 15. At this session the Board reconfirmed the current goals and established some new goals around curricular, communication and negotiation issues. The Board and administrative team will be working together with input from the community to develop vision and mission statements.

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

Budget Adoption

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Next Regular Meeting – September 14, 2005 – Emerson Elementary School

## **MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for discussion of possible land acquisition 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5). 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 8:30 PM.

No action is expected after the Closed Session.

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**Barbara Intihar, Secretary**

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**Andrew Johnson, President**