

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
August 25, 2004

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 Andy Johnson, on Wednesday, August 25, 2004, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

Absent: Marie C. Slater

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Johnson led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

President Johnson stated that the school year was off to a great start. From Induction Week, to the staff picnic on Monday to the first days of classes, things have been very positive and exciting. President Johnson further stated that he had the pleasure of attending staff meetings at several of the buildings with Dr. Catalani. At these meetings, President Johnson reviewed the Board High Priority Goals and pointed out the many ways that the building staffs are an integral part of attaining these goals.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- The start of the new school year has gone very well. The two high schools did a great job of starting the year amidst construction and less than ideal situations. Dr. Catalani thanked the two new high school principals and their staffs for the job they did getting the buildings ready to accept students on the first day of school. Kevin Kane is to be commended for his work in leading his school to be ready for the opening of school and for his work over the summer as the HVAC at Bower was replaced. All of the buildings put in a lot of extra time making sure all of the details were attended to assure a great start to the school year.
- Dr. Catalani commended the Cabinet for their work in helping with the great start also.
- IASB DuPage Division Meeting is scheduled for September 29 at Fermi Lab. Board members planning to attend should let Mary Lou Sender know so that she can take care of the registration.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Removal of Serious Safety Hazard Bus Route – Recommend the Approval to remove a Serious Safety Hazard Bus Route as presented.
2. Approval of Health Insurance Third Party Administrator & Stop Loss – Recommend the approval of Benefit Brokers & Consultants (BBC) as the broker of record, Benefit Systems & Services, Inc. (BSSI) as the third party administrator and Private Health Care Systems (PCHS) as the PPO network as presented. Additionally, Cairnstone will provide stop loss and aggregate insurance coverage.
3. Approval of Occupancy Permits for WNHS, WWSHS & Bower Elementary School – Recommend the approval of the Occupancy Permits as presented.
4. Approval to Post Policy 6.65 and Amendments to Policy 7.250, Children’s Mental Health Act – Recommend the posting of these policies for public review.
5. Approval of Minutes – August 11 Open- Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented.
6. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

Items 2 and 4 were removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Bomher seconded to accept the Consent Agenda, minus items 2 and 4, as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Item 2 – Approval of Health Insurance Third Party Administrator & Stop Loss

There was discussion about the reasons for changing the coverage from a 12/12 to a 15/12 coverage time period and that the increases are included in the proposed 2004-05 budget.

MOTION

Member Davis moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the Health Insurance Third Party Administrator & Stop Loss as presented. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Item 4 – Approval to Post Policy 6.65 and Amendments to Policy 7.250, Children’s Mental Health Act

There was discussion about Policy 7.250 and the wording about information not being shared with parents. Staff will make sure that the permission slip for students to meet with district specialists states that parents might not be given information from all topics discussed.

There was discussion about the correlation of these policies with Character Education. The Board discussed how to move toward a decision on a Board policy regarding this topic. The Board will address this during discussions on the mission and vision of the district.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Swanson seconded to approve the posting of Policies 6.65 and 7.250 as present. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried**.

REPORTS TO BOARD MEMBERS

ACTION ITEMS

Item 7 – Approval of Amendment to Policy 6.300, Graduation Requirements

Since 2001, the State of Illinois has required all high school juniors to take the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) or an approved alternative. Governor Blagojevich recently signed additional legislation that makes it mandatory for students to take the exam in order to receive a regular high school diploma. Exceptions may be offered to students in special circumstances as described in the law. This policy amendment was posted for review in April. At that time, the Board of Education decided to wait to approve the amendment until the legislature made a final decision on the pending legislation regarding these tests. Public Act 93-0857 was signed into law earlier this month; therefore, it is recommended that the proposed and posted amendments to Policy 6.300 be approved.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the proposed amendments to Policy 6.300, Graduation Requirements as presented and posted.

There was discussion regarding this policy. Member Swanson feels that the wording should be changed to state that to graduate a student must meet any state and/or federal ruling that is in effect at the time, rather than state that a student must take the PSAE to graduate. Member Swanson believes that this will leave the door open for a future Board to require the passing of the PSAE to graduate. Dr. Catalani stated that the law, Public Act 93-0857, states that in order to graduate students must take the PSAE and this policy amendment used the language in the law. It is easier to enforce with parents and students if the policy is clearly stated.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Davis seconded to amend the motion by changing the proposed wording in the policy to state that in order to graduate, a student must fulfill any other state and/or federal mandates that may be in effect and applicable for any specific graduating class. Upon a voice call vote being taken on the amendment to the motion, 2 were in favor and 4 were against. **The motion failed**.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION

Upon a voice call vote being taken, 5 were in favor of the original motion and 1 was against.
The original motion carried.

Item 8- Approval of Athletic Trainer Contract

Yearly, the district seeks agreement with a vendor for certified athletic trainers. These trainers deliver services to the students who attend the two high schools. These services from an outside vendor are necessary because we do not have enough staff to fill these positions. Proposals were sent out to several vendors. Staff is recommending the approval of the bid from Orthopaedic Associates of DuPage, LTD. based on cost and quality of service. It is recommended that the Board approve the contract with Orthopaedic Associates, LTD. as presented for an estimated amount of \$20,650.

MOTION

Member Davis moved, Member Bomher seconded to approve the proposal from Orthopaedic Associates, LTD. for Athletic Trainer services at the two high schools as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Item 9- Approval of High School Music Technology, Keyboarding, Application in Writing & Investigating Algebra Part B Curriculum

Using the Continuous Improvement Model for Instruction that was adopted in June of 1996, a task force made up of teachers and administrators from the high schools has reviewed these curricula. The curricula have been on review for 30 days at the Wheaton, Warrenville, Winfield and Carol Stream libraries, both high schools and the SSC. It is recommended that the Board approve these curricula as presented and posted.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the high school curricula as presented and posted. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Item 10 – Approval of Middle School Math Materials

Last year the middle school math curriculum and materials were updated. Textbooks published by Prentice Hall and Glencoe were approved in May of 2003. During the 2003-04 school year, selected modules from the Connected Math series were piloted. These materials will be used in combination with the Prentice Hall and Glencoe texts. These books will remain in the classrooms and be used to provide a seamless transition between a direct instruction model and an investigative model that strengthens a student's understanding of the mathematical concept. The materials have been posted for 30 days and it is recommended that the Board approve the Connected Math materials.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Swanson seconded to approve the Connected Math materials as presented and posted. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Item 11- Approval of Elementary Gifted Reading and Fast Paced Language Arts Materials

The current novel list for these programs needed to be reviewed and revised to ensure a balance of genre and an alignment with the critical content of the curriculum. A group of teachers met to

develop the list of novels that were piloted and posted for public review since July 14, 2004. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the novels and materials for the Elementary Gifted Program and Fast Paced Language Arts Program.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the novels and materials for the Elementary Gifted Program and Fast Paced Language Arts Program. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Item 12 – Approval of High School Technology Textbooks

As part of the textbook adoption process, District 200 posts requested textbooks and supplementary materials prior to requesting materials. Staff is requesting that the Board of Education approve the recommended textbooks for the Information Technology I and Information Technology II curriculum. The materials were posted for public review at the public libraries in Wheaton, Warrenville, Winfield and Carol Stream and the SSC for 30 days.

MOTION

Member Davis moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the purchase of the textbooks for the high school technology courses as posted and presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

DISCUSSION ITEM

13- Tentative Budget

There was a discussion of the tentative budget that has been posted since August 12. Mr. Farley stated that the 5-year projections will be provided to the Board very soon.

Mr. Farley reported that updated information will be sent to the Board of Education very soon showing the 2003-04 actual finances versus the budget.

ORAL REPORT

Item 14 – Elementary Math Adoption

Dr. Sorrick presented information on the proposed elementary math curriculum. Dr. Sorrick stated that due to changes in the dates from the State of Illinois on the textbook loan program, this represents an accelerated schedule

WRITTEN REPORTS

Item 15 – AYP Update

These reports were provided for information only.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Swanson suggested that the Board of Education invite some science teachers from the district to attend the IASB DuPage Division dinner meeting as guests of the Board since the topic for the evening is about science teachers. Staff will invite three teachers, one from each level, to the dinner presentation.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

The September 22 meeting will include a presentation on No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

Dr. Catalani reported that work has begun to develop committees of administrative volunteers to lead focus groups. These groups will begin developing questions that will be used for seeking input on the district's vision and mission statement. The focus groups will submit questions that will be asked across all schools. A company will be hired to develop a survey that will be brought to the Board of Education.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular Meeting – September 8 – Hawthorne Elementary School

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried**. The meeting was at 9:05 PM.

Ken Knicker, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President