

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
August 27, 2003

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 27, 2003, at 7:32 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
 Dr. Lori Belha
 Mr. Bill Farley
 Mr. John Sluis
 Dr. Margo Sorrick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Changes were made to the Closed Session minutes from August 13 and the revised copies were provided to the Board members at the meeting. The minutes will still be approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

President Johnson thanked and recognized the staff of District 200 for a great opening day and uneventful start to the new school year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- Commended the building administrators for an outstanding opening. The Cabinet and SSC directors visited each building the first two days and things went very well.
- Commended the Cabinet and stated that the district is blessed to have such wonderful dedicated people. The Cabinet has been together as a group for five years and a fantastic job is done by all of them.
- Member Slater is the Vice President nominee for the IASB. When this position is formalized in November, Mrs. Slater will serve a two-year term and then will become the President of the IASB. This is well deserved recognition of her work and the district is proud to have her as a Board member.

Member Slater stated that she is proud to represent the state and District 200.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

ORAL REPORT

1. High School Color Schemes
Legat Architects presented information on the color schemes and changes to the elevations for the high school projects. Dr. Catalani stated that the committee is in 100% support of the new designs and colors. The Board discussed the presented changes.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to approve the elevations as presented. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approval to Dispose of Fixed Assets – Recommend the approval to declare the 1987 Jeep Wagoneer surplus and allow the disposal of the vehicle.
3. Approval of Health Insurance Third Party Administrators and & Stop Loss – Recommend the approval to identify Benefit Brokers & Consultants (BBC) as the broker of record, Benefit Systems & Services, Inc. (BSSI) as our third party administrator, Private Health Care Systems (PHCS) as our PPO network and High Mark as our provider for stop loss and aggregate insurance coverage. The fixed costs will be approximately \$752,127.24.
4. Approval of Minutes – July 9 Closed, August 13 Open and Closed - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented and that the Closed Session minutes remain closed.
5. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Davis seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. 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 6 – Adoption of the 2003-2004 Budget

The Board of Education has been engaged in discussions of the tentative 2003-2004 budget. The budget was posted for public inspection since June 26, 2003 and a Public Hearing was held on

August 13, 2003. No comments have been received from the public. Changes to the tentative budget have been provided to the Board as they have occurred. The all funds summary was distributed to the Board. The Board discussed the proposed budget.

There was discussion of options to improve the financial situation of the district. The Board requested feedback on the impact of the fee increases put in place for this school year such as the impact on enrollment and what stipends were cut at each building. The Board discussed the need to know the options available next spring when they begin to look at additional budget cuts for next year. There is a desire to have a strong representation of parents, staff and community members on the task force.

MOTION

Member Davis moved, Member Intihar seconded to adopt the 2003-2004 budget as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Swanson requested a discussion regarding the loss of Latin as a language option at the high school. Dr. Catalani provided information on the numbers of students previously enrolled in Latin and the options that were provided to these students to continue taking Latin for credit through alternative methods. The Board discussed the relationship of class offerings to the budget situation. There was discussion of the possibility of conducting a student interest survey to determine if the district is offering the courses students are interested in or if there are courses that we need to consider adding to meet the needs of our students.

Member Intihar commented on the speaker at opening day and stated she had been impressed with his message. His comments reinforce the feeling that the district and community wish to run the schools in an atmosphere of respect. Teachers in her sons classes seem to be implementing some of the suggestions he offered in his speech.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Moving District 200 to higher levels of Greatness
2. Select & begin implementation of the best long-term use of Hubble
3. Develop a long-term financial plan that leads to financial predictability & stability

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – September 10, 2003 – Johnson Elementary School

President Johnson stated that he attended a workshop on the “balcony perspective” and would suggest the Board consider having a workshop with the IASB on this topic.

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 an Intergovernmental Agreement related to possible land acquisition, personnel issues and pending litigation. 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 8:50 PM.

Ken Knicker, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President