

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
August 8, 2007

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 President Andrew Johnson, on Wednesday, August 8, 2007, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

President Johnson requested that the Vending Contract item be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and action.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

District 200 has again received the SchoolSearch 2007 Bright Red Apple Award for educational excellence. District 200 is one of 84 Illinois School Districts out of 872, to be honored with this award. The award is based on five key factors:

- Academic Performance
- Pupil/Teacher Ratio
- Expenditure Per Pupil
- Educational Level of Teachers
- Average Teacher Salary

SchoolSearch is an educational research & consulting firm that publishes online rankings of school systems. SchoolSearch works with major companies by providing their relocating families school information. The award criteria are based on the primary areas of concern of most relocating families and are dedicated to helping families make informed school choices.

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	Brian Wiewiora
Topic	Policy 6.210

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Drury thanked the Board of Education for their attendance at the Induction Week Luncheon that was held at WNHS. District 200 has currently hired 81 new staff members with more yet to be hired. There were over 8000 applicants for these positions, so it is fair to say that the top 1% of the applicants will be working for the district.

Dr. Drury had Dr. Sorrick give an overview of the Induction Week activities and the process followed for the program. Dr. Sorrick explained why this program is held and organized under the leadership of Ali Beiermeister. Dr. Drury stated that Ali Beiermeister did a fantastic job and is to be commended for her work.

Dr. Drury updated the Board on the following summer projects:

- WNHS Auditorium – to be completed the week of August 13
- WNHS Roof – to be completed the week of August 13, 2007
- Monroe LLC Lighting – completed
- WWSHS LLC – to be completed the Tuesday following Labor Day
- WWSHS Tennis Courts – to be completed in early Fall
- Monroe Parking Lot – to be completed the week of August 13, however, there was an issue at the site today where contractors cut the power and phone lines. The hope is that power and phones will be restored by Friday, August 10

Dr. Drury asked Mr. Farley to give a Hubble status report. Mr. Farley reported that the contractor hopes to receive the NFR letter from the IEPA very soon. The Core Team has been working with several municipalities to get permits lined up and access to the site issues resolved. There have been meetings with the City of Warrenville to work on the zoning permit and in-kind donation requests. There was an informal public meeting held in Warrenville with neighbors of the site. Those in attendance were pleased with the plans and design concepts and raised questions about traffic issues around the school. Legat has been working with the owners of the office complex adjacent to the property regarding the use of their parking lot for overflow parking for night activities and an emergency access road and walkway to the school from their property. The Wheaton Chamber of Commerce is talking about how the current Hubble site could be used. Legat is continuing to work with the Hubble staff to continue the design to keep staff current on the status of the project.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gifts to WNHS – Recommend the acceptance of the cash donation to WNHS as presented.
2. Approval to Open November 28, 2006; December 4, 5, 6, 2006 Closed Session Minutes and Keep all Other Closed Session Minutes Closed – Recommend approval to open the stated Closed Session minutes to the public and to keep all other closed session minutes closed.
3. Approval of Athletic Trainer Services Contract Bid – Recommend the approval of the contract with OAD Orthopaedics for the athletic trainer services contract at both high schools as presented.
4. Approval of the Snack Vending Contract Bid – Recommend the approval of the snack vending contract with Triple ‘S’ Vending for the two high schools as presented.
5. Approval of High School Change Order – Recommend approval of the change orders as presented.
6. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend the approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
7. Approval of Minutes – July 11, 2007 Open & Closed - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented. The Closed Session minutes will remain closed.
8. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

The Snack Vending Contract Bid was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and action.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Slater seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented minus the Vending Contract Bid. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the Snack Vending Contract Bid

At the request of President Johnson, this item was removed from the Consent Agenda. President Johnson asked why the decision was made to seek bids on this contract and how the district will know what percent of the sales they should be receiving. Dr. Drury stated that all proper processes for bidding were used. The percent of return will be monitored over the coming school year and reviewed at the end of the year. If the vendor does not meet the contract as stated, they will be rejected for the subsequent year. Mr. Farley reported that the district decided to go for bid when the vendors were requesting to service both high schools instead of each high school having their own vendor. The fairest thing seemed to be to accept bids and follow the process. This is a one year contract so that the district can reevaluate after the first year. President Johnson asked if it is legal to offer preferential treatment to an in-district vendor. Mr. Farley will ask the district’s legal counsel. The vending machines will have healthy options for our students.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Bomher seconded to approve the contract with Triple ‘S’ Vending for a one year contract for snack vending in both high schools. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6 (Swanson, Bomher, Coghill, Knicker, Intihar, Slater), NAY 1 (Johnson). **The motion carried 6-1.**

Approval of Truck Bid

The district is in need of two new trucks to replace two existing trucks that have met and exceeded their useful service life. The trucks are used on a daily basis by District maintenance technicians who provide routine and preventive maintenance tasks. The trucks are used at all K-8 buildings in the district for snow plowing as well. The base bid was for two new current model year trucks. Two alternate bids were sought; one for a Pro Plow unit per truck for snow removal and the second alternate bid was for the two new trucks with a trade-in allowance on each of the 1994 trucks being replaced. Based on the bids received, it is recommended that the Board reject the base bids and approve the two alternate bids from Freeway Ford in the amount \$64,518.00.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Slater seconded to approve the two alternate bids from Freeway Ford in the amount of \$64,518.00 and reject the base bid for two current model trucks with plowing capabilities as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to Purchase Headsprout Software

This software will be used in addition to core reading instruction targeted for students in grades K-2. The program addresses early literacy skills, including phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. This program is web-based and allows students to use the program both at school and home (or a public library) for extra practice. This will be a strong supplement for targeted students who are in need of additional practice. The software costs \$10,000.00 and will be funded with Medicaid money. It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of the Headsprout software as presented.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve purchase of Headsprout software for \$10,000.00 that will be funded with Medicaid money. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to Purchase Aimsweb Software

This software will be used by staff to monitor data regarding the success of interventions that are being put into place. This web-based system has been useful in the past year to assess reading progress in grades K-5. The system also provides graphic displays of student progress in teacher and parent friendly formats. Ongoing progress monitoring data can be collected to monitor the success of interventions that are being put into place to assist small groups or individual students. The system will include middle school data in the next year. Teachers are able to enter data and immediately view the data in the context of their classes. The cost of this system is \$22,000.00 and will be funded with Medicaid money. It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of the Aimsweb software as presented.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Swanson seconded to approve the purchase of the Aimsweb software in the amount of \$22,000.00 from Medicaid funds. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to Post 2007-08 Budget

Section 17-1 of the School Code requires Boards of Education to adopt an annual school district budget before or during the first quarter of each fiscal year (by September 30). Prior to adoption, Boards must make a tentative budget available for inspection by the public for at least 30 days. Additionally, a public hearing regarding the budget must be conducted. The tentative budget will be available for inspection by the public at the libraries in Wheaton, Warrenville, Carol Stream and Winfield, and on the district web site. A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 and the budget will be adopted at the September 26, 2007 Board of Education meeting. It is recommended that the Board approve the posting of the tentative 2007-08 budget and set the Public Hearing on the budget for September 12, 2007.

Mr. Farley gave a PowerPoint presentation about the proposed budget. The presentation will be posted on the district web site. Mr. Farley explained that the budget was prepared without knowledge of what the state will be doing with school funding.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the posting of the tentative 2007-08 budget for public review and comment and set the date for the Public Hearing for September 12, 2007. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to Re-Post Revisions to Policy 6.210, Instructional Materials

At the July 11, 2007 Board meeting, the Board voted to post this policy and the Administrative Regulation (AR) for 30 days. Based on public input and a second review by the committee, additional changes have been made and it is recommended that the Board vote to re-post the policy and the AR for an additional 30 days for public review and comment.

Member Intihar thanked Dr. Baker, Dr. Sorrick and the policy committee for their time and efforts to write and rewrite the documents to develop the policy as presented. This policy really covers the high schools but could be used to write a policy for the middle school level if desired. This policy is being re-posted because comments were received that required very clear wording to clarify the intentions of the policy. The revised policy, administrative regulations, and forms provide everything that was requested short of censorship. Parent permission is required to watch any clips or movies and provides transparency to the approval process. Member Intihar requested that staff be allowed to pilot the revised policy, regulations and forms this fall to get everyone used to the process. Member Intihar stated that allowing this would not compromise anything because the Board does not approve the administrative regulations and the current policy will still work with these changes. The Board will discuss this policy again on August 22 and adopt the policy on September 12. Member Swanson stated that she sees this re-posted policy and administrative regulations as a very workable plan that has good balance for parents to control what their student can see without controlling what other students can see. Member Swanson particularly likes the question on the form that says "Is the educational value of this film/clip greater than other available material?"

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to re-post Policy 6.210 for an additional 30 days for public review and comment. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to Uphold or Modify the Board of Education Position Statement Submitted to the IASB

Each year, Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) calls upon member school districts to submit resolutions with their ideas for the state legislature to improve public education in Illinois. New resolutions are considered first by the association's Resolutions Committee, then passed along with recommendation of either "do accept" or "do not accept" by the delegate assembly at the state conference held in November. Adopted resolutions are added to the position statements of the association and used as guidelines for legislative lobbying efforts. In June, Members Intihar and Swanson submitted a resolution to IASB on behalf of District 200 calling on the association to "encourage the legislature to consider proposals for all-day kindergarten and/or universal pre-school only when those proposals are specifically linked to re-instatement and expansion of the school construction grant program. Member Swanson reported that the IASB committee reviewed the proposed statement and recommended that the Board amend the language to state: *"The Illinois Association of School Boards shall support legislation to fully fund with new monies both staffing and infrastructure costs associated with early childhood programs for such children as originally defined in PA 84-126, and further addressed in Public Act 94-0506 and Public Act 94-1054."* This resolution, as amended, would recognize the need for construction costs associated with starting new early childhood programs, without forfeiting early childhood funding if a school district has no infrastructure needs. This revised resolution will be moved forward with a "do adopt" recommendation by IASB. The resolution will appear on the Consent Agenda when the Boards of Education from across the state will vote to support or not support the initiative.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Intihar seconded to uphold the revised position statement submitted to the IASB regarding all day kindergarten and/or universal pre-school. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried**.

Approval to Expedite Engineering Services

The Hubble Design Team has been meeting with representatives of DuPage County and the City of Warrenville regarding timelines for the Hubble project. The main focus has been the permitting process with DuPage County for a storm water permit and the special use permit required by the City of Warrenville. The permit submission process for both requires final site engineering drawings. In an effort to maintain the timeline approved by the Board of Education, the preparation of the Civil Engineering drawings will need to be expedited. This cost would have been approved under the final phase of the pre-referendum work which is the construction document phase. All three phases (Schematic Design, Design Development & Construction Documents) were approved in total by the Board of Education in May, with the understanding that the Board would have the ability to approve the move to the next phase. The cost to expedite the preparation of the Civil Engineering drawings is anticipated to be approximately \$30,000. It is anticipated that the Board will be asked to approve the remainder of the Construction Document phase at the October 10, 2007 meeting. It is recommended that the Board direct administration and the Hubble Design Team to expedite the preparation of the Civil Engineering drawings in an effort to meet permitting timelines at a cost of approximately \$30,000.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to direct administration and the Hubble Design Team to expedite the preparation of the Civil Engineering drawings in an effort to meet permitting timelines at a cost of approximately \$30,000. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

DISCUSSION ITEM

Hubble LEED Certification

Patrick Brosnan and Vuk Vujovic from Legat presented information on the application process and reasons to consider having the Hubble project certified as a LEED building. At the August 22 Board of Education meeting, staff will recommend seeking this certification and the Board will be asked to approve the application process and expenditure. Some of the cost will be recouped through energy savings and grant possibilities.

ORAL REPORTS

Mrs. Linda Knicker introduced Sue Waters. Mrs. Waters was named the Director of Middle School Special Education as a part of the Personnel Report.

2007 Summer School Report

Scott Radford and Judy Lutz reported on the Special Education summer school programs.

Mrs. Linda Knicker reported on the high speed document scanner that is being used to electronically file student special education files. The work done this summer has eliminated 16 file cabinets by electronically storing 3600 files.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

President Johnson reported on the following recently proposed Illinois laws that could affect the school District:

- Graduated Drivers Licensing – prohibits simulators
- Moment of Silence Required at Opening of Every School Day

President Johnson recommended that the district monitor these proposals.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Policy 6.210

Technology Audit

Public Comment Procedures

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – August 22, 2007 – SSC

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Slater 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 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

No action is expected following the Closed Session.

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 9:52 PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President