

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
September 10, 2008

The first regular meeting of the month of September of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at Sandburg Elementary School, 1345 Jewell Road, Wheaton, IL, by Board Vice President Rosemary Swanson, on Wednesday, September 10, 2008, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Andrew Johnson (by phone)
 Ken Knicker
 Marie Slater
 Joann Coghill
 Barbara Intihar
 Rosemary Swanson

Absent: John Bomher

Also in Attendance: Dr. Richard W. Drury
 Dr. Lori Belha
 Mr. Bill Farley
 Dr. Robert Rammer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Aaron Bacon led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to Open the Public Hearing to Seek a Waiver of the School Code Requiring a School Holiday for Veteran's Day. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Member Knicker stated that he has attended many of the Veteran's Day activities at the schools in previous years, and he believes that the students get far more from attending school that day than they would from a day off of school.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Coghill seconded to Close the Public Hearing to Seek a Waiver of the School Code Requiring a School Holiday for Veteran's Day. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. The motion carried 6-0.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Mr. Aaron Bacon, Principal of Sandburg School welcomed the Board, administrators and community members to Sandburg School. Mr. Bacon stated that he was proud to be part of the

Sandburg community and District 200. Mr. Bacon introduced PTA President Helen Sidel. Ms. Sidel stated that the relationship between Sandburg and the PTA is very strong. The staff and PTA work together to provide valuable and wonderful programs to the students.

Mr. Bacon stated that Sandburg works in many ways to keep the Belief Statements of the District alive. One of the beliefs is that Technology must be an integral part of the instructional program. To demonstrate how Sandburg works toward this goal, teachers and students gave the Board members a test using a computer system called Senteo.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

None

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

Vice President 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.

Speaker	Mark O. Stern
Topic	PTAB

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The Superintendent reported the following:

- The welcome back presentations at each school have been concluded. During these sessions, Dr. Drury showed a video called *212Degrees*. This video can be viewed on You Tube. Other topics included in the welcome back presentations included the 2008-09 Board goals and that staff and Board members are working with the City of Wheaton Planning Commission to choose a company to lead the work in determining the redevelopment of the current Hubble property. Dr. Drury also spoke about a speech given by 2008 WWSHS graduate Mark Thomas Schmidt at the New Teacher Induction luncheon. This speech, entitled “A Graduate’s Perspective” reflects his experiences as a student in District 200 and underscores the impact that teachers have on the students they teach. This very powerful message can be viewed on the District web site.
- The finance committee had its first meeting Monday afternoon and is going to expand the committee to include parents and staff. Dr. Drury will update the Board on the work of the committee at future Board meetings.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Copier Maintenance Agreements – Recommend approval of the agreements as presented.
2. Approval of Serious Safety Hazard Bus Routes – Recommend approval of the bus routes as presented.
3. Approval of PTAB Resolution for Tax Years 2007 & 2008 – Recommend approval of the resolution as presented.

4. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of bills payable and payroll as presented.
5. Approval of Minutes –August 27, 2008 Open and Closed Minutes – Recommend the approval of the August 27, 2008 Open and Closed Session Minutes as presented. The Closed Session minutes will remain closed.
6. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Knicker 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.**

Member Johnson stated that part of the action taken under the Personnel Report was the renewal of Dr. Drury's contract. Dr. Drury accomplished many things during his first year and the Board is looking forward to continuing the relationship with Dr. Drury.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Swanson announced that the first Chat with the Board session will be held this Saturday, September 13, from 9 AM to 11:00 AM. This will be an informal way for community members to talk to the Board. Senator Carole Pankau will be coming to the session this Saturday to talk with the Board about current legislative issues.

Member Swanson shared a poster regarding the Evening of Illinois Voices Poetry Initiative, to be held on September 17 at WWSHS. Board members are encouraged to attend.

Member Swanson reminded Board members to register for the IASB Fall Dinner meeting that will be held in Keeneyville on September 23. The topic of the presentation is Community Communication. Members may register online at www.iasb.com.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

2008-09 Budget

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

September 24, 2008 – Wiesbrook Elementary School

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

None

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Knicker moved, Member Intihar seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

There was no need for a Closed Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President