

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
September 13, 2006

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 Bower Elementary School, 4S241 River Road, Warrenville, IL, by Board President Andy Johnson, on Wednesday, September 13, 2006, 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

Absent: Ken Knicker
 John Bomher

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Coghill led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Johnson requested a moment of silence following the Pledge of Allegiance in memory of employee Cassandra Wade and former Board member and Board President Bob Davis, who recently passed away.

COMMUNICATION WITH HOST SCHOOL

Kelly Monson, Principal at Bower welcomed the Board, administrators and community to Bower School. Mrs. Monson recognized the staff members from Bower that were in attendance. Mrs. Monson stated that it is her honor and privilege to be the Principal at Bower and she thanked the Warrenville community for welcoming and embracing her. Bower school should be recognized for its student achievement and for being a school network. Mrs. Monson stated that she has never worked in any other district where she knew the Board members and all administrators on a first name basis and they knew her. Mrs. Monson thanked Dr. Catalani for his support and leadership and for allowing staff to take risks. She stated that Dr. Catalani truly inspires in everyone the "desire to excel". Bower has adopted a theme this year of "Think Outside the

Bowl”, based on the concepts of the book Fish. Shirts with this theme on them were given to the Board.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

President Johnson requested that the Recognitions and Achievements section of the agenda be moved to prior to Public Comment. All were in agreement.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- District 200 has 18 seniors that qualified as National Merit Scholar Semifinalists. The semifinalists represent the top 1 percent of students who took the qualifying test. We will be honoring these outstanding students at one of our October Board Meetings.
- The District’s ACT composite scores increased .4 of a percent over last year, twice the statewide average. The District’s average composite score is 23.2, while the statewide average is 20.5.
- District 200 has been honored with a Recognition Award by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Office of Children’s Health Protection. The award is designed to increase awareness and stimulate activity by recognizing efforts that protect children from environmental health risks. The District was specifically recognized for its IEQ Management Plan.
- Saturday, September 16, is the NEW 200 Foundation’s first Fun Run and Festival at WNHS. This event, a combination 5K and 1 mile family Fun Run will be followed by a community festival at the new WNHS Field House. All proceeds will benefit District 200 students.
- Thanks were extended to Kathy Myers, Denie Young and Lisa Kimball for their work in organizing the District 200 booth at Wheaton’s Autumn Harvest Festival.
- President Johnson reminded everyone that the Superintendent Search is in full swing. Anyone interested in providing input is encouraged to complete a Leadership Profile form that can be found on the District’s web site.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. 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	Karen Henk
Topic	Online Homework Tools & Homework Zero Tolerance Policy

Speaker	Pam Nielsen
Topic	New Middle School

Speaker	Mark O. Stern
Topic	West Chicago

Speaker	Matthew Dudak
Topic	New Middle School

Speaker	Joe Mahady
Topic	Contract for Superintendent/TIF/Referendum
Speaker	Cathy Mousseau
Topic	Hubble
Speaker	Karrie Gajdoms
Topic	New Middle School
Speaker	Michelle Senatore (minutes from Betty Welker & Mike Vettrano)
Topic	Hubble/Round Table
Speaker	Dave Nelson
Topic	New Middle School
Speaker	Betsy Dudak
Topic	New Middle School
Speaker	Deb Durrbeck (minutes from Laura Christensen, Vimola Menon, Bobbie Mignon, Barb Thornbury, Linda Pille, Fil Javez)
Topic	New Group/Hubble
Speaker	Vivian Lund
Topic	Keep Up the Good Work

President Johnson stated that the Board and staff relied on the response of the attorneys in responding to the FOIA request for administrative contracts. President Johnson also stated that the letter received from Homeland Security, which stated there is no greater danger at the Herrick Road site than any other location in DuPage County, is available for viewing on the District's web site.

President Johnson reported that the Board shares the communities angst to move forward with the Board's decision to relocate the middle school to the southwest portion of the district. The Board did not put a referendum question on the November ballot because a negotiated agreement on the property is not finalized. Once a fully negotiated agreement with the landowner is completed, the Board will bring a referendum plan forward. This could be for the December, February or April elections.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

Thanks to Mrs. Monson for her kind words, they were not necessary but much appreciated.

Clarified that the district did reply to the FOIA request for contracts. The requester may not have liked the answer, but the district did respond in a timely manner.

A letter was received from the DuPage County's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Tom Mefferd, Director stated "Based on current federal guidance and intelligence data, the BP site has not been identified as being an 'at risk' facility for a terrorist incident. As

such, the area surrounding the BP site is at no higher risk than any other site within the County or District 200.”

In response to a public comment about a TIF Committee vote, the school district vote does not count. District 200 has seen the benefits of other TIF situations.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval to Post Addition to Policy 4.60, Purchases – Recommend approval to post the additions to the policy as presented.
2. Approval Serious Safety Hazard Bus Routes – Recommend the approval of serious safety hazard bus route findings as presented.
3. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll - Recommend the approval of the Bills Payable and Payroll as presented.
4. Approval of Minutes – August 23 Open and August 30 Closed - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented. The closed session minutes will remain closed.
5. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Swanson 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 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

Approval to Purchase Driver Education Cars

The district currently owns three 1996 Ford Contours and one 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt car that are used in our driver education program. The three Fords are in constant need of repair and maintenance due to their age and life expectancy. The district is able to take advantage of the Central Management Services (CMS) Purchasing Contract. The contract is available to the district as competitively bid governmental pricing. Three 2006 Chevrolet Cobalts can be purchased from Bill Jacobs Joliet LLC for \$10,423.50 each. The district can trade in the three Ford Contours as a reduction in the purchase price. It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of three 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt vehicles from Bill Jacobs Joliet LLC as part of the State Purchasing Contract at a total cost of \$29,895.50.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the purchase of three 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt vehicles from Bill Jacobs Joliet LLC as part of the State Purchasing Contract at a total cost of \$29,895.50 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of Vendor Contracts

A new state law requires all school district contracts and agreements that pertain to goods and services and that are intended to generate additional revenue in excess of \$1,000 to be approved by the Board. The Board was given a list of the current vendor contracts the district has for the 2006-07 school year. These contracts could possibly generate revenue and other remunerations for the district in excess of \$1,000. In July 2005, the Board approved a five year contract with

Pepsi Americas as the beverage/vending contractor for the district. It is recommended that the Board approve the vendor contracts for the 2006-07 school year as presented.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to approve the vendor contracts for the 2006-07 school year as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Adoption of 2006-07 Budget

Illinois School Code 105,ILCS 5/17-1, requires the Board of Education to adopt an annual budget within the first quarter of each fiscal year (by September 30). A 30 day public inspection period and a public hearing must precede the Budget Adoption. The 2006-07 budget has been available for public inspection since July 12, 2006 and a public hearing was held on August 23, 2006. The budget remains as posted with no changes. The budget form will be filed with the Illinois State Board of Education. It is recommended that the Board adopt the 2006-07 budget as posted and presented.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Coghill seconded to adopt the 2006-07 Budget as posted and presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

WRITTEN REPORTS

2005-06 English Language Learners Report

Field House Storage Units – Request for Proposal Results

District 200 Summer School Written Report

These reports were provided for information only.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Policy Regarding Petitions

After recently receiving a petition from a community group, the Board realized that a clear policy on what should be done with petitions does not exist. It was decided that President Johnson will review the policy and bring suggested wording to the Board for discussion.

District Naming Policy

It was proposed that the field house at WNHS be named in honor of former Board member and President Bob Davis.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Swanson seconded to begin the process to name the WNHS Field House in memory of Bob Davis. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

Board Goals

The Board discussed their recent workshop with Barb Toney from the IASB. One of the things that came out of that workshop was a realization that the Board needs a goal to tie Board Governance to student achievement. Members Intihar and Swanson and Dr. Sorrick will work

on writing this goal and bring it to the October meeting for Board vote. The 2006-07 Board goals are 1) Communicate the Vision/Mission Statement to the community, 2) complete the Superintendent Search, 3) a curriculum goal to link governance to student achievement, 4) the Board communication goal, 5) resolve the Hubble Middle School issue and 6) District finance goal, which is the final part of the Vision/Mission Statement.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Coghill reported that the Vision /Mission Committee met with the visual designers and marketers and the advertising specialists to help make the statement a living breathing document. The Board requested that a different belief statement be put on Board meeting agendas for each meeting.

Member Slater reminded the Board members that the DuPage Division Meeting will be held on September 20 at Lake Park High School. Kathy Myers will be presenting on business partnerships.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

Hubble Goal
Superintendent Search
Goal Setting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – September 27, 2006 –Madison Elementary School

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session items are listed for possible action
Potential Land Acquisition 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Intihar moved, Member Swanson seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Potential Land Acquisition 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5). Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.** The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 9:20 PM.

No action is expected following the Closed Session.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President