

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
September 14, 2005

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 Emerson Elementary School, 119 S. Woodlawn, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andrew Johnson, on Wednesday, September 14, 2005, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Bostrom led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH HOST SCHOOL

Mr. Dan Bostrom welcomed the Board, Administration and community members to Emerson School. Mr. Bostrom recognized the staff members that were present and a PowerPoint presentation was shown highlighting the students and staff of Emerson School. The PTA President spoke and honored a parent for his services to the school through classroom assistance and the painting of murals at the school.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

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	Barbara Intihar
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Topic	Education
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RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

President Johnson stated the following:

The tragic results of Hurricane Katrina have caused us all to pray and remind ourselves how blessed we are in this country at the outpouring of support for the people of the South that has come in from all over the country, including our own back yard. While the tragedy is almost too hard to comprehend, the support, prayers, offers of assistance and general spirit of compassion and desire to aide others in need is truly visible and is something to celebrate.

Dr. Catalani, Rosemary and I have had the opportunity to go to all twenty of our schools over the opening weeks and meet the staff and share with them our thanks and support for the work they do for our community. As a part of these staff meetings, they have seen a brief video presentation put together by the National Geographic Society... the title of this presentation is "Celebrate What's Right With the World." This video shows tremendous examples of the power of vision and mission. The presentation focuses on the key concepts of :

Believe it and you'll see it

Recognize abundance

Look for possibilities

Unleash your energy to fix what's wrong

Ride the changes

Take yourself to the edge

Be your best for the world, not necessarily the best in the world

As we have been inundated with examples of natural tragedy, we have also seen examples these past few weeks of our society coming together and realizing all of these key points. On a local level here, we see these concepts in action here in District 200 daily.

I want to thank the staff and the community for an excellent kick-off to the new school year and as we proceed with the culmination of our vision and mission process may we keep these concepts in mind.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- The two Title I Schools that did not make AYP last year under the NCLB guidelines made AYP this year and are removed from the list. Congratulations to the teachers at Johnson and Monroe for their very targeted efforts to increase the achievement levels of all students and especially those in the subgroups that previously did not meet the AYP criteria. Our two high schools remained on the list of schools that did not make AYP, as is the case with most other DuPage County high schools these past several years. Our staff continues to work with students in the subgroups that didn't meet the standards to improve their achievement levels.

- The District has enrolled four Hurricane Katrina evacuees during the last week. The schools have welcomed the students and their families and are helping them in whatever ways are needed. Most of our schools are also engaged in fundraising efforts to benefit the hurricane victims. School social workers have developed a notebook for each school giving tips and strategies for addressing the social and emotional needs of all children affected either directly by the hurricane or by the hurricane coverage in the media. We thank all of our students, staff and families for their support of the victims of this great natural disaster.
- From managing anger to dealing with sibling rivalry, parents face a multitude of child rearing issues every day. District 200 social workers are offering help for parents during the annual Parent University on October 22. District 200 staff and community experts in child development will be on hand to lead workshops and discussions on a variety of timely issues related to parent/child relationships. For more information, or to register, visit the District's web page at www.cusd200.org
- Also on the District's web page is the new District 200 web based calendar. The calendar allows visitors to view activities scheduled at any or all of the schools with a few simple keystrokes. The calendars are also accessible from each school's website. (The calendar was demonstrated on the projection screen.)

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Change Orders – Recommend the approval of the change orders for the high school project as presented.
2. Approval of LEND Dues – Recommend the approval to pay the LEND dues for the 2005-06 school year 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 24 Open & Closed, August 15 Closed - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented.
5. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Intihar 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 - Approval of the 2005-06 Budget

Mr. Farley stated that no further changes have been made to the agenda. No comments have been received from the public. Board members stated that they were pleased that the district has been able to hold the line on the budget.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to approve the 2005-06 Budget as posted and presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Item 7 – Approval of Truck Bid

The district is in need of a new dump truck. The current budget includes a line item for this purchase. Bids were received for a 2005 model truck and an alternate bid for a 2006 truck. The low bid is for a 2005 dump truck from Oakfield Ford in the amount of \$24,990.00. It is recommended that the Board approve the bid of Oakfield Ford for this purchase.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the purchase of a 2005 dump truck from Oakfield Ford in the amount of \$24,990.00. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Item 8 – Approval of the Resolution for Mobile Classroom Usage

Mobile Classroom units are required to be inspected annually by an architect to verify proper conditions for student occupancy. In addition, a resolution from the Board of Education is required by the Regional Office of Education to continue the mobile use for each school year. Legat Architects completed the inspections of the units at Hawthorne Elementary School and found the unit to be in good condition. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Applications for Approval of Usage of Temporary Facility for the mobile classroom at Hawthorne Elementary as presented.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Slater seconded to approve the Application for Approval of Usage of Temporary Facility for the mobile classroom at Hawthorne Elementary School. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was 7-0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Item 8 – Approval to Amend the Board of Education Meeting Calendar

There is a need to switch the location of two meetings. The September 28 meeting is currently scheduled to be held at Johnson School and the October 12 meeting is scheduled to be held at Longfellow School. Staff would like to switch the location of those two meetings. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the switching of the September 28 meeting to Longfellow School and the October 12 meeting to Johnson School.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the change of location for the September 28 and October 12 Board of Education meetings. The September 28 meeting will be held at Longfellow School and the October 12 meeting will be held at Johnson School. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor. **The motion carried.**

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Swanson reminded Board members about the upcoming IASB DuPage Division Dinner. Board members need to let Mary Lou Sender know if they intend to go to the dinner.

Member Slater announced that Mrs. Swanson has been named the Resolutions Chair for the IASB DuPage Division.

There was a discussion of the Goal Statements that were sent to the Board members. Dr. Catalani stated that the statements are broad statements and that once approved, objectives with

specific activities will be attached to each statement. These statements will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

Vision & Mission Statement

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – September 28, 2005 – Longfellow Elementary School
- Wheaton Autumn Harvest – September 17, District will have a booth

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for discussion of possible land acquisition 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5). Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.** The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 8:18 PM.

Action may be taken following the Closed Session.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President