

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
September 24, 2003

The second 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 Monroe Middle School, 1855 Manchester Road, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andrew Johnson, on Wednesday, September 24, 2003, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Andrew Johnson
 Rosemary Swanson
 Barbara Intihar
 Ken Knicker
 Marie C. Slater
 John Bomher
 Bob Davis (by phone)

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Dr. Wayne Spsychala, Principal of Monroe Middle School, welcomed the Board, Administrators and community members to Monroe School. Dr. Spsychala recognized students Madia Danilovich and Mike Bryant for being selected for high honors by the Illinois Teachers of English for their writings. Nadia's work has been published this year and this is Mike Bryant's second year to be recognized by the Illinois Teachers. He also recognized Deborah Francis, who was published for the second time for her essay, Anya Krenicki whose poem has been published this year and Karl Underwood for his short story. Dr. Spsychala commended teachers Mrs. Schutzenhofer and Mrs. Knickrehm for their work with the students.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

President Johnson commended the D200 Parent University classes and encouraged other district parents to participate.

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	Dr. Marc Weiner, MD
Topic	Gifted Program

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- Fourteen District 200 seniors, representing fewer than 1% of the nation's 2004 graduates, were named National Merit Scholar Semifinalists. These students and their families will be honored at the October 8 Board Meeting.
- Franklin Middle School student Elizabeth Loiacano recently was promoted to an advanced ensemble of the Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus, a nationally known children's chorus that will be performing with the Joffrey Ballet this winter.
- Franklin's senior jazz band has been invited to perform at the Collegiate Illinois Music Educators Association fall conference on October 4 at Wheaton College. Following their performance, one of the nation's leading jazz educators will conduct a clinic for the students.
- Wheaton North is hosting its 16th annual marching band competition Saturday with 20 bands participating and Franklin Middle School's band leading spectators in singing the national anthem.
- Johnson Principal Marcie Nordlund will present a workshop on differentiated instruction on October 29 in Peoria. Sponsored by the Illinois Principal's Association, the workshop is designed for principals seeking administrator academy credit. Mrs. Nordlund's presentation is based on her book, *Differentiated Instruction: Meeting the Educational Needs of All Students in Your Classroom*.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Donation to Johnson School – Recommend the acceptance of the gift of playground equipment from the Johnson PTA as presented.
2. Approval of Donation to Sandburg School – Recommend the acceptance of the gift of books to Sandburg School as presented.
3. Approval to Dispose of Fixed Assets – Recommend that the computers and accessories be declared surplus and approve their disposal as presented.
4. Approval of Minutes – September 10 Open - 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 Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

Item 6 – Approval to Waive the Reading of the Full Text of the Bond Resolution and Escrow Agreement

The resolutions to sell School Bonds and Issuance of Refunding Bonds state that the entire resolution be read aloud. The Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Execution of an Escrow Agreement also has the same requirement. Given the length of the documents, and the time required to read both in their entirety, Boards of Education are afforded the opportunity to waive the reading. It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Education waive the reading of the Resolution for the Issue of Refunding Limited School Bonds Series 2003C, Resolution for the Issue of School Bonds 2003D and the Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Execution of the Escrow Agreement.

Mr. Bill Hepworth shared information with the Board regarding the issuance of the bonds. The Board saved taxpayers \$16.5 million in interest payments and reduced the annual tax rate for debt retirement by at least five cents. The \$27 million in bonds was sold at a rate of 4.2%. The \$45 million in bonds were sold in May at a rate of 4.3%.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Intihar seconded to waive the reading of the full text of the Bond Resolutions and Escrow Agreement. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Item 7 – Approval of the Resolution to Issue School Bonds, Series 2003C and 2003D

The Board of Education is in the process of refunding existing debt (1999 Issue) and selling School Bonds. One of the final steps in this process requires the adoption of the Resolution for the Issue of School Bonds. This will complete the issuance of \$72M from the referendum. The 2003C Resolution for the issue of approximately \$30,000,000 in bonds includes \$27,000,000 of the new school building bonds plus approximately \$3,000,000 of 1999 refunding bonds. The resolution was prepared and reviewed by Chapman and Cutler, who serve as bond counsel. The resolution will allow the district to move forward with the second issue of \$27,000,000 of bonds for work at both high schools. Also, the Board is asked to approve the Resolution providing for the issue to refund the 1993 Bonds. The 2003D resolution will allow the district to refund approximately \$23,000,000 of prior debt. By refunding these bonds the district will be able to restructure the debt in order to meet the proposed tax rate schedule. The final dollar amount to be refunded may vary slightly given the timing of the issuance of the bonds. It is recommend that the Board approve the Resolution providing for the Issue of approximately \$30,000,000 School Bonds Series 2003C, and Series 2003D to refund approximately \$23,000,000 as presented.

President Johnson announced that a proposal had been received from Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, St. Charles, Illinois, for the purchase of the district's general obligation unlimited tax school building bonds approved at the April 1, 2003 referendum and to be issued by the District pursuant to Section 19-3 of the School Code and general obligation unlimited tax refunding bonds to be issued by the District pursuant to Article 19 of the School Code and that the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution providing for the issue of said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest thereon.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Swanson seconded to approve the Resolution providing for the issuance of approximately \$30,000,000 School Bond Series 2003C as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

President Johnson announced that a proposal had been received from Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, St. Charles, Illinois, for the purchase of the District's general obligation unlimited tax refunding bonds to be issued by the District for the purpose of currently refunding a portion of the District's Series 1993 Bonds pursuant to Article 19 of the School Code and that the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution providing for the issue of said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest thereon.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the Resolution providing for the issuance of 2003D bonds to refund approximately \$23,000,000 as presented. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Item 8 – Approval of the Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Execution of an Escrow Agreement

The Board of Education is in the process of refunding existing debt and selling School Bonds. As part of the refunding, the Board must adopt a Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Execution of an Escrow Agreement. The resolution was prepared and reviewed by Chapman & Cutler who serves as bond counsel. The resolution will allow the district to place approximately \$26,000,000 of refunded bonds proceeds into an interest bearing account at Banc One, which serves as the district's primary financial institution. The proceeds in that account would then be used to pay back prior debt. It is recommended that the Board approve the Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Execution of an Escrow Agreement as presented.

President Johnson announced that proceeds of the District's School Bonds, Series 2003C, and Refunding School Bonds, Series 2003D, would be used to refund outstanding bonds of the District and in connection therewith, it would be necessary for the District to enter into an escrow agreement with Bank One, National Association, Chicago, Illinois, and that the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing and directing the execution of such escrow agreement.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Execution of an Escrow Agreement. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Item 9 – Approval of Copier Lease

The district has 17 small office copiers that range in age from 6-8 years old. The annual contract maintenance cost for these copiers is \$18,360. The current provider (Imagetech) can provide new machines including maintenance at the same cost. The maintenance also includes toner for the machines. The payment (\$18,360) would be in the form of a four-year lease. At the end of the lease, the copiers would be returned to the vendor. The majority of the copier machines in the district are Canon copiers and fall under an umbrella maintenance agreement. The maintenance agreement includes toner and staples. The cost for maintenance is based on a per

copy cost and is negotiated at a low price. Canon is able to offer a similar replacement process for these 17 copiers. Under the Canon plan they would replace the 17 copiers at an annual cost of \$16,487. This would be a four-year lease, however at the end of the term we would own the copiers. The cost for maintenance (based on usage) under our umbrella plan and the lease payment (\$16,487) would put the overall cost of the plan in line with the Imagetech proposal. Given that the majority of the district machines are Canon Copiers and that the district has negotiated a favorable contract for maintenance, it is recommend that the proposal from Canon Business Solutions be approved.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Bomher seconded the approval of the lease contract with Canon Business Solutions at a cost of \$16,487 plus maintenance. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

WRITTEN REPORTS

Item 10 – Summer School Summary Report

This report was provided for information only.

There was a discussion of the summer school program and the impact of the changes implemented this past summer. It is hoped that all high school students that need the summer school classes in order to graduate or pass will be notified in a timely fashion to allow them time to register for the classes. Staff will be bringing recommendations to the Board soon on the funding of summer school for this next summer.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Swanson reported that she attended a presentation from Healthy DuPage on the results of the character surveys from last spring. District 200 participated in the survey. When the district receives the results for our attendance area, a report will be given to the Board.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Moving District 200 to higher levels of Greatness
2. Select & begin implementation of best long-term use of Hubble
 - Town meetings will be scheduled at Hubble, WNHS, WWSHS and either Bower or Johnson schools to discuss options for the long-term use of Hubble. These meetings will gather community input and after the meetings are finished, a report will be brought to the Board for a decision.
3. Develop a long-term financial plan that leads to financial predictability & stability
 - Staff is working on the budget report that will be based on needs. A task force will be formed and start meeting to compare the needs based budget to the program driven budget so that that information can be reported back to the Board.
 - There was a discussion of the previous meetings held with Board members, staff and state legislators to discuss the funding of education and the possibility of repeating those meetings after the first of the year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – October 8 – Wiesbrook Elementary School

- Dr. Catalani and President Johnson will be taping a cable TV program with Mayor Carr on September 29. This show will aired on Comcast Cable TV and will discuss education issues and topics in District 200.

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Bomher moved, Member Slater seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor. **The motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM

There was no Closed Session.

Ken Knicker, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President