

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
September 26, 2007

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 Lincoln Elementary School, 630 Dawes Avenue, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andrew Johnson, on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

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

Member Knicker led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH HOST SCHOOL

Mrs. Kathy DeMarzo, Principal of Lincoln School, welcomed the Board of Education, administration and community to Lincoln School. Mrs. DeMarzo recognized the staff members that were present and introduced PTA President Joanne Williamson. Ms. Williamson spoke about the strong partnership between the school and the PTA and the commitment of the PTA members. Mrs. DeMarzo spoke about a school quilt that was started last year during the 50th anniversary celebration at Lincoln. A presentation was made detailing how the design for the quilt was developed and the process being used to construct the quilt.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Charette presentation was removed from this meeting agenda and will be placed on a future agenda. The presenters were unavailable for this meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Drury reported the following:

Fun Run

The N.E.W. 200 Foundation Fun Run was held this past Sunday at WWSHS. The foundation was very pleased with the turn out. There were over 550 runners. The family festival was very successful. The

foundation believes that things ran smoother this year because of their increased pre-planning and pre-registration efforts. The foundation board will be meeting next week and we will get more information to report after their meeting.

EmNet

District 200’s EmNet radio system arrived this past Monday. The hardware has been installed and staff members will receive training tomorrow on the operations of the system.

IASB DuPage Division Meeting

District 200 proudly hosted the IASB DuPage Division dinner meeting on September 19. The meeting was held at WWSHS. Students from the high school provided tours of the renewed school facility and band students provided musical entertainment during dessert. Board members from across the county attended workshops that evening on various topics including using “green” construction in schools and running successful referendums. Dr. Snyder and her staff were gracious hosts and did an outstanding job of assisting the IASB in the planning and orchestrating of the evening. Board members Intihar, Knicker, Slater and Swanson were recognized and congratulated at the dinner for maintaining their “Master Board Status” with the IASB. Master status is obtained by attending workshops and seminars on issues that affect school boards and districts. Congratulations on this achievement and thanks for your dedication and support to the IASB, the students of District 200 and education in the state of Illinois.

Homecoming

This weekend is homecoming for both of our high schools. The theme at WNHS is “When in Rome”. Their game is Friday night versus West Aurora and their dance is Saturday night at the school. The theme at WWSHS is “Disney”. Their game is Friday night versus Glenbard East and their dance is Saturday night at the school.

LUDA

Dr. Drury and Mary Lou Sender will be attending the Large Unit District Association (LUDA) annual fall conference on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Superintendents from the large unit districts across the state will be discussing such topics as special ed initiatives, the impact on districts of the current state budget and issues needing legislative resolution. The Administrative Assistants will be discussing communication, how to be an effective time coach for the superintendent and dealing with difficult, frustrating and hostile conversations.

Veteran’s Day

The district committee is in the planning stage for district activities for Veteran’s Day. As you know, District 200 students attend school on Veteran’s Day and activities are planned in every school to honor our vets and educate the students on the meaning of the day. The official national day of observance is Sunday November 11. All k-12 schools will be honoring the day on Monday, November 12 and Jefferson preschool will observe the day on Friday November 9 since they do not attend school on Mondays. The theme for this year’s remembrance is “Honoring All Who Served”. Each building will be having various veteran guests, service projects and assemblies to honor those who are serving or have served our country. We will report on the individual building activities as the day draws near.

High School Students

Beginning with the October 10 Board of Education meeting, student representatives from the two high schools will be attending the Board meetings and giving updates on things relative to the high schools.

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	Mark O. Stern
Topic	Development Options

Speaker	Linda Pille (with minutes from Donna Budlong)
Topic	Hubble

**REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Acceptance of Gifts from the PTA – Recommend the acceptance of the gifts from the PTA’s of District 200 as presented.
2. Approval of ELL Social Studies and Science Supplemental Materials – Recommend approval of the materials as presented and posted.
3. Approval of Minutes – September 12, 2007 Open & Closed, and Approval to Destroy Recordings of Closed Session Meetings Prior to April 2006 - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented and approval to destroy the recordings of closed session meetings prior to April 2006 as allowable by law. The Closed Session minutes will remain closed.
4. 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. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of the 2007-08 Budget

The Illinois School Code 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 adoption. The 2007-08 budget has been available for public inspection since August 8, 2007 and a public hearing was held on September 12, 2007. The budget remains as posted with no changes. It is recommended that the Board adopt the budget as presented and posted.

Mr. Farley reported that there have been no changes made to the budget since it was posted and no written comments have been received.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Coghill seconded to adopt the 2007-08 budget as presented and posted. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to Commit to a February 5, 2008 Referendum

District 200 has been in the planning and negotiations phase of building a new Hubble Middle School in the southwest section of the district. The district entered into an agreement to purchase land in Warrenville at Herrick Road and Galusha Road. There were contingencies to moving ahead with that purchase:

1. An NFR letter from the IEPA
2. A positive risk assessment report and all usual and customary due diligence
3. A successful referendum to fund the project

The district has received the NFR letter from the IEPA, the risk analysis has been obtained with a positive outcome, and now the Board needs to proceed with plans to place a referendum on the ballot to secure the funding. Legat Architects and Bovis Lend Lease are in the process of determining the cost to build the new school and will present their figures to the Board of Education at the October 10, 2007 Board meeting. Mr. Bill Hepworth will be presenting information to the Board on funding options. The Board now needs to commit to moving forward with a referendum to secure the funding to build the new school. In November, the Board will be asked to approve the language for the referendum question. It is recommended that the Board commit to placing a referendum question on the ballot for the February 5, 2008 election.

The Board discussed the referendum and voiced their support to move forward. There was discussion about the possibility of including work at Jefferson Preschool and improvements to the district technology systems in the referendum. The Board decided it is best to keep the Hubble referendum separate and consider the other needs after the district takes the time to study the needs more carefully. The Board also discussed the need to bring closure to the decision on disposition of the current Hubble property. After the presentations from Legat and Bovis on the costs of the new school, the information that will be shared by Mr. Hepworth on funding options, and the Charette presentation on possible uses for the current site, the Board will be in a better position to make the final decisions necessary to move forward with these recommendations.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to commit to placing a referendum question on the ballot for the February 5, 2008 election to build a new Hubble Middle School. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ORAL REPORTS

Charette Presentation - postponed

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Intihar reported that she and Member Swanson attended the WNHS Band Contest. Twenty-two high school bands competed and the NIU marching band performed at the contest. The two District 200 marching bands performed in their new uniforms and both bands publicly thanked the Board and community for the uniforms. Member Swanson stated that she was very proud of the facility and new bleachers at WNHS. The renewed facility put District 200 on equal ground with the other competing schools and it was a very proud moment.

Member Swanson reported that the IASB DuPage Divisions Dinner Meeting was held at WWSHS on September 19. It was a great evening and Member Swanson attended one of the workshops on bond issues. Two issues that Member Swanson heard about at this session were regarding the need for a financial advisor separate from bond counsel and banks and the need for policies on these issues. Member Swanson would like to explore this for District 200.

President Johnson reported that he read an article in the School Board Journal. The article was written in 1935 and the topics seem to be the same topics as today. It was interesting to see that some issues never change.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Technology Audit
Public Comment Procedures
Hubble Cost & Financing Options
Referendum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – October 10, 2007 – WWSHS

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Intihar moved, Member Bomher seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Issues 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1), Student Discipline %ILCS 120/2(c)(9), and Pending Litigation 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11). 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 8:35 PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President