

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
September 28, 2005

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 Longfellow Elementary School, 311 W. Seminary, Wheaton, IL, by Board Vice President Rosemary Swanson, on Wednesday, September 28, 2005, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

Absent: Andrew Johnson

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Sender led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH HOST SCHOOL

Mr. Paul McKinney welcomed the Board, Administration and community members to Longfellow School.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Tom Todd, Jim Stankevich and Margaret Tibbit, teachers from WWSHS, were recognized for reaching the National Board Certified status.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- The District has once again received the Bright Red Apple Award of excellence from SchoolSearch, the Kansas City based firm that provides relocating families with school information. The award is based on five factors: academic performance, pupil/teacher ratios, expenditures per pupil, educational level of teachers, and average teacher salary. District 200 is one of 92 Illinois school districts (out of 886) to receive the award. SchoolSearch is the same company that gives the Bright A+ Award, which is based solely on academic performance. District 200 has been recognized with that award every year since its inception in 1999.
- The District is pleased to have twelve National Merit Scholar Semifinalists this year. The twelve students, six from each of the two high schools, represent less than one percent of the nation's high school seniors. We will be honoring the semifinalists at the October 12 Board meeting.
- District 200 schools have now enrolled 10 evacuees from Hurricane Katrina. The caring spirit of the District 200 community is evidenced by the many ongoing efforts of our students, parents and teachers to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina in our own schools and along the Gulf Coast. From cash contributions to donations of clothing, socks, teddy bears and school supplies, all 20 District 200 schools have specific relief projects and are continuing their efforts to help those impacted by the hurricane.
- We are taking advantage of the parent email addresses we collected during registration to email my first newsletter of the year to our families. Those who provided email addresses will be receiving a copy electronically the first week in October. Those who did not provide email addresses will receive a paper copy via the US Mail. Changes or additions to an email address should be directed to the school office.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Donation to the District – Recommend the acceptance of the donation of technology equipment and supplies from Devine, Inc. as presented.
2. Acceptance of Gift to Lowell School – Recommend the acceptance of a donation of \$614.06 from the Target Corporation to Lowell School.
3. Acceptance of Gift to Hawthorne School – Recommend the acceptance of an anonymous donation of \$1500.00 to Hawthorne School to be used in the LLC.
4. Approval of the Annual Application for Recognition of Schools – Recommend the approval of the Applications for Recognition of Schools for the schools in District 200.
5. Approval of Change Orders, WWSHS & WNHS – Recommend the approval of the change orders for the high school project as presented.
6. Approval to Dispose of Fixed Assets – Recommend that specific pianos be declared surplus and allow the district to dispose of them.
7. Approval of Minutes, September 14 Open & Closed - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented.
8. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Slater 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 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Lease of Computers for High School Science

The computer equipment in the High School Science labs is old and it is not fiscally responsible to upgrade it. In addition, the AP Science curriculum needs newer technology to deliver the program. Staff is proposing to lease 120 Dell OptiPlex GX560 computers at a cost of \$115,899 from American Capital for three years; this is a cost of \$38,663 per year. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the lease of computers as presented.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the lease of 120 Dell computers from American Capital for three years at a cost of \$115,899 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Copier Lease

District 200 leases Canon Copiers for use at all of the buildings. Due to construction of additional office space, additional copiers are needed at two buildings. The cost to lease these two additional copiers is \$651.07 per month for a 48 month term. This lease includes all parts, labor, toner and service calls. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 48 month lease with Canon Business Solutions in the amount of \$651.07 per month as presented.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the 48 month lease with Canon Business Solutions in the amount of \$651.07 per month for two additional copiers. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to Declare Obsolete and Dispose of Surplus Assets

Fixed assets costing more than five hundred dollars each should be declared surplus by the Board of Education prior to their disposal. Due to the fact that SBM/GCA is providing all cleaning equipment under the current custodial contract, we own several items of cleaning equipment that are no longer needed by the district. There is an opportunity to sell them at the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference Vehicle and Public Works Equipment Auction. All items that are deemed not marketable will be disposed. It is recommended that the Board of Education declare these items obsolete and approve the disposal of said items through auction.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Coghill seconded to declare certain pieces of cleaning equipment obsolete and approve the disposal of said items through auction. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was 6-0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

DISCUSSION ITEM

Board Goal to Develop a Vision & Mission Statement

The Board discussed the draft of the three Board goals. The goal regarding curriculum will be changed to use the phrase “supported by” instead of “evidenced by,” and the last sentence will be changed by removing the words “and increased student achievement” so that the last sentence will end after the words “professional development program.” The goal regarding communication will be changed to reflect that the Board will provide more opportunities for Board of Education members to dialogue with the community.

Dr. Catalani stated that the “how to” for each goal will be included in the work plan and objectives so that each goal can be operationalized.

Dr. Sorrick then led the Board of Education members through the same process that was followed at the focus group meetings with the community. Mrs. Denie Young recorded the statements made by the Board in each of the 5 question areas. Staff will put together the responses and provide them to the Board along with the top three responses in each category and how they compare to the total summary of all responses. The Board will then assemble a writing team to put together the responses from the 24 groups, the 500 responses from the phone survey and the Board of Education responses from tonight. From this information the Board of Education will draft a new vision and mission statement for the district.

WRITTEN REPORTS

FY06 Grant Report

Summer School 2005

End of Year ELL Program Written Report 2005

Curriculum Leader Position Report

These reports were provided for information only.

Member Knicker stated that the written report on grants is a reflection of the work of Kathy Myers.

Member Coghill commented on the ELL report and the large number of languages spoken by students in District 200.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Slater reminded the Board members about the IASB DuPage Division Dinner on September 29.

Member Intihar reported that she attended the first meeting of the IEP Committee. This committee is being led by Mrs. Knicker and has representation from staff and parents and is looking at the entire IEP process.

Member Intihar reminded everyone that the WNHS Band Contest is Saturday, October 1.

Member Knicker stated that he believes the ElectronicSchoolBoard system that the Board of Education is using in a pilot program adds great benefit to the District. It shows that the Board is involved in technology and it will improve communication with the community. Member Knicker stated that he supports investing in the system.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

Vision & Mission Statement

ElectronicSchoolBoard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – October 12, 2005 – Johnson Elementary School

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Bomher moved, Member Coghill seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President