

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
September 8, 2004

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 Hawthorne Elementary School, 334 E Wakeman Avenue, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andy Johnson, on Wednesday, September 8, 2004, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Andrew Johnson
 Ken Knicker
 Marie C. Slater
 Barbara Intihar
 Rosemary Swanson
 Bob Davis

Absent: John Bomher

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION

Member Davis moved, Member Slater seconded to suspend the rules and open the Public Hearing on the 2004-2005 Budget.

Mr. Farley reviewed the changes to the proposed budget for the Board and community and explained that the changes were to move money within funds and no financial changes were made. The Board also received charts showing the 2003-04 actual budget and a 5-year forecast of the district's finances.

There were no comments from the public. The budget will be adopted at the September 22 meeting. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Knicker seconded to close the Public Hearing and reinstate the rules. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Mr. Patterson, Principal of Hawthorne School welcomed the Board of Education, administration and community to Hawthorne School. Mr. Patterson recapped the 50th anniversary events held during the 2003-04 school year and recognized the staff and PTA of Hawthorne for getting the 2004-05 school year off to a positive start.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

President Johnson stated that a cable television camera not being at the meeting was not by choice of the Board or administration. Staff is working on correcting this issue.

President Johnson commended the staff for the great start to the school year.

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	Mark O. Stern
Topic	State Aid

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- The opening of schools went very well due to the great administration and staffs at the buildings; commendations to all involved.
- The sale of the 2004C bonds was completed and the transactions were less than anticipated. Board members can obtain a copy of the completed papers from Mr. Farley if they would like a copy.
- Work towards two of the Board goals has begun. A group of administrators have volunteered to serve on a task force to develop the format to be used in developing the focus groups for the work related to the vision and mission statements. Focus groups from all of the schools will meet between now and the first of the year to begin addressing this issue. The goal is to determine the purpose of the schools in the stakeholders' eyes. A survey will be developed and distributed to all households in our community to get the view of the public. Those thoughts will be brought to the Board of Education so that the vision/mission statement can be developed for the district. Then the district will have to figure out how to pay for whatever it is the community feels our education system should be.

- The task force to look at the Board goal concerning Hubble has been meeting over the summer. The task force is at a point where they can not do any more work until the land issue is finalized. All of the sub groups are at a standstill until there is land identified to build a new middle school. Hopefully this issue will be resolved soon and the task force can resume their responsibilities.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Textbook Master List – Recommend the approval of the textbook master list as presented.
2. Approval of Change Orders – Recommend the approval of the change orders for the high school projects 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 25 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 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

REPORTS TO BOARD MEMBERS

WRITTEN REPORTS

Item 6 – Elementary Band & Orchestra

These reports were provided for information only. There was discussion about what this recommendation will mean to the program.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Reminder that the Fall Dinner of the DuPage Division of the IASB will be held on September 29 at Fermilab.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

- Renew the District's vision/mission statement to reflect the beliefs and values of the entire school community
- Develop a long-term financial plan that is consistent with the renewed vision/mission statement
- Continue implementation of the Board's decision to build a new middle school in the southwest part of the District

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular Meeting – September 22 – Jefferson Preschool

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 personnel issues, potential land purchase and pending litigation. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

No action is expected after Closed Session.

Ken Knicker, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President