

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
January 13, 2010

The first regular meeting of the month of January of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at Sandburg Elementary School, 1345 Jewell Road, Wheaton, IL, by Board Vice President Rosemary Swanson, on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

Absent: Andy Johnson

Also in Attendance: Dr. Chuck Baker
 Dr. Lori Belha
 Mr. Bill Farley
 Mrs. Linda Knicker
 Dr. Margo Sorrick
 Dr. Robert Rammer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Aaron Bacon led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Mr. Aaron Bacon, Sandburg Principal, welcomed the Board, administrators and community to the school, and recognized Dr. Darlene Ruscitti, Regional Office of Education. Mr. Bacon explained that all people affiliated with Sandburg are considered "Sandburgers". A video was shown of what it means to be a "Sandburger".

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Baker recognized Mrs. Carrie Provost for being named the American String Teachers Association Illinois Outstanding School Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Darlene Ruscitti, DuPage County Regional Superintendent, presented information about the Regional Office of Education. Dr. Ruscitti also presented the district with a plaque recognizing WNHS as being named a Democracy School for teaching the importance of civic education.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

None

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gift to WWSHS– Recommend the acceptance of the gift to WWSHS as presented.
2. Acceptance of the Gift to Lincoln School – Recommend the acceptance of the gift to Lincoln as presented.
3. Approval of Hubble Change Order – Recommend the approval of the change orders as presented.
4. Approval of Bill of Sale-Conveyance of Property at the New Hubble Middle School to the City of Warrenville – Recommend approval of the sale-conveyance as presented.
5. Adoption of Resolution to Begin the 2010-11 Budget Cycle – Recommend the adoption of the resolution as presented.
6. Approval to Post Revised Policy 2.250, Access to District’s Public Records, for 30 Day Public Review and Comment - Recommend the approval to post the policy revisions as presented.
7. Approval of the 2010-11 District Calendar – Recommend the adoption of the calendar as presented and posted.
8. Approval of Temporary Construction Easement – Recommend approval of the temporary easement as presented.
9. Approval of Resolution to Partially Abate and Transfer Monies from Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund – Recommend approval to transfer monies as presented.
10. Approval of an Interfund Loan to Education Fund from Working Cash Fund – Recommend approval of the interfund loan as presented.
11. Approval of Interfund Loan to Building Fund from Working Cash Fund – Recommend the approval of the interfund loan as presented.
12. Approval of an Interfund Loan to Transportation Fund from Working Cash Fund – Recommend the approval of the interfund loan as presented.
13. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
14. Approval of Minutes – December 9, 2009 Open and Closed – Recommend approval of the minutes as presented. The closed session minutes will remain closed.
15. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Bomher 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.**

Member Slater requested that staff consider a suggestion from a parent to move the inservice half days to a different week to keep more five day weeks in place. Dr. Baker stated that staff will reconsider this and report back to the Board.

WRITTEN REPORTS

FOIA Report

This report was provided for information only.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Superintendent Profile and Search Process

The Board discussed the profile document and the search process document. The profile document is a draft and will be posted for public input and comments. The Board feels that this document represents the spirit of the Board. The items on the profile are not numbered because they all carry equal importance. The process document is a draft as well. The Board made the decision to not use a search firm, and to conduct the search themselves. The process includes an opportunity for community groups to give input in an advisory capacity. It is important for the Board to begin the process very soon. The Board will finalize the process timeline and by the next meeting the profile document will be finalized.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

2010-11 Budget - Dr. Baker stated that this process was started on November 19, 2009. Information was presented at the December 9 Board of Education meeting and staff began developing suggestions of possible budget cuts on December 16. The list will be presented to the Board at the March 10 Board meeting and, due to legal and contractual obligations related to staff, any staff reductions will be approved at the March 24 Board meeting.

Superintendent Search

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

January 27, 2010 – Wiesbrook Elementary School 7:30 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

Vice President Swanson 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	Julie Davis
Topic	School Budget

Speaker	Dana Banach
Topic	School Budget

Speaker	Mark O. Stern
Topic	Health Insurance

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Slater moved, Member Knicker seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Items 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Upon a roll call vote

being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 8:38 PM.

No action is expected following the closed session.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President