

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
February 24, 2010

The second regular meeting of the month of February of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at Jefferson Preschool, 130 N. Hazelton, Wheaton, IL, by Board Vice President Rosemary Swanson, on Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Andy Johnson (by phone)
 Rosemary Swanson
 John Bomher
 Joann Coghill
 Barbara Intihar
 Ken Knicker
 Marie Slater

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Mrs. Stephanie Farrelly, Jefferson Principal, welcomed the Board, administrators and community to the school. Mrs. Farrelly recognized staff members that were present and acknowledged the PTA for their continual support and willingness to help. Jefferson Preschool has been working on creating an environment that focuses on numbers and math. A video was shown that spotlighted students and staff working on this concept.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Vice President Swanson requested that the Consent Agenda be moved prior to Public Comments.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Baker recognized the following students for their recent social conscience efforts at their schools:

Hawthorne

A second grade student asked her mother what her school could do for the earthquake victims in

Haiti. The idea quickly grew to celebrate the end of the week's efforts by all students and staff wearing their favorite hat on February 12. Since this coincided with Valentine's Day, the day was proclaimed Have a Heart for Haiti and Wear a Hat for Haiti. The donations sponsored the Medair Organization that assists with disaster relief all over the world. The uncle of a Hawthorne kindergartner works for Medair and the family provided a poster board picture display of Medair's work. The goal for the week was to raise \$700, which would cover the cost of the building one transitional housing unit for the city of Jacmel, Haiti. These transitional housing units are earthquake and hurricane resistant and can last up to a year as a temporary site and can later be turned into a permanent house. The goal was surpassed by raising \$2,101.68, which will allow Medair to build three houses. The family of a second and fourth grade student counted the money each night and kept the school updated on the goal.

Lowell

A group of fifth graders wanted to provide a service to the community and they decided to donate to the Red Cross. The students made posters, announcements, collected and counted the money. They collected \$1,805.47.

Madison

A fifth grade student at Madison emailed Principal Tim Callahan the weekend after the first earthquake in Haiti and asked if the school could do something to help. She had learned about the destruction through her church and came to school with many thoughtful ideas. We decided on Penny Wars. In her version of Penny Wars, each class tried to collect as many silver coins as possible. In the older grades, pennies can be dropped into the buckets of other classes to take points away from them. Kids are having a lot of fun with this and learning the important life lesson that we are not powerless. The students have collected \$2,500 so far and the "war" is not over.

Whittier

A fourth grade student arranged a fund raiser that she named "Your Change Can Change Lives". The children of Whittier collected coins for one week and collected over \$1600. This student came up with this idea after seeing a show on 60 Minutes. The money was donated to the Red Cross and was enough to purchase two emergency medical tents.

Hubble

A 7th grade Hubble student organized a Haiti fundraiser by herself that was building wide. She bought a collection bin for each office, classroom, etc., did announcements in the building and over a two week period, raised over \$1300 that was given to the Red Cross. This student did this only because she wanted to help and it was the right thing to do.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gift to WWSHS – Recommend the acceptance of the gift to WWSHS as presented.
2. Approval to Post High School Textbooks – Recommend approval to post the textbooks for 30 days for public review and comment.
3. Approval of Revised Policy 2.250, Access to District Public Records – Recommend approval of the revised policy as posted and presented.
4. Approval of Revised 2010 Calendar – Recommend approval of the revised 2010 student calendar to reflect the change of date for the county institute day.
5. Approval of Minutes – February 10, 2010 Open and Closed, February 8, 2010 Closed –

Recommend approval of the minutes as presented. The closed session minutes will remain closed.

6. 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.**

Vice President Swanson announced that, as a part of the Consent Agenda tonight, the Board has appointed the next Superintendent. The Board introduced and welcomed Dr. Brian Harris and announced that he will take over as Superintendent effective July 1, 2010. The Board spoke about the process they used to search for and hire Dr. Harris. Dr. Harris spoke to the Board and community and stated that he is truly looking forward to being the next superintendent and working with the community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 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	Mary Ann Vitone
Topic	Budget

Speaker	Sheila Thorse
Topic	Chose to not make comments

Speaker	Lisa Kurtides
Topic	Budget

Speaker	Eric Trusty
Topic	Budget

Speaker	Keith Litavsky
Topic	Budget

Speaker	Doug Weglarz
Topic	Budget

Speaker	Christy Heins
Topic	Budget

Speaker	Lisa Seleski
Topic	Budget

Speaker	Marianne Buti
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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None

DISCUSSION ITEM

Budget Reduction Recommendations

Dr. Baker presented the administrative recommendations to address the budget deficit. These recommendations are a work in progress and will continue to change and evolve as the Board begins the discussion phase of this issue. The recommendations, as presented, will be posted on the District 200 web site for public review. The Board will conduct a public forum for community input on March 3 at 7:00 PM at Hubble Middle School. Information about the process and timeline can be found on the District web site. The Board asked some clarifying questions will discuss the recommendations at the March 24, 2010 Board of Education meeting at Edison Middle School. Dr. Baker asked the Board to think about the format that they would like to use to post information about the recommendations and inform the public.

WRITTEN REPORTS

Internet Safety Lessons

FOIA Report

These reports were provided for information only.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Swanson reported that at the IASB Board meeting, it was reported that there is conversation in Springfield about decreasing the foundation level. If this happens, District 200 could be moved into an alternate funding method. This would cause the district to lose a substantial amount of funding.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 3, 2010 – Public meeting regarding the budget reduction recommendations – 7:00 PM at Hubble Middle School

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

2010-11 Budget

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

March 10, 2010 – Whittier Elementary School 7:30 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

None

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 Items 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1), Student Discipline 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9), and Collective Negotiating Matters 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2). Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 9:41PM.

No action is expected following the closed session.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President