

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200**  
**April 28, 2010**

The second regular meeting of the month of April of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at Monroe Middle School, 1855 Manchester Road, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andrew Johnson, on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members:      Andy Johnson  
                             Rosemary Swanson  
                             Joann Coghill  
                             Barbara Intihar (arrived at 7:15 PM)  
                             Ken Knicker  
                             Marie Slater

Absent:                 John Bomher

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION**

Member Slater moved, Member Swanson seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Issues, 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 7:02 PM

**MOTION**

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to reconvene in Open Session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

The Meeting was reconvened in Open Session at 7:31 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members:     Andy Johnson  
                          Joann Coghill  
                          Barbara Intihar  
                          Ken Knicker  
                          Marie Slater  
                          Rosemary Swanson

Absent:               John Bomher

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Johnson led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL**

Mr. Jason Stipp, Monroe Principal, welcomed the Board, administrators and community to the school. Mr. Stipp explained the history of James Howard Monroe, the Wheaton resident for which the school is named. Mr. Stipp explained a service learning project that 150 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in. Three students explained that the project centered on the book *Three Cups of Tea*. The students decided that they wanted to raise money and began brainstorming the best way to collect the most money. The students settled on a “lock-in” for younger students to give parents a night out. The students ran the entire program and raised over \$1000 in one evening. The students stated that they learned valuable life lessons, but underestimated the energy level of the younger children.

Mr. Stipp introduced Ms. Susan Baldus-Strauss and stated that next school year, Ms. Baldus-Strauss will be the Assistant Principal at Monroe.

### **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

### **RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

Chris Wood, from the New 200 Foundation recognized and presented this year’s three Distinguished Teacher Awards. Students or parents nominate these teachers and a committee from the Foundation makes the final selection. This year’s award winners are: Anne McDonald from Lowell Elementary; Joanne Wegscheid from Edison; and Vic Scimeca from Wheaton Warrenville South High School.

Dr. Baker introduced and recognized WWSHS Physics teacher Jim Stankevitz. Mr. Stankevitz received the Illinois Section American Association of Physics Teachers (ISAPT) Outstanding High School

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items**

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	Mary Ann Vitone
Topic	Tax Warrant

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Baker introduced Assistant Superintendent for Student Services Linda Knicker who extended congratulations to our Special Olympics Track and Field Team! This past weekend, seven of our Special Olympic Athletes earned gold medals at the State Qualifying meet held at North Central College. These athletes will compete at the State Special Olympics Track Meet June 11-13 held in Normal, IL at Illinois State University. Congratulations to all of our athletes and their families and coaches!

Mrs. Knicker introduced Mr. Derick Edwards, the Principal of Johnson Elementary School. Mr. Edwards shared with the Board the success they are experiencing with a new program at Johnson. This year, with the help of Mrs. Knicker and Dr. Margo Sorrick, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Mr. Edwards started a Hispanic Parent Liaison Program. Sixty percent of the student population at Johnson are Hispanic and the school has been exploring ways to increase parent involvement. Schools in Mexico do not welcome parents in the buildings, so when families enroll their children in our schools, they are reluctant to participate in the education process. Mr. Edwards introduced Ms. Sandra Guerrero, the Hispanic Parent Liaison at Johnson Elementary School. Ms. Guerrero has been instrumental in engaging other parents in becoming active in the school. Through Ms. Guerrero's efforts, they have increased parent participation in educational events for parents from 15 parents in the past to over 160 recently.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Adoption of Resolution for Reduction in Force, Dismissal, and Termination of Classified Staff – Recommend the adoption of the resolution as presented.
2. Approval of Minutes – April 28, 2010 Open and Closed, and Approval to Destroy Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to October 2009 as Allowable by Law - Recommend that the minutes be approved as presented, and that approval to destroy the recordings of closed sessions prior to October 2008 as allowable by law. The closed session minutes will remain closed.
3. 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. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Dr. Baker stated that included in the Personnel Report was the approval to hire Mr. David Claypool as the next Principal of WWSHS. Mr. Claypool thanked the staff and Board of Education for the opportunity to work in District 200 and stated that he is humbled to be able to serve his community.

### **ACTION ITEM**

### Approval of Science Class for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra 1 Students

During October 2005, the GATES group expressed concern relative to the science sequence available to students enrolled in fast-paced courses looking toward university admission. At the time, Phys/Chem was the entry level course. It was noted that fast-paced students tended to enroll in a sequence of "A" Level Phys/Chem, Chemistry, Physics and AP Physics or Chemistry bypassing Biology or in some cases bypassing Phys/Chem and moving directly into Biology. During the winter of 2006, Dr. Catalani gave direction to implement a fast-paced science course. The intent was to make the eighth grade fast-paced science class the same as the ninth grade entry level course. Until it could be implemented, the eighth grade curriculum was enriched with concepts that extended the rigor with the current topics of study.

In the fall of 2009, "A" level Biology was implemented for eighth grade fast-paced students creating a need to reexamine the seventh grade course for these students.

Because of the way the general science strand is structured, a need developed to create a separate science class at seventh grade. This course will not be high school level, just a configuration change so that students experience the full range of science topics. The current seventh grade strand includes chemistry and biology with an emphasis on animals. The current eighth grade curriculum includes a strand about physics, earth science, and biology with an emphasis on plants. In order for these fast-paced science eighth grade students to get a complete science sequence, the topics need to be reorganized. It requires moving the biology out of seventh grade and having a course which includes earth science, chemistry and physics.

Identified students enrolled in Fast-Paced Algebra 1 as a seventh grader will be scheduled into this seventh grade course.

The costs associated with the curriculum development included past task force work and follow up work during the summer. There are Prentice Hall Biology books in the district that will be used for the course. These were purchased last year for the current science implementation.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve this seventh grade science course and curriculum for fast-paced math students in Algebra 1.

### **MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Swanson seconded to approve the 7<sup>th</sup> grade science course and curriculum for fast paced math student in Algebra 1. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### Approval of Lease Agreement of Activity Vehicles

The Board of Education approved leasing seven (7) white, 2009 model year, fourteen passenger activity vehicles used by the high schools. The vehicles are provided through Midwest Transit Equipment and the lease expires June 30, 2010.

The present one-year lease agreement is \$8040 per unit at a total cost of \$56,280 per year and the district is responsible for all maintenance and repairs not covered by manufacturer warranty. Midwest Transit is able to replace all seven (7) vehicles with new 2010 models at the same cost of \$8040 per unit and a total cost per year of \$56,280. Four (4) vehicles are at Wheaton Warrenville South High School and three (3) vehicles are at Wheaton North High School.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a one-year lease to secure seven 2010 model year, fourteen passenger, white, activity buses from Midwest Transit Equipment.

### **MOTION**

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve a one-year lease to secure seven 2010 model year, fourteen passenger, white, activity buses from Midwest Transit Equipment in the amount of \$56,280. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### Approval of Resolution to Issue Tax Anticipation Warrants

Due to the delayed State categorical payments in excess of \$6,000,000, the District's cash flow position is suffering. The District will have borrowed all the monies from the Working Cash Fund by month end. In order to meet payroll and accounts payable needs for the month of May, the District will have to issue Tax Anticipation Warrants. These warrants will be issued in anticipation of the June receipt of the Education Fund taxes levied for the year 2009. We are recommending an issuance in the amount of \$6,000,000 to be repaid by June 16, 2010.

Chapman and Cutler has prepared the attached resolution authorizing the issuance and certifying the resolution and the meeting minutes. There may be need for additional documentation, if so, it will be attached as soon as we receive it. We contacted our local banks which are approved depositories to secure a competitive rate of interest. JPMorgan Chase was the lowest bidder at 0.95% on these qualified tax exempt warrants.

The cost of the issuance is estimated to be: Chapman and Cutler, legal fees: \$5,000 - \$8,500 JPMorgan Chase, interest expense: \$5,778.08.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution authorizing the issuance of Tax Anticipation Warrants in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for the year 2009, for educational purposes.

Mr. Farley stated that, as he explained to the Finance Committee, the district will have a financial shortfall by May. That is caused by the fact that the state has not sent the funding dollars and they are not paying the categoricals. If the money that is owed to the district had been coming from the state as it should, the district would not need to issue the tax warrants. The state is defaulting on their payments, but the district still must pay staff and vendors. The tax warrants are a short term loan until the tax money comes in June. This is the first time in 15 years that the district has had to take this action.

### **MOTION**

Member Coghill moved, Member Inithar seconded to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of Tax Anticipation Warrants in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for the year 2009, for educational purposes. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **WRITTEN REPORTS**

FOIA – This report was provided for information only.

### **REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Member Swanson reminded Board members that the IASB DuPage Division Spring Dinner

Meeting is tomorrow night and is being held at Hubble Middle School.

Member Intihar stated that the PTA Scholarship Luncheon was on Monday and that it was great to hear the honorees mention all of the things teachers have done that inspired them.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

#### NEXT REGULAR MEETING

May 12, 2010 – Washington Elementary School

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

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	Charles Pfeister
Topic	Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Speaker	Mark Stern
Topic	TAWS/Bidding

Speaker	Charles Pfeister
Topic	Bidding

#### MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Student Discipline 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9), Personnel Items 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and Collective Negotiating 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 8:55 PM.

No action is expected following the closed session.

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**Barbara Intihar, Secretary**

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**Andrew Johnson, President**