

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200**  
**August 11, 2010**

The first regular meeting of the month of August of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at the School Service Center, 130 W. Park Avenue, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andy Johnson, on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, at 7:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

Absent:               John Bomher

Also in Attendance: Dr. Brian Harris  
                          Dr. Lori Belha  
                          Mrs. Linda Knicker  
                          Mr. Rodney Mack  
                          Dr. Robert Rammer  
                          Dr. Margo Sorrick

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

None

**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	Mark O. Stern
Topic	Police Liaison

Speaker	Mary Ann Vitone
Topic	Administrator Contracts

## **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Harris reported the following:

- An update on the budget scenario for District 200, the state of Illinois and at the national level
- Had a meeting with the LUDA superintendents and State Superintendent Christopher Koch, where Dr. Koch shared his insight on what is happening in Springfield, the cuts to the transportation budget, and his analysis of what he called the “virtual budget”. Dr. Koch stated that all payments from the state are from borrowed money and that districts should not anticipate state payments on time or expect full revenue. The hope is that things will improve after the November elections. District 200 is somewhat fortunate that most of the district funding comes from local revenues.
- On August 10, the federal government passed a \$14 billion Education Jobs Fund. The Illinois legislators will have to convene and do an appropriations bill to determine how the funds will be distributed and tracked. District 200 hopes to receive approximately \$600,000. This money must be used to hire teachers.
- Staff is working on staffing and is looking at elementary enrollment and class sizes. There will be a meeting Friday morning to make final decisions and determine if additional FTE is needed.
- In the Personnel Report, the Board will be approving the administrative contracts. The new contracts reflect \$684,000 of reductions. This was accomplished by eliminating four positions, reducing compensation packages, changing health benefits to a 90/10 split, removing professional development funds, and changing the travel allocations. These reductions are significant and this employee group is the only group taking a compensation reduction this year.
- The administrative inservice was held on Aug. 5 & 6. All administrators were together preparing for the new school year.
  - Mrs. Swanson stated that this group represents about 5% of the staff and is taking 10% of the budget reductions. The administrator group includes principals, assistant principals, and all departments at the SSC. It is very easy for the public to throw the term administrators and take a shot at them, but they work hard to keep the “ship” going in the right direction. Leadership is very important to the success of the district.
- Dr. Harris introduced Mrs. Linda Knicker. Mrs. Knicker, Mrs. Donna Kozika, and Mr. Joe Kish reported on the recent changes in the law regarding bullying. District 200 takes this important topic and makes serious strides to prevent school violence. Mrs. Kozika and Mr. Kish outlined steps and programs the district uses to meet the new code and law. It was stated that the emotional wellbeing of students is essential to learning. A more in depth presentation on this initiative will be brought to the Board of Education in October or November.
- The adoption of the Personnel Report includes the naming of Jen Keeler as the Interim Principal of Pleasant Hill School.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Acceptance of Gifts from the Lincoln PTA – Recommend acceptance of the gifts from the Lincoln PTA as presented.
2. Acceptance of Gifts to WWSHS – Recommend the acceptance of the gifts to WWSHS as presented.
3. Approval of Renewal of Intergovernmental Agreement, School Liaison Officers – Recommend the renewal of the agreement as presented.
4. Approval of Cold Beverage Contract Services – Recommend the approval of the contract with Pepsi America as presented.
5. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
6. Approval of Minutes – July 14, 2010 Open and Closed and July 17, 2010 Special Closed Session - Recommend that the minutes be approved as presented. The closed session minutes will remain closed.
7. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

## **MOTION**

Member Coghill 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.**

Member Knicker stated that he had previously raised questions about the police liaison contract renewal. Dr. Harris looked into the contract and determined that it was necessary to renew it for this school year, but will be entering into discussion with the City of Wheaton to reevaluate the agreement. It was stated that since this is the first year of the implementation of security cameras, the need exists to overlap the liaison officers and security cameras while staff works through the use of the cameras. Any successful implementation runs parallel systems at the start.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### Board/District Goals

President Johnson reported that the Board had an excellent meeting with Dr. Harris on July 17 to develop the superintendent goals that will be the basis of his evaluation and are required by his contract and the state statute. Mr. Johnson read the goals and stated that these fit very well with the Board direction. The Board discussed the goals and decided to focus on these three areas:

- 1) Develop strategies and structures for conducting Board business to support the goals of the district.
- 2) Student Achievement
- 3) Long-term Financial Stability

The Board discussed changing their meeting structure. There was discussion about having one business meeting a month and then having committee meetings in the areas of finance, curriculum and policy. There would be two board members appointed to each committee and one would be the chair of the committee. These committees would meet with the appropriate staff members to discuss issues and report back to the entire board prior to board action. The other option is to have one business meeting a month and have one committee of the whole to discuss issues and gather information prior to board action. Either option would give the board the opportunity to have conversations about what the district is about and where it is going. The Board decided to move to one business meeting a month and one committee of the whole

meeting per month. Staff will work on the wording of the goals and bring the goals back to the Board at the August 25, 2010 Board meeting.

## **WRITTEN REPORTS**

### FOIA

This report is provided for information only.

## **REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

President Johnson thanked Member Swanson for addressing the Wheaton City Council on the Hubble property issue. Member Swanson's comments reiterated that the focus of the Board of Education is to work with the city while they identify their vision of that property. Until the city provides a vision and plan for that property, District 200 can not list the it for sale. Member Intihar stated that her recollection is that the consultant advised District 200 that once the zoning and planning is in place, the district will be able to get the best price for the property. The Board believes that is the reason the consultant was hired and paid for. Dr. Harris stated that the property is not currently for sale – it is not on the market.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Member Swanson reminded Board members that the IASB Fall Dinner Meeting is September 29, 2010. College of DuPage is looking into changing the date of their tour for Board members so as not to conflict with that date.

## **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

August 25, 2010 – School Service Center

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items**

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Speaker	Tom Dacy
Topic	Hubble Site

Speaker	Mary Ann Vitone
Topic	Fees

Speaker	Carol Alleman
Topic	Hubble Site

## **MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Knicker moved, Member Intihar seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Items 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1), the Setting of a Price For Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the District 5ILCS 120/2(c)(6), 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 9:06 PM.

No action is expected following the closed session.

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**Barbara Intihar, Secretary**

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**Andrew Johnson, President**