

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200**  
**August 25, 2010**

The second 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 25, 2010, at 7:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Colin Wilkie led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**MOTION**

Member Slater moved, Member Bomher seconded to open the Public Hearing on the 2010-11 Budget. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried 7-0.**

Mr. Farley presented updated information on the budget. Mr. Farley outlined changes to the revenue and expenditures, but reported that the district is still carrying a balanced budget. Dr. Harris reminded everyone that this budget is based on projections for state revenue, and that can change at any time.

The following people made comments regarding the budget:

Speaker	Mary Ann Vitone
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Speaker	Eric Trusty
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Speaker	Jeanne Ives
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Speaker	Andrew Kuciensky
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Speaker	Harold Lonks
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**MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to close the Public Hearing. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried 7-0.**

**MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Member Intihar requested that the Consent Agenda item to approve the opening of closed session minutes be removed from the agenda until the next meeting.

**RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

Energy Educator Energy Pacesetter Award

Colin Wilkie gave a presentation on the energy savings and cost avoidance due to the Energy Educator program implemented in the district. Representatives from Energy Educator presented the district with an Energy Pacesetter Award. Dr. Harris thanked Colin Wilkie for his efforts and stated that the entire district is committed to the project. Due to the work of all staff, the district budget for 2010-11 is reduced by \$800,000 for utilities. Mr. Farley mentioned that Matt and Mike Duhig, the two high school facility managers, have done an outstanding job of getting the high school staffs to change the way they do business and contributed greatly to the success of this program.

**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	Jeanne Ives
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Andrew Kuciensky
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Harold Lonks
Topic	Hubble

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Harris reported the following:

- The opening of school went extremely well. Dr. Harris had the opportunity to be in most of the schools over the last 4 or 5 days and will get to more over the next couple of days. All of the principals report that the start was uneventful. The buildings look fantastic and the district is off to a great start.

- Staff is watching the enrollment numbers and staffing situations. Enrollment will be finalized after Labor Day and final staffing/class sizes will be determined. Franklin Middle School enrollment is up substantially and is at approximately 790 students. This number is the highest Franklin has seen and staff may need to be added.
- Monday, August 23, all staff gathered to kick off the school year. It was a wonderful opportunity for all to hear a common message and theme and see the entire district assembled.
- There have been approximately 60 certified staff reductions. Of the 213 “rified” staff, all staff that were still available have been recalled. The certification of five “rified” staff did not match the needs of any openings. There were 90 “rified” classified staff and approximately 60 others that were notified of a change in their position. The 60 have been placed and all aides have been recalled with about 40 resignations. Approximately 20 new full and part time staff members have been hired. About 90% of these positions are specialists or recently added elementary positions.
- Dr. Sorrick presented information about an extended day kindergarten program being implemented at the elementary schools that qualify for Title I funds. This is a targeted program for students that need extra help and the funding has strict requirements.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Modification of 457(b) Plan – Recommend the approval of the modification as presented.
2. Approval of MIDCO Phone Maintenance Contract Renewal – Recommend the approval of the phone maintenance contract renewal as presented.
3. Approval to Purchase Special Needs Students’ Software – Recommend approval to purchase the software to manage the needs of special needs students. Funding for this purchase will come from the ARRA funds.
4. Approval of Occupancy Permits – Recommend approval of the request to the Regional Office of Education for occupancy permits for WWSHS, WNHS and Hubble Middle School following the installation of security cameras.
5. Approval of an Easement Agreement, Madison Elementary School – Recommend the approval of the easement agreement as presented.
6. Approval of Revised Board Policy 2.200, Types of Board of Education Meetings – Recommend the approval of the policy as presented and posted.
7. Approval to Post Revised Policy 7.10, Prohibition Against Bullying, Hazing, Harassment, and Cyberbullying - Recommend approval to post the policy for 30 days for public review and comment as presented.
8. Approval to Open Closed Session Minutes – This item was removed from the agenda.
9. Approval of Minutes – August 11, 2010 Open and Closed Session and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Session Meetings Prior to February 2009 - Recommend that the minutes be approved as presented, and approval to destroy the recordings of closed session meetings prior to February 2009 as allowable by law. The closed session minutes will remain closed.
10. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

#### **MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to accept the Consent Agenda, minus the approval to open the closed session minutes, as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### Clarification on Board Position Regarding Hubble Property

The Board of Education is a willing member of the Hubble Task Force. The task force is a joint effort with the City of Wheaton to develop a comprehensive plan for the use of the property at Roosevelt Road and Main Street that is owned by the school district. The Board of Education is committed to helping the process get back on track by reiterating three points which have been the guiding assumptions of the School Board from the beginning of this process:

- The Board recognizes the unique value of this property to the community
- The Board is committed to finishing the collaborative process of determining a comprehensive plan for this property that matches community vision
- The Board urges a timely finish to the Steering Committee's work, followed by formal City Council endorsement of the plan, in order to facilitate sale of the property

It is recommended that the Board of Education formally reinforce their intent to follow the recommendation of the Hubble Task Force for developing a comprehensive plan for the old Hubble property in Wheaton before taking action to sell the property.

Member Swanson shared a historical perspective on the Hubble property process. The Board discussed their stance and all agree that the task force needs to complete their work and make a recommendation. The value cannot be determined until the zoning is revised. The current operating expenses to maintain the semi-vacant facility is approximately \$300,000 per year. The Board is in agreement to wait as long as it takes for the task force to finish the process and develop a plan.

## **MOTION**

Member Swanson moved, Member Intihar seconded that the Board recognizes the unique value of this property to the community and is committed to finishing the collaborative process of determining a comprehensive plan for this property that matches community vision. The Board urges a timely finish to the Steering Committee's work, followed by formal City Council endorsement of the plan, in order to facilitate sale of the property. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried 7-0.**

Staff will compose a letter for President Johnson's signature and send it to the Mayor of Wheaton and the City Council informing them of this action.

### Approval of the 2010-2011 Board of Education Goals

Annually the Board of Education develops goals for the school year. At the August 11, 2010 Board meeting, the Board discussed goals for the 2010-11 school year.

1. Develop strategies and structures for conducting Board business to support the vision and mission of the district.
2. Identify the K-12 student achievement targets that will ensure all students are college and/or career ready.

3. Investigate and implement strategies to establish long term financial stability.

It is recommended that the Board discuss and approve the 2010-11 Board goals.

#### **MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the 2010-11 Board goals as presented. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried 7-0**.

#### Approval of the 2010-11 Superintendent Goals

Annually the Board of Education must approve the goals of the superintendent. These goals become a part of the superintendent's evaluation. The 2010-11 Superintendent Goals are as follows:

- Develop and present to the Board a plan for the Superintendent's transition into the District.
- Develop the draft for the Board of the K-12 key student achievement performance indicators necessary to continue moving the District toward its vision as a student and employee focused school district that is highly regarded for the competence and character of its students and the excellence of its people, programs, and learning environment. This will include recommendations to achieve greater use of 21st century learning practices, techniques, and technology.
- Review the current administrative staffing, organization roles and responsibilities, and present to the Board a plan to address any retirements and increasing administrative efficiency.
- Review the District's recent actions to balance its budget and provide the Board with strategies and structures for continuing the District's progress toward achieving long term financial stability.

It is recommended that the Board approve the 2010-11 Superintendent Goals as presented.

#### **MOTION**

Member Swanson moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the 2010-11 Superintendent Goals as presented. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried 7-0**.

#### **WRITTEN REPORTS**

##### FOIA

This report is provided for information only.

#### **REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Member Swanson reminded the Board members about the September 29 DuPage Division Dinner Meeting.

Member Swanson clarified the reasons that IASB did not sign the Race to the Top Application. Member Swanson stated that the IASB staff did not feel that the amount of money that would be received was worth the unspecified regulations and control that will likely be associated with the money.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

September 8, 2010 – Bower Elementary School

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items**

None

**MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Slater 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), and Collective Negotiating 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1). 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 9:15 PM.

No action is expected following the closed session.

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**Barbara Intihar, Secretary**

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**Andrew Johnson, President**