

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
SEPTEMBER 8, 2010

The first regular meeting of the month of September of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at Bower Elementary School, 4S241 River Road, Warrenville, IL, by Board President Andy Johnson, on Wednesday, September 8, 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 (arrived at 7:33 PM)
 Ken Knicker
 Marie Slater

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Mark Kohlmann led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – Driver Education Waiver

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Knicker seconded to open the public hearing regarding the Driver Education Waiver. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried 6-0.**

Dr. Rammer reported that in December 2009, the District applied for a five year waiver of the State Code related to the use of simulation training for driver education. While the General Assembly approved the waiver for 2010-11, it denied the request for the subsequent four years. We are resubmitting this request for the full five year waiver. On January 1, 2008, the Illinois General Assembly enacted legislation that significantly modified the Illinois' Graduated Driver Licensing program. The most important part of that legislation changed the delivery system of the high school driver education program when it imposed an increased number of on the road, behind-the-wheel (BTW) hours from three to six and excluded the time students spend on simulators. This change in the law has reduced the number of students we have been able to service. The waiver is requesting approval to count up to three hours of simulator equivalency (four hours simulation equals one hour BTW) training towards the six hour BTW requirement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaker	Mary Ann Vitone
Topic	Simulators do not give practice time behind the wheel in real time. If the district does not follow the law then driver education should not be offered.

Member Bomher asked questions about the legalities of the waiver. Dr. Harris stated that the law allows the waivers due to the cost factors. Member Swanson asked for clarification on what the district is required to offer to students. Dr. Harris reported that the law requires that one session of the classroom portion be offered and many districts are reducing their programs for financial reasons. It has been the past practice of District 200 to offer a full driver ed program.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Coghill seconded to close the public hearing regarding the Driver Education Waiver. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried 7-0.**

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

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	Mary Ann Vitone
Topic	Committee of the Whole Format

Speaker	Doug Weglarz
Topic	Hazardous Bus Routes

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Harris reported the following:

- Thanks to the Bower staff and PTA for hosting this meeting.
- District enrollment, after the 10 day enrollment, is currently 13,481 students, which is down about 127 from last year.
- Last year there were 1064 FTE and this year there are 1014 FTE. This represents a reduction of 50 FTE for this year.
- Staff has been watching the elementary class sizes and enrollment at Franklin Middle School. Class size targets at the elementary level have been 26 at K-1, 28 at grades 2-3, and 30 at grades 4-5. If those targets are reached consideration has been given to add staff. As of today, because of class sizes and an increase in ELL students, staff has been added at Madison and Hawthorne.
- The ratio of staffing for ELL is 1:21. Last year there were approximately 800 ELL students and this year there are over 1000. Staffing is increased in this area too.

- Franklin has seen a large increase in enrollment and additional sections have to be added in core subject areas. This has required creative use of spaces at Franklin.
- Last Friday night was a great night for football in District 200. Both schools had big wins.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Appointment of Election Officials – Recommend the appointment of Bill Farley, Janine Sillitti and Mary Lou Sender as the election officials in matters related to the nominating petitions and objections for the School Board Elections.
2. Approval of Fixed Costs for Health Insurance – It is recommended that the Board approve the renewal with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for medical claims administration and PPO network, PBA for administration of Dental & FSA, Guardian Dental for PPO network and ING for specific and aggregate insurance coverage as presented.
3. Approval of Serious Safety Hazard Bus Routes – Recommend the acceptance of the Serious Safety Hazard findings as presented.
4. Approval to Open Closed Session Minutes – Recommend the approval to open the minutes of some closed session meetings, open some closed session minutes with redactions, and keep some closed session minutes closed as presented to the Board.
5. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
6. Approval of Minutes – August 25, 2010 Open and Closed - 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 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.**

Mr. Farley clarified that annually the Board is asked to approve the serious safety bus routes. Each year at the start of the year, the Business Office gets the information from the schools regarding any changes, such as sidewalks being installed. Someone goes out then to verify the change. If there is a need to add or delete an area, it is then brought to the Board for approval changes. The Business Office works with parents of affected students to apprise them of the changes. If there are concerns, parents can contact Mr. Bill Farley.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board Meeting Formats

The Board of Education established a goal to develop strategies and structures for conducting Board business to support the vision and mission of the district. One of the ideas the Board discussed was going to a Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting once a month. Dr. Harris presented his findings and recommendation on an agenda style and meeting format for the COW sessions. The Board discussed the concept and reached consensus to have one business meeting a month on the second Wednesday and one COW meeting a month on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The COW agenda will follow the format given to the Board and the COW meetings will be held at the School Service Center (SSC). The setup for the meeting will be more of a workshop style and no formal action will be taken at these meetings. Public comment will be held at the end of the COW meetings and guests will have the opportunity to speak on agenda items, and then there will be time to speak on non-agenda items. Staff will update the Board

policies to reflect these changes and the Board meeting calendar will be modified and brought back to the Board for approval.

WRITTEN REPORTS

FOIA

Reading Support Program Review

These reports were provided for information only.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Intihar reported that it is International Literacy Day. Literacy DuPage is sponsoring a program on September 15 to raise funds. All businesses in Wheaton displaying the Literacy DuPage poster will donate part of the sales that day to the program. Chilli’s Restaurant will also have a week long program where a portion of their sales will go to Literacy DuPage. Tutors are also needed for the program.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

- Budget Adoption
- Vendor Contracts
- Testing Report

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

September 22, 2010 – Sandburg Elementary School

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

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Speaker	John Lingon
Topic	Hawthorne

Speaker	Elizabeth Hanna
Topic	Hawthorne

Speaker	Ed Fulton
Topic	PACE

Speaker	Janet Mathis
Topic	Madison

Speaker	Christy Phanthavong
Topic	Madison

Speaker	Kelley Syswerda
Topic	Hawthorne

Speaker	Kyu Kim
Topic	Madison

Speaker	Amy Wagner
Topic	Madison

Speaker	Jan Hagen
Topic	Hawthorne

Speaker	Vick Lombardo
Topic	Hawthorne

Speaker	Brian Westbury
Topic	Hawthorne

Speaker	Skip Brown
Topic	Hawthorne/Class Sizes/ELL Population

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 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 9:21 PM.

Action is expected following the closed session.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Knicker seconded to reconvene in Open Session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting was reconvened at 10:16 PM.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Coghill seconded to uphold the expulsion of Student E2010-11-01 for the remainder of the 2010-11 school year and the entire 2011-12 school year. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President