

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
August 15, 2012

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 Rosemary Swanson, on Wednesday, August 15, 2012, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Rosemary Swanson
 Barbara Intihar
 Ken Knicker
 Joann Coghill
 Jim Gambaiani
 Jim Vroman

Absent: Andy Johnson

Also in Attendance: Dr. Brian Harris
 Mrs. Faith Dahlquist
 Mr. Bill Farley
 Mr. Rodney Mack
 Mrs. Joanne Panopoulos
 Dr. Robert Rammer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Joanne Panopoulos led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

RECOGNITIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

The Board honored the students that competed in the Special Olympics. The 24 students that competed earned a total of 22 medals; 9 Gold, 6 Silver, and 7 Bronze.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

None.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Harris reported the following:

- Invitations are going out to the targeted groups within the community inviting them to the Community Forums at Jefferson Early Childhood Center. The hope is that many community members will attend and become educated about Jefferson and the services

provided at that school and the needs of the building. The concept plan for improvements to the building will be on display during the forums. Dr. Harris showed a video recently made about the Jefferson program and facility needs. The video can be viewed at: <http://www.cusd200.org/23531086103337757/blank/browse.asp?A=383&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&C=62606>

- The AYP status information has been received from the state. Mrs. Faith Dahlquist shared information about how the schools did. In math, all schools made AYP except Hawthorne and Washington. In reading, all made AYP except Hawthorne, Washington and Bower. Johnson School made AYP this year but still has to offer choice under the rules of NCLB. This year choice must be offered to Hawthorne families as well. Mrs. Dahlquist met with parents from Johnson and Hawthorne to explain the situation and the choice process. Families requesting choice from Hawthorne will be offered the opportunity to attend Pleasant Hill School and families from Johnson will be offered Wiesbrook School. A full report will be brought to the Board of Education at the September 26 Committee of the Whole. Dr. Harris stated that Johnson made AYP because of significant changes in the way reading and math were being taught. The staff worked very hard and did creative things to make a difference and will continue to work hard to maintain the momentum. Johnson will be celebrating the successes.
- School starts next week. August 22 will be the first day of attendance for grades 1-12 and it will be a full day. Staff is working hard to make the final preparations and is working on bus routes and facility projects. Staffing is being carefully monitored as registrations continue to come in. Numbers at 4th grade are being watched across the district. More staffing changes will be made as needed based on the September 1 enrollment numbers.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance and Approval of the Ten-Year Life Safety Survey – Johnson Elementary School – Recommend acceptance and approval of the survey as presented.
2. Approval of Annual Certification of Serious Safety Hazard Bus Routes – Recommend approval of the annual certification of the routes as presented.
3. Approval of Printer Management Services Bid – Recommend approval of the bid as presented.
4. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll reports as presented.
5. Approval of Minutes – July 18, 2012 Open and Closed Session, and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to March 2011 as Allowable by Law - Recommend that the minutes be approved as presented and the approval to destroy the closed session recordings as permissible by law. 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 Vroman moved, Member Coghill 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.**

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Resolution Providing for Redemption & Payment of Outstanding School Bonds Series 2003B & 2003C and the Execution of an Escrow Agreement for the Purpose of Redeeming Such Bonds

The Board was asked to approve an escrow resolution for the purpose of establishing an escrow fund to defease the remaining 2003B and 2003C Bonds not refunded by the refunding bonds sold earlier this year. The District left approximately \$5.0 million of the 2003B and 2003C Bonds, plus accrued interest, outside of the refunding to retire with the proceeds of the former Hubble sale. The deposit to the escrow fund is estimated to be not more than \$5,305,000. This amount consists of the proceeds from the sale of the former Hubble property and funds in the bond and interest account. It is anticipated that the escrow will be invested in a combination of US Treasury Securities and State of IL General Obligation Bonds. After the defeasance is completed, the District will abate the taxes related to the bonds paid off. This final step is consistent with the plan reviewed by the finance committee and discussed with the Board when it approved the refunding. If the securities the District needs for the escrow become available in a secondary market before the resolution is approved, then the Treasurer will purchase the securities and transfer them to the escrow after August 15th. Attached to this report was the resolution for the redemption and payment of certain outstanding bonds in advance of their maturity and authorizing and directing the execution of an Escrow Agreement which was also included.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Providing for Redemption & Payment of Outstanding School Bonds Series 2003B & 2003C and the Execution of an Escrow Agreement for the Purpose of redeeming such Bonds.

Member Knicker read the resolution.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Vroman seconded to approve the Resolution Providing for Redemption & Payment of Outstanding School Bonds Series 2003B & 2003C and the Execution of an Escrow Agreement for the Purpose of redeeming such Bonds. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Agreement for Community Survey

At the July 18, 2012 Board of Education meeting, there was a discussion about the Capital Development Plan. The Board, by consensus, directed staff to seek a vendor to conduct a community survey regarding the capital development needs of the district. The Board also confirmed the plan provided by staff to conduct community forums for feedback. After reviewing and meeting with several companies that complete community surveys, staff concluded that ECRA is the best vendor to meet the needs of the Board and district. ECRA has successfully completed many community surveys in nearby districts and has the research background to help support our needs. They also will provide consultant services to assist with the community forums at Jefferson Early Childhood Center. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement with ECRA in the amount of \$15,200 as presented.

Dr. Harris stated that if the agreement is approved, staff will work with them to develop feedback questions for the forums. Members Johnson and Vroman were part of this recommendation. Mr. Vroman stated that he looked at the company's web site and is very comfortable with what he learned and very impressed with a survey they developed for New Trier High School. Member Coghill stated that she was pleased to see the price was only about \$1000 more than the last survey done for the district in 2005.

There was discussion about the timeline for the work with the company and Dr. Harris reported that the company will meet the timeline of the district.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the agreement with ECRA as presented. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

WRITTEN REPORTS

FOIA Report

This report was provided for information only.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Board of Education Committee Structure

President Swanson reported that the purpose of this discussion is to review the current policy and reach an agreement on how a policy on committee structure will be developed. Dr. Harris stated that the current policy was last updated in November, 1996, and needs to be refreshed. The policy needs to establish some standing committees. The Board discussed the committee structure used in the 2011-12 school year. There was discussion about having three main standing committees and then establishing sub-committees or ad hoc committees under each. Current policy allows for the Board to develop ad hoc standing committees by a majority vote. The consensus was to have the policy include standing committees in the areas of facilities, finance and learning/teaching. For the 2012-13 school year, ad hoc committees will be necessary for the Jefferson proposal and to look at the legal services of the district. Dr. Harris stated that staff will rewrite the current policy to include the wishes of the Board and bring a draft back to the Board for review and editing.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

2012-13 Budget Public Hearing & Adoption

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

August 15, 2012 – SSC

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

None

ADJOURNMENT

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 to closed session for the purpose of discussing The Setting of a Price For Sale or Lease of Property 5ILCS120/2(c)(6). Upon a voice 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 9:08 PM.