

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200**  
**December 11, 2013**

The first regular meeting of the month of December of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at Washington Elementary School, 911 Bridle Lane, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Barbara Intihar, on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at 7:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members:      Barbara Intihar  
                             Jim Vroman  
                             Brad Paulsen  
                             Jim Gambaiani  
                             Jim Mathieson  
                             Rosemary Swanson

Absent:                 Joann Coghill

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Jen Tavine led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL**

Ms. Jen Tavine, Principal at Washington Elementary School, welcomed the Board, administration and community to the School. Ms. Tavine thanked the PTA for their support and for the refreshments and recognized the Washington staff. A video was shown that highlighted the use of technology at Washington School.

**MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**RECOGNITIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

The Board recognized Officer Hasan for being named the Juvenile Officer of the Year by the DuPage County Juvenile Officer Organization.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items**

None

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Harris reported the following:

- Work is progressing on the community engagement process. Co-chair Liz Corry spoke about the meaning of community engagement and input. The committee consists of representatives of all of the communities of the district. The charge to the committee was reviewed and the first Community Engagement Session (CES) is January 15, 2014 at Monroe Middle School at 7:00 PM. Dr. Harris will provide a state of the district report on that evening. Following that report the attendees will be divided into work groups. The agenda for the next CES will be set based on the feedback from the January 15 session. There will be six sessions and all members of the District 200 community are encouraged to attend. A logo has been created and everyone will start seeing the information about the sessions in a variety of communications. Co-chairs Liz Corry and Scott Brown will continue to bring updates as the process moves forward.
- Pension reform is in the headlines with the recent passage of the Senate Bill. At this time there is no direct impact to the district or anything the district has to do as a result of the legislation. Staff members will be affected in their current and future compensation, retirees will be affected with changes to the COLA provisions, salary caps will be imposed and the retirement age will change. These changes will impact decisions employees make and may impact hiring and recruiting in the future. Employee contributions are being reduced by 1% per pay period with no cost shift to the district at this time. The bill goes into effect on June 1, 2014. It is anticipated that many lawsuits will be filed and which could put the legislation on hold during the court proceedings. This will impact health benefits and negotiations. Staff will be monitoring this closely.
- There have been many emails and questions regarding B-sports at the middle school level. Staff is working to bring a recommendation to the Board in January for inclusion in the budget planning. This will not require a Board vote, but staff will be looking for direction from the Board as the budget is prepared and the fee structure for next school year is set. The district will not be in a middle school conference next year. The current conference is going to change and some districts are dropping out. District 200 Athletic Directors and Coaches believe they can offer a great schedule without a conference and are highly confident that we will have a full schedule at A and B sports in basketball and volleyball for girls and boys in middle school. The decision to cut the B sports a few years ago was based on its annual costs and was not a philosophical reason.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Acceptance of a Gift to Longfellow School – Recommend acceptance of the gift to Longfellow School as presented.
2. Acceptance of a Gift to Washington School – Recommend acceptance of the gift to Washington School as presented.
3. Approval to Post revised Policy 5.90, Reporting Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect, for Public Review and Comment – Recommend approval to post the policy as presented.
4. Approval to Post Revised Policy 6.250, Community Resource Persons and Volunteers, for Public Review and Comment – Recommend approval to post the policy as presented.
5. Approval to Post Revised Policy 3.60, Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal, for Public Review and Comment – Recommend approval to post the policy as presented.
6. Approval to Post Revised Policy 5.50, Drug and Free Workplace; Tobacco Prohibition for Public Review and Comment – Recommend approval to post the policy as presented.
7. Approval of the 2014-15 School Calendar – Recommend approval of the 2014-15 School Calendar as posted.

8. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
9. Approval of Minutes – November 13, 2013 Open and Closed, and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to July 2012 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.
10. Approval of Personnel Report to Include Employment, Resignation, Retirement and Leave of Absence of Administrative, Certified, Classified and Non-Union Staff. Recommend the approval of the Personnel Report as presented.

## **MOTION**

Member Vroman moved, Member Swanson 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.**

## **WRITTEN REPORTS**

### Monthly Financial Reports

### FOIA Report

These reports were provided for information only.

## **REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

### **Board Committee Reports**

#### Learning & Teaching Committee

- President Intihar reported on the Learning and Teaching Committee meeting that was held today. Common Core Language Arts is moving forward. As a result of this work, staff subcommittees for phonics and grammar will be added. The district is moving towards a standards based report card for all subjects. An ELL report card will be implemented what will go with the standards based report that will show the students level within the context of their English language progress.
- The committee discussed the virtual leaning environment and in depth information will be presented to the entire Board in January. The Board agreed to consider this report tonight the first step in the three step process in making a decision on the virtual learning environment that will be presented and action will be requested at the January 22 Board meeting to approve the costs. The proposal will be to add ten classes for next year at high school and these courses will include classes for remediation and for enrichment. The Board will be asked to approve the investment for the first year. A five year plan is being developed and will also be presented to the Board. If the Board approves the proposal the courses will be included in the course catalog for the 2014-15 school year.
- There is a need for new geometry books. The cost of replacement textbooks would be approximately \$100 each so staff is looking at replacing the books with an online version. Staff is hoping to make an investment in individual devices and that would be used to teach geometry. Staff is preparing a pilot program for using a 1:1 environment. Curriculum will drive this process and the device or devices will be selected. This will need to be built into the budget as it is developed for next year.

### **Other Board Reports**

#### IASB Conference

President Intihar asked each Board member to share one thing they brought away with them from the IASB State Conference.

- Member Paulsen - middle school sports is not just about winning and is an extension of the classroom
- Member Swanson – the Affordable Care Act has lots of moving parts and the Board and staff need to be aware of many of the provisions and requirements. Without proper documentation and tracking the district could be subject to a large fine.
- Member Vroman – as a delegate to the assembly realized that District 200 needs to maintain a high profile to make sure that the interests as a large district are recognized versus the small districts. If the district does not maintain a high profile then its voice will not be heard. This is especially important in the collar counties of Chicago.
- Member Mathieson – the conference was very enlightening. It had a cost but the good things learned help justify the cost. Realized that the training we are providing to students now is for jobs that do not even exist yet. We have to teach our students to be thinking and collaborating.
- President Intihar – one of the general sessions pointed out the 4 C’s of 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills: Curiosity, Collaboration, Communication, and Commitment. Also realized we are a high performing district and Dr. Harris is part of why we are doing so well.

**TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

2013-14 5 Year Financial Update

Summer 2014 Facility Projects

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Board Closed Session prior to the January 8, 2014 Board Meeting

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

January 8, 2014 – 7:30 PM, Edison Middle School

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items**

President Intihar stated that the opportunity to speak to the Board is provided now for members of the public who have a question or comment on a non-agenda item. The Board appreciates hearing from stakeholders, and values the thoughts and questions presented. The Board strives to make the best decisions for the District, and public input in a variety of venues is very helpful.

As President, I bear the primary responsibility for protecting the civility and decorum of this meeting. In this regard, I request respect for the duties of the Board and the democratic process in your comments tonight:

- ⇒ Please use the microphone and announce your name and address before commenting
- ⇒ Please limit your comments to 3 minutes
- ⇒ Address your comments to the Board
- ⇒ Your comments should be factual and courteous, and should not include statements that are personally disrespectful to members of the Board or staff
- ⇒ Comments that are deemed personally condescending will not be permitted

If you feel your matter needs to be discussed in more detail, please attend the Board’s “Chance to Chat” or present your comments to us in writing.

Speaker	Pam Nielsen
Topic	B-teams

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Mathieson moved, Member Paulsen seconded to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the Purchase or Lease of Real Property 5ILCS120/2(c)(5) and the Placement of Individual Students in Special Education Programs and Other Matters Relating to Individual Students 5ILCS120/2(c)(10). Action is expected following the closed session. 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 9:25 PM.

### **MOTION**

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

The meeting was reconvened at 10:24 PM.

### **MOTION**

Member Gambaiani moved, Member Mathieson seconded to find that student S071578 and student S071581 are non-residents of Community Unit School District 200 per the report of the Hearing Officer. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **MOTION**

Member Gambaiani moved, Member Mathieson seconded to charge the individual who enrolled students S071578 and S07581 the per diem tuition rate for each student's non-resident attendance in the district during the 2013-14 school year. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0**

### **MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Mathieson moved, Member Vroman seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 PM.

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**Brad Paulsen, Secretary**

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**Barbara Intihar, President**