

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
December 9, 2015

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 Jim Vroman, on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Jim Vroman
 Brad Paulsen
 Chris Crabtree
 Jim Gambaiani
 Barbara Intihar
 Jim Mathieson

Absent: Joann Coghill

Also in Attendance: Dr. Jeff Schuler, Superintendent
 Mrs. Faith Dahlquist
 Mr. Bill Farley
 Mrs. Erica Loiacono
 Mr. Rod Mack
 Mrs. Joanne Panopoulos
 Dr. Robert Rammer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Jennifer Craig led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Mrs. Jennifer Craig, Principal of Washington Elementary School, welcomed the Board, community and administration to the school. Mrs. Craig shared information about the great things going on across the school. The teachers at Washington School really care about the students and celebrate their successes. A video was shared that highlighted some of the amazing things at Washington, like the changes within the facility to enable the elimination of the mobile unit, the Little Library put in front of the school to highlight the love of reading, 5 trees being planted by students, a learning garden created with the funds from a grant received from Lowes, a climbing wall in the gym, and the collaborating and creating that goes on every day.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

The opportunity to speak to the Board is provided for members of the public who have a question or comment on an agenda item. The Board appreciates hearing from stakeholders, and

values your thoughts and questions. The Board strives to make the best decisions for the District, and public input in a variety of venues is very helpful.

The Board must protect the civility and decorum of this meeting. Please be respectful for the duties of the Board and the democratic process in your comments tonight:

- ⇒ Please use the microphone, state your name and address, and address your comments to the Board
- ⇒ Please limit your comments to 3 minutes.
- ⇒ Please be factual and courteous, and do not include statements that are personally disrespectful or condescending to members of the Board or staff.

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	Harold Lonks
Topic	Calendar

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Schuler reported the following:

- Gifts to the district are recognized on every agenda. The level of those donations from July 1 to current has been nearly \$296,000.00. These donations are truly appreciated by the district.
- Saturday evening Dr. Schuler and several others from District 200 administrative staff attended an event hosted by the Rotary Club to support the Northern Illinois Foodbank. Enough money was raised to fund 24 months of food trucks which is far greater than the typical 3-4 months from previous years.
- HB 4272 was introduced this week. The bill would enact a pension cost shift and has some funding reforms incorporated in it. It will take the pension shift money and reallocate it to general state aid funding.
- The state decided that they needed to bid out the standardized testing and SAT won the bid. There is no money in the state budget to pay for this, but if it returns it will be SAT instead of ACT. District 200 had put money in the current budget to order the ACT tests and will continue with that plan. A shift from ACT to SAT will affect the trend data the district looks at to measure student success.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gift to Sandburg Elementary School – Recommend the acceptance of the gifts to Sandburg School as presented.
2. Approval to Post Revised Policy 4.170 Safety for Public Review and Comment – Recommend the approval to post the policy as presented.
3. Approval to Post Policy 6.15 School Accountability for Public Review and Comment – Recommend approval to post the policy as presented.
4. Approval to Post Policy 6.60 Curriculum Content for Public Review and Comment – Recommend approval to post the policy as presented.
5. Approval to Post Policy 7.100 Health Examinations for Public Review and Comment – Recommend approval to post the policy as presented.
6. Approval to Post Policy 7.130 Student Rights for Public Review and Comment – Recommend approval to post the policy as presented.
7. Approval to Post Policy 7.140 Search and Seizure for Public Review and Comment – Recommend approval to post the policy as presented.

8. Approval to Post Policy 7.300 Extracurricular Athletics for Public Review and Comment – Recommend the approval to post the policy as presented.
9. Approval to Post Elementary Science Standards – Recommend approval to post the elementary science standards as presented.
10. Approval to Dispose of Surplus Technology Assets – Recommend approval to dispose of surplus technology assets as presented.
11. Approval to Dispose of Miscellaneous Surplus Assets – Recommend approval to dispose of miscellaneous surplus assets as presented.
12. Approval of Statement of Completion, Scoreboard for WWSHS – Recommend approval of the statement of completion as presented.
13. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
14. Approval of Minutes – November 11, 2015 Open and Closed and Approval to Destroy Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to July 2014 as Allowable by Law – Recommend approval of the minutes as presented and approval to destroy recordings of closed sessions prior to July 2014 as allowable by law.
15. Approval of Personnel Report to Include Employment, Resignation, Retirement, and Leave of Absence of Administrative, Certified, Classified and Non-Union Staff – Recommend approval of the Personnel Report as presented.

MOTION

Member Crabtree 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.**

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 2016-2017 School Calendar

At the November meeting, the Board approved the posting of a revised 2016-2017 school calendar for public review and comment. The revised calendar changed the start of school date from the original proposal of August 17, 2016 to August 24, 2015. The District has received additional comments to the revised calendar with a majority opposing the later start. The comments were attached to the report.

As was indicated at the last two Board meetings, the first and primary consideration in constructing the District calendar is to provide the best educational opportunities for all students. The construction of the 2016-2017 calendar was based on long standing conditions (givens) that have been in place for many years. These include: starting school in the third full week of August, on a Wednesday to allow students an opportunity to transition into a school schedule; have a full week off at Thanksgiving; have ten days off for the winter break; attend school on Veterans Day, but hold President's Day and Columbus Day as holidays; have a full week off for spring break; maintain graduation on Memorial Day weekend; finish school as close to graduation as possible; and conduct Institute Days on full, rather than half or shortened days.

Following the presentation of the first proposed calendar, the feedback seemed to suggest that at least a portion of the community's priorities might have changed over the last several years. In response, the revised proposed calendar was constructed and submitted for review, moving the start of school to August 24, 2016. The revised proposed calendar generated additional varying responses, with the majority in support of the original proposal. One particular concern was that the August 24, 2016 start would shorten students' preparation for Advanced Placement (AP) exams by one week, with the potential of affecting coverage of critical course content and jeopardizing subsequent student AP scores. The AP exam dates are set by the College Board and are not within a local district's ability to alter. Last year, there were over 2000 Advanced

Placement exams taken by District 200 students. It is projected that the number of exams taken by District 200 students will continue to grow. Therefore, it is important to provide the best opportunity for our students to do their very best on those exams. These responses suggest, very clearly, that the District needs to reassess some of the “givens” upon which the calendar is constructed. The Calendar Committee will be conducting a more formal feedback process around the various components of the calendar prior to the 2017-2018 recommendation. The information collected will help determine some of the aspects of the calendar that are valued, or not valued, and provide additional parameters for the Committee to use in developing the recommended calendar. It is the recommendation of the administration and Calendar Committee to approve the original proposed calendar with the August 17, 2016 start date as attached.

There was discussion about the calendar proposal and the two versions that were posted. Board members expressed pros and cons of the two proposals and discussed the need to adopt a calendar for next year and then develop a committee to take a comprehensive look at the entire calendar in the hopes of reaching a greater consensus on future calendars.

MOTION

Member Mathieson moved, Member Gambaiani seconded to approve the original proposed calendar with the August 17, 2015 start date. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 4 (Mathieson, Gambaiani, Intihar, Vroman), NAY 2 (Crabtree, Paulsen). **The motion carried 4-2.**

ORAL REPORTS

PARCC Results Update

Finalized PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness of College and Careers) state assessment results are scheduled to be released to districts on December 4 and to the public on December 11. Mrs. Faith Dahlquist presented information on the following topics:

- Who took the test?
- Who sees the results?
- District and School Report Cards – Home Page
- District and School Report Cards – Detailed Data
- PARCC proficiency Levels
- Sample Reports
- State Comparisons – English Language Arts
- State Comparison – Does not Included DLM
- Next Steps

Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSVB)

The Illinois State Board of Education recently took action on funding opportunities related to the Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) program. Information on the program was shared at the most recent Finance Committee. It was recommended that the QSCB information be shared with the full board at this meeting as the program has an expedited time line to participate.

Mr. Farley presented the following information on the following items:

- Qualified School Construction Bonds – What are they?
- Application Process
- Uses for the Bonds
- Deadlines
- Next Steps

The finance committee met last week and spoke with PMA about the bonds opportunity. Committee members Jim Mathieson and Jim Vroman shared that the committee feels that since this is an application for low or interest free money and the district has the debt service extension to meet the requirements there is really no down side to applying for the QSCBs. President Vroman stated that he believes it would be irresponsible for the Board to not apply for this interest free money.

The next step will include placing a resolution on the Board agenda for the January 13, 2016 meeting to submit the application.

WRITTEN REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports

FOIA Report

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Committee Reports

Brad Paulsen reported on the Community Engagement Session held last week. The committee will be meeting to determine next steps.

Other Reports from Board Members

Conference Reports – President Vroman stated that he was pleased with the summaries that have been submitted by Board members that attended the November IASB Conference. These summaries reflect the workshops and sessions that each Board member attended and a synopsis of the session presentation.

Member Intihar reported that she met with her teacher group. The elementary teachers were saying they are very thrilled with the additional access points in their buildings and the high school teachers were very happy that they have a full time tech person available in their buildings for assistance. The elementary and middle school teachers expressed a hope that they too will get assigned tech people in their buildings too.

Member Intihar reported that the New 200 Foundation has been working hard to build the foundation. All of the Foundation Board slots have been filled and doing wonderful things. As people think about their end of year donation please keep the Foundation in mind. There is currently a matching grant program for the Foundation right now up to \$3000.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Finance Dashboard

5 Year Projections

Finance/Facilities – Funding Options for the Master Facility Plan & Jefferson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chat with the Board – January 23, 2016, 9:00 AM, SSC

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

January 13, 2015, 7:30 PM, Madison Elementary School

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

None

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Paulsen moved, Member Intihar seconded to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Student Discipline 5ILCS120/2(c)(9). Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Action will be taken following the Closed Session. The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 9:15pm.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Paulsen 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 open session was reconvened at 10:06 pm. The following Board Members were present:

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Approval of Student Discipline, Student E2015-16-01

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Crabtree seconded to uphold the recommendation for expulsion of student E2015-16-01 effective December 10, 2015 through the first semester of the 2016-2017 school year. In addition, the expulsion will be held in abeyance in lieu of placement in an alternative educational setting for the stated duration. Should the student fail to attend or successfully complete the alternative educational program, the expulsion will be immediately enacted for the remainder of the term without further action by the Board of Education. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Student Discipline, Student E2015-16-02

MOTION

Member Paulsen moved, Member Intihar seconded to uphold the recommendation for expulsion of student E2015-16-02 effective December 10, 2015 through the first semester of the 2016-2017 school year. In addition, the expulsion will be held in abeyance in lieu of placement in an alternative educational setting for the stated duration. Should the student fail to attend or successfully complete the alternative educational program, the expulsion will be immediately enacted for the remainder of the term without further action by the Board of Education. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 5 (Paulsen, Intihar, Crabtree, Gambaiani, Vroman), NAY 1 (Mathieson). **The motion carried 5-1.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Intihar moved, Member Paulsen seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 PM.

Chris Crabtree, Secretary

Jim Vroman, President