

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
December 12, 2012

The first regular meeting of the month of November of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at Lowell Elementary School, 312 S President, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Rosemary Swanson, on Wednesday, December 12, 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 (arrived at 9:25 PM)
 Jim Gambaiani
 Andy Johnson
 Jim Vroman

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Denise DeSalvo led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Lowell Principal, Mrs. Denise DeSalvo, welcomed the Board of Education, Administration and community to the School. Mrs. DeSalvo recognized the staff that were present and thanked the PTA for the treats at the meeting. A video was shown that highlighted what Lowell School has been doing since the fall. Students sang holiday songs for the Board and audience.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

President Swanson stated that while the Board appreciates all questions and comments, it may not be prepared to respond at this meeting. Speakers were asked to confine their comments to three minutes or less. To ensure dignified and respectful presentation of all sides of any issue, it is asked that audience representatives refrain from applause or other expressions of support or opposition to comments being made.

Speaker	Mary Ann Vitone
Topic	Levy

Speaker	Jan Shaw
Topic	Jefferson

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Harris reported the following:

- Fun facts about the significance of the date 12-12-12.
- In the green folders at their places, Board members received three items. An English and Spanish version of a brochure that highlights the ELL program, and a flowchart of *A New Day in Public Education 2013*. Dr. Harris shared this chart with the administrators at their last leadership meeting. This flowchart was created to help staff see the big picture of where the district is heading. The third item was a sheet that demonstrates the 1st quarter financial picture for the district. This chart has been posted on the district web site.
- Staff is watching what the legislators are doing in Springfield and how their actions in the next few weeks will impact the district.
- Happy Holiday wishes were shared with the Board and community.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of a Gift to Pleasant Hill Elementary School – Recommend acceptance of the gift to Pleasant Hill as presented.
2. Approval to Post Revised Policy 7.170 Administering Medicines to Students for Public Review and Comment – Recommend approval to post the revised policy as presented.
3. Approval to Post Revised Policy 7.70 Student Attendance and Truancy, for Public Review and Comment – Recommend approval to post the revised policy as presented.
4. Approval to Post Proposed Policy 4.15 Identity Protection, for Public Review and Comment - Recommend approval to post the revised policy as presented.
5. Approval to Purchase Playground Equipment for Pleasant Hill School – Approval of the purchase and installation of the playground equipment for Pleasant Hill School as presented.
6. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll reports as presented.
7. Approval of Minutes – November 14, 2012 Open and Closed and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to July 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.
8. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Vroman 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

Adoption of the 2012 Levy

The school code empowers the Board of Education to levy taxes to support the public school system. This is an annual process. If the tentative levy request exceeds 105% of the previous year's aggregate extension a public notice and hearing are needed before the official levy is adopted. The Board of Education is limited to an increase no greater than the Consumer Price

Index (CPI) from the previous year under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL or "tax cap").

Annually the Board of Education reviews a levy proposal prepared by the administration. This levy proposal was previously presented to the Board Finance Committee. The recommended levy, which provides for a 4.96% increase is listed below.

Although the proposed levy increase is 4.96%, it is anticipated that as in previous years, the tax cap will significantly reduce the actual extension. The tax cap will limit tax growth by the consumer price index for 2011 of 3%, plus any new construction growth in the district. Given the slight increase in the rate of inflation as well as unpredictable new construction values, we recommend that the Board make every effort to access all funds available under the tax cap. Additionally, uncertain status of funding from the State of Illinois necessitates that the Board request access to the funding levels allowed under the cap.

The proposed 2012 tax levy (excluding debt services) increase is less than the 105% (less than 5%) of the previous year (2010) aggregate extension, which was \$115,613,366.77. Therefore, the Board of Education is not required to hold a public hearing on the tax levy. The anticipated Debt Service (Bond & Interest) levy is \$16,684,292.

The following is a listing of recent tax levy proposals adopted by the Board of Education:

FUND 2012 LEVY REQUEST

Education	\$100,500,000
Special Ed	\$1,350,000
Tort	\$0
O & M	\$12,000,000
Transportation	\$4,000,000
IMRF	\$1,000,000
Social Security	\$2,500,000
Life Safety	\$ 0
Working Cash	\$0
TOTAL	\$121,350,000

Attached to the report were the formal levy resolutions and forms that must be adopted by the Board and filed with the County Clerk. This will complete the levy process.

Mr. Bill Farley presented information on the following:

- Levy Terms
- Consumer Price Index
- 10 Years of CPI
- How Will the CPI Finish in 2012?
- EAV History
- CPI/Extension History
- New Construction
- How Much Should We Receive?
- 2012 Levy Proposal
- Proposed vs. Actual Levy
- Five Year Summary of Tax Rates
- Five Year Summary of Assessed Valuations and Tax Extensions

- Recommendation

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Vroman seconded to adopt the 2012 levy as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5 (Intihar, Vroman, Johnson, Knicker, Swanson), NAY 1 (Gambaiani). **The motion carried 5-1.**

WRITTEN REPORTS

FOIA Report

FY13 Grant Report – Member Knicker requested the grand total of the grants. Staff will get that number and send it to the Board members.

These reports were provided for information only.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Jefferson/Facilities Development

Patrick Brosnan from Legat, presented concept changes based on the community feedback, while keeping an eye on the target and following a curriculum driven program. The newest concept reflects a smaller footprint, less parking, and the placement of the playground at the south end of the building. Mrs. Stephanie Farrelly reported that the Jefferson staff chose the courtyard design as their first choice and supports the revised plans presented at this meeting. All of the Board members support the courtyard design with the new concept presented.

There were questions about whether the district should seek a LEED certification for this project.

Robert Lewis from PMA presented information on the funding structure that included some revised assumptions and four new debt structures. The Board discussed the four debt structures and by consensus decided to pursue option two if a referendum is sought.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Committee Reports

Learning & Teaching Committee

Members Intihar and Coghill reported that the committee met to discuss elementary report cards and changing from quarters to trimesters at the elementary level. Staff members on the report card committee strongly support these changes. The Learning & Teaching Committee strongly supports these changes and feels they are important with common core.

Other Board Reports

None

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Curriculum Updates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee of the Whole – January 23, 2013, SSC, 7:30 PM

Chance to Chat – January 26, 2013, SSC 9:00-10:30 AM

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

January 9, 2013 – Hubble Middle School, 7:30 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

President Swanson stated that while the Board appreciates all questions and comments, it may not be prepared to respond at this meeting. Speakers were asked to confine their comments to three minutes or less. To ensure dignified and respectful presentation of all sides of any issue, it is asked that audience representatives refrain from applause or other expressions of support or opposition to comments being made.

Speaker	Harold Lonks
Topic	Jefferson design and funding options

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Items 5ILCS120/2(c)(1) and Pending Litigation 5ILCS120/2(c)(11). Upon a roll call vote being the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 10:42 PM.

Ken Knicker, Secretary

Rosemary Swanson, President