

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
February 10, 2016

The first regular meeting of the month of February of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at Edison Middle School, 1125 S Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Jim Vroman, on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 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

Absent: Joann Coghill
 Jim Mathieson

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Rachel Bednar led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Mrs. Rachel Bednar, Principal of Edison Middle School, welcomed the Board, community and administration to the school. Principal Bednar and Assistant Principal Megan Ptak presented information about the things going on at Edison that contributes to the Future of Instruction and Technology (FIT) and learning to create and collaborate.

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	Pamela Paulsen
Topic	NEW 200 Foundation

President Vroman attended the NEW 200 Foundation sponsored STEM Expo and thanked the entire Foundation for the work they did to plan and execute a wonderful event.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Schuler reported the following:

- Anna Stehlik, a student at WWSHS, was introduced. Anna received the Girl Scout Gold Award for a project she created about the pollination of bees. The project includes a full set of lesson plans with videos, PowerPoint presentations, hands-on materials, and crafts to use in classrooms. All of the materials are in special boxes created for the project. Anna donated the four boxes to District 200.
- At the March 9, 2016 Board of Education Meeting to be held at WWSHS, the Board will honor the National Merit Finalists from the two high schools. There will be a reception prior to the meeting for the Board to meet with the honored students and their parents.
- Board members are invited to take a tour of Partners for Success. This is the alternative program that the district uses when necessary. The tour will be on February 17 at 10:00 AM. A calendar invite will be sent to Board members to confirm if they will attend or not.
- February 12, 2016 staff will be hosting members of the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce to discuss universal internet access. The goal is to partner with the Chamber to find opportunities to make sure all students have ways to access devices and the internet.
- The fourth Community Engagement Session is on February 17, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Monroe Middle School.
- Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) met this week and one of the agenda items was the approval of some of the Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB). District 200 was number 140 and 19 applications were funded. The district made every effort to obtain one of the grants but was unsuccessful.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gifts from the NEW 200 Foundation – Recommend the acceptance of the gifts from the NEW 200 Foundation as presented.
2. Approval of Revised Policy 6.60 Curriculum Content – Recommend the approval of the policy as presented.
3. Approval of Standards for HS Course, Fit Yoga – Recommend approval of the standards as presented.

4. Approval of Standards for HS Course, History of Illinois and Metropolitan Chicago – Recommend approval of the standards as presented.
5. Approval of Elementary Science Materials – Recommend approval of the materials as presented.
6. Approval to Dispose of Surplus Technology Assets – Recommend approval to dispose of the surplus assets as presented.
7. Approval of Electric Market Contract Rate Lock – Approval of the rate lock as presented.
8. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
9. Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2016 Open and Closed, January 27, 2016 Committee of the Whole, and Approval to Destroy Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to September 2014 As Allowable by Law – Recommend approval of the minutes as presented and approval to destroy recordings of closed sessions prior to September 2014 as allowable by law.
10. 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 Paulsen moved, Member Intihar seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Member Intihar thanked the NEW 200 Foundation for the gifts that were accepted as a part of the Consent Agenda.

Member Paulsen stated that he is glad Policy 6.60, Curriculum Content, is being revised, but noted that it is only for legal updates. Mr. Paulsen stated that it has been 14 years since this policy was last updated and we should consider revising this more thoroughly to reflect our current curriculum.

ORAL REPORTS

Annual PLC Data Report

Mrs. Faith Dahlquist shared information on the following:

- Staff Survey on PLC Implementation
- Data Broken Down by Level
- Have PLCs Increased Student Learning?
- Celebrations

Mrs. Dahlquist reported that this is the fourth year that district has been using the PLC model and the fourth year the staff has been surveyed. This year 756 teachers completed the survey. PLCs are being used as a means of improving student achievement. One of the survey questions asked staff what part of PLC is helping the most. One answer to the long list of questions was 20% higher than all other answers. The number one answer was time with their PLC.

Discussion focused on the following:

Q: Why is the high school response to the question of increased student learning as a result of PLC such a low percentage?

A: It depends where the respondents are in the implementation of PLCs. Most districts say it takes at least 4 years to see results. Trend data and state standards have changed during this time

so it is hard to compare just from data. We know that each year our students are entering the next grade better prepared so we are seeing improved student learning. Board members stated that they see students knowing what standards are being taught and they are becoming more comfortable with a collaborative approach to working. Encouraged to see that staff feels positive about PLCs.

Q: How do we address the students in the middle so that they do not get lost and the kids at the top that are past everyone?

A: By using differentiation within the grades and at different levels in the high schools and working to get more students into AP classes.

Dr. Schuler stated that he believes that the structure of PLCs and the structure of having conversations have caused student growth.

A board member stated that our students are learning to collaborate and create and our teachers need to do the same thing.

WRITTEN REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports

FOIA Report

MS Math Parent Nights

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Committee Reports

- Facility Committee – Members Paulsen and Gambaiani reported that the committee met and discussed the following
 - Master Facility Plan Options for Jefferson Early Childhood Center
 - Reviewed Key Dates and Process for Master Facility Plan – At March 9 Board meeting the Board will be asked to approve phase 4 of the agreement with Perkins+Will and the final report will be brought to the Board at the April 13 meeting
 - Discussed More Targeted Cost Estimating for the Master Facility Plan - discussed issuing an RFQ for cost estimating services to assist the Board once the final report is received in April
 - Reviewed the Summer 2016 Projects – this will be discussed at the February 24 Committee of the Whole – Reviewed the condition one, year one items from the Capital Projects Report and this will be discussed at the February 24 Committee of the Whole
 - The committee recommends that the Board schedule a full day workshop on a Saturday in the spring to work on the recommendation on the Master Facility Plan Report and work through several implementation strategies that a Construction Management firm can assist with. A board member would like to be sure that the discussion includes the SSC, Woodland and storage so that the plan covers everything that needs to be addressed.

- Community Engagement Committee (CEC) – Member Intihar stated the committee met and reviewed the Session 4 presentation and to talk about where to go from here. A

different format will be used for Session 4 to give attendees the opportunity to hear about all of the buildings and financing options.

- Member Crabtree asked if the Board could receive reports from the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) . It was reported that this group has spent lots of time on Jefferson and what early childhood looks like. They have discussed the Facility Plan at their request. The next meeting will cover innovation in the classroom and the last meeting of this year will be a wrap up of this year and planning for next year. The CAC is chaired by two community members on the committee. The CAC looks at offering advice on how to proceed on certain topics, and the CEC focuses on the goals for this year.

Other Reports from Board Members

Member Intihar reported that she met with her teacher group and they discussed celebrations. One of the things they wanted to celebrate is the great progress in technology in the schools.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Update on Future of Instructional Technology (FIT)

Update on Master Technology Plan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee of the Whole – February 24, 2016, 7:30 PM, SSC

Community Engagement Session 4 – February 17, 2016, 7:00 PM, Monroe Middle School

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

March 9, 2016, 7:30 PM, WWSHS

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

None

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Intihar moved, Member Crabtree seconded to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the District 5ILCS120/2(c)(1). Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Action is expected following the Closed Session.

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 8:46 pm.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Reconvene in Open Session for the Purpose of Taking Action on Items from the Closed Session

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Crabtree seconded to reconvene in Open Session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Approval of the Dismissal of a Tenured Staff Member

It is recommended that the resolution authorizing the issuance of Notice of Charges and Dismissal and the Issuance of a Notice of Hearing Rights to Kristine Johnson be approved as presented and discussed in Closed Session.

MOTION

Member Crabtree moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of Notice of Charges and Dismissal and the Issuance of a Notice of Hearing Rights to Kristine Johnson as presented and discussed in Closed Session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

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 agreement. **The motion carried 5-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Chris Crabtree, Secretary

Jim Vroman, President