

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
February 26, 2014**

A Special Meeting 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 Barbara Intihar, on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Faith Dahlquist led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Intihar stated that a gentleman had signed up to speak on a non-agenda item. President Intihar asked if any Board members objected to him speaking during Public Comment. No Board members objected and the community member was allowed to comment.

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	Bruce Anderson
Topic	WWSHS Classics

Speaker	Harold Lonks
Topic	Bonds

Speaker	Mary Ann Vitone
Topic	Bonds

Speaker	Jan Shaw
Topic	Bonds

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Financial Advisory Agreement with PMA

The Board of Education previously retained the services of PMA to serve as a financial adviser to the school district. PMA has served this role in regards to providing options for restructuring our current debt as well as issuing bonds. The agreement has been reviewed by district counsel. The agreement indicates that PMA would provide its professional services and its facilities as financial adviser in connection with all programs of financing as may be considered and authorized by the district during the period in which this Agreement shall be effective. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached Financial Advisory Agreement with PMA.

MOTION

Member Vroman moved, Member Swanson seconded to approve the Financial Advisory Agreement with PMA as presented. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6 (Vroman, Swanson, Coghill, Mathieson, Paulsen, Intihar), NAY 1 (Gambaiani). **The motion carried 6-1.**

Approval of Engagement Letter with Chapman & Cutler for Bond & Disclosure Counsel

As part of the issuance of bonds, the district must engage the legal services of bond and disclosure counsel. Chapman and Cutler is well regarded and a leader in this field. The district has used Chapman and Cutler on multiple occasions in this regard. An engagement letter was provided to retain the services of Chapman and Cutler for the \$10M bond issue. A description of services is outlined in the engagement letter. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached engagement letter with Chapman & Cutler for Bond & Disclosure Counsel.

MOTION

Member Vroman moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the engagement letter with Chapman & Cutler for Bond & Disclosure Counsel. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6 (Vroman, Coghill, Mathieson, Paulsen, Swanson, Intihar), NAY 1 (Gambaiani). **The motion carried 6-1.**

Approval of a Resolution Providing for the Issue of Bonds of the District for the Purpose of Increasing the District's Working Cash Fund and Providing for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax to Pay the Principal and Interest on Said Bonds

In November 2013, an update from the Facilities Committee was shared with the Board of Education on a number of capital projects that needed to be completed during the summer of 2014. At the January 8th meeting, the Board reviewed options relative to restructuring the future debt schedule and issuing bonds to complete the capital projects. At the January 22nd meeting, the Board of Education reviewed the scope of the projects, and adopted a resolution declaring the intention of the district to issue Working Cash Fund Bonds and held a public hearing in this regard. The resolution provides for the issuance of the bonds. Please note that the par amount in the resolution is less than \$10,000,000 because we anticipate that the bonds will be sold at a premium based on recent sales in the market. Staff anticipates a premium of about \$400,000 which, when added to the principal amount, will generate no more than \$10 million of gross proceeds. Staff anticipates the premium so that the district does not have to make substantial adjustments to the principal amounts when the bonds are priced. The bonds will be sold as part of a competitive sale. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Providing for the Issue of Bonds of the District for the Purpose of Increasing the District's Working Cash Fund and Providing for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax to Pay the Principal and Interest on Said Bonds.

Mr. Robert Lewis from PMA explained that the bonds were sold through a live auction and explained the sale process.

President Intihar read the following statement: A proposal has been received from Raymond James and Associates, Inc. for the purchase of the District's general obligation working cash fund bonds to be issued by the District pursuant to Article 20 of the School Code and that the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution providing for the issue of said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and the interest thereon.

Secretary Paulsen read the full title of the resolution.

MOTION

Member Vroman moved, Member Swanson seconded to approve the engagement letter with Chapman & Cutler for Bond & Disclosure Counsel. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6 (Vroman, Swanson, Coghill, Mathieson, Paulsen, Intihar), NAY 1 (Gambaiani). **The motion carried 6-1.**

Approval of a Resolution Regarding the Intention to Restructure Bond & Interest Debt

The Board Finance Committee has reviewed and approved the attached resolution which declares the intention of the Board of Education to restructure the current debt schedule. The resolution would commit to the taxpayers of the district its intention to restructure the district's current Bond and Interest debt schedule in an effort to reduce and make consistent the remaining payments of Principal and Interest. The Board of Education has previously reviewed the potential time line for restructuring. The Board at the time of restructuring would have to take in to consideration the current market conditions to make the most prudent decisions relative to reducing and making the payments consistent. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Regarding the Intention to Restructure Bond & Interest Debt.

Dr. Harris stated that this resolution is in response to the Board's desire to memorialize the intent to restructure the district bond debt to reduce the payments in the final years.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Paulsen seconded to approve resolution regarding the intention to restructure Bond & Interest Debt. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6 (Swanson, Paulsen, Coghill, Mathieson, Vroman, Intihar), NAY 1 (Gambaiani). **The motion carried 6-1.**

Approval of ISBE Maintenance Grant Round 2

In an ongoing effort to complete life safety projects in the District, staff is seeking grant opportunities to support these efforts. As the 2014 School Maintenance Grant (SMG) Round 1 is nearing the end of the review and approval process of more than 600 applications, ISBE will release the remainder of funds for another round of grant awards. The 2014 SMG (Round 2) application opened on the ISBE Web Application Security (IWAS) on Monday, Feb. 3, 2014 and will close on Friday, Feb. 28, 2014. All applications and required paperwork must be submitted no later than the Feb. 28 deadline, no exceptions. All grant awards will be awarded to Emergency and H/LS priority first, then to the other priority levels as funding allows. All applications will be ranked and awarded first by their priority level. Within the priority level, where it is estimated that the funding will be less than the application requests, applications will be ranked and awarded in accordance to each district's calculated need index within that priority level. It is recommended that the Board approve the ISBE Maintenance Grant Round 2 as presented.

MOTION

Member Vroman moved, Member Paulsen seconded to approve the ISBE Maintenance Grant Round 2 application. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board, Member Vroman moved, Member Coghill seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Brad Paulsen, Secretary

Barbara Intihar, President