

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
February 9, 2011

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 Longfellow Elementary School, 311 W Seminary, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andrew Johnson, on Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at 7:08 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Andy Johnson
 Rosemary Swanson
 John Bomher
 Joann Coghill (arrived at 7:10 PM)
 Barbara Intihar
 Ken Knicker
 Marie Slater

Also in Attendance: Dr. Brian Harris
 Dr. Lori Belha
 Mrs. Linda Knicker
 Mr. Rodney Mack
 Dr. Robert Rammer
 Dr. Margo Sorrick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Johnson led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Intihar seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Issues 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1). 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 7:10 PM.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Knicker seconded to reconvene the meeting in Open Session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting was reconvened at 7:30 PM.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Mrs. Dianne Thornburg, Principal of Longfellow welcomed the Board, staff and community to the school. Mrs. Thornburg recognized her staff and thanked the PTA for providing the refreshments. Mrs. Thornburg introduced PE Teacher Barbara Williams. Mrs. Williams and several students presented information learned through the Heart Awareness Adventure unit.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

President Johnson stated that the public comments are valuable and important to Board members. However, it is the Board’s policy not to take action on any items until time has been taken to gather adequate information and objectively discuss available options. Lack of action on comments made at this meeting does not imply any lack of interest in what has been said.

Speaker	Ray Morrill
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Jeremy Taylor
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Karla Coolidge
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Doug Elftmann
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Mary Ann Vitone
Topic	FOIA

Speaker	Henry Query
Topic	Hubble

Speaker	Christopher Kane
Topic	Hubble

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Harris reported the following:

- Part of the supplemental personnel report being approved at this meeting is the hiring of two new assistant superintendents to replace two of the retiring assistant superintendents. Dr. Harris introduced Faith Dahlquist for the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services and Joanne Panopoulos for the Assistant Superintendent of Student Services. Both candidates come highly qualified and the district is fortunate to have them joining the staff. Both candidates will begin their positions on July 1, 2011.
- WNHS Track Coach Don Helberg has been elected as President of the National High School Track Coaches Association.
- The WWSHS Hockey Club won the state tournament in the Quest for the Cup.
- Nine District 200 schools have received Academic Excellence Awards from the Illinois State Board of Education.

- Last week's snow days were challenging. It is never an easy decision to close school and there are multiple aspects to be considered when making this decision. This storm was a historical storm and Dr. Harris thanked the community for their support as staff worked to make the schools safe for students and staff to return.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Gift to WWSHS Athletic Department - Recommend acceptance of the gift as presented.
2. Approval of All-Day Kindergarten – **This item was moved to an Action Item for separate consideration.**
3. Approval of the Fee Schedule for the 2011-12 School Year – Recommend approval of the fee schedule as presented.
4. Approval to Open Closed Session Minutes – Recommend the approval of the recommendation of the Minutes Committee to open some closed session minutes, and to open some closed session minutes with redactions as presented.
5. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
6. Approval of Minutes – January 12, 2011 Open and Closed, January 26, 2011 Committee of the Whole, and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to September 2009 - 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.
7. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Coghill seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEM

Approval of All Day Kindergarten

This topic was reported on and discussed at the January 26 Committee of the Whole. The item was moved from the Consent Agenda to Action Items for further discussion. The Board asked some clarifying questions. The Board requested that Dr. Harris come back to the Board before making any changes to the program that might cause an impact on the budget.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Swanson seconded to approve the All Day Kindergarten plan as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Disposition of the Former Hubble Middle School

Dr. Harris and Mr. Farley presented information on the options allowed by law for the disposition of the property. These options include a public sale through sealed bids or an auction, the transfer to another governmental entity under the Local Government Property Transfer Act, or through exchange of properties of similar values. Mr. Farley stated that the auction and bidding option is the most commonly used means of disposition. To execute this option the Board needs to set a special meeting to approve a resolution to dispose of the

property. Once the resolution is adopted, the auction or acceptance of sealed bids must be held within 60 days. Mr. Farley reviewed the steps required for each option. The Board discussed the options and asked questions regarding the possibility of having contingencies in the bid process. The Board reached consensus that it is their desire to move ahead with the sale of the property.

The Board discussed the various options and the interest of the Wheaton Park District to purchase the property. The Board stated that it has always been their intention to sell the property for the best price possible. The Board of Education participated with the City of Wheaton, the Wheaton Park District and community members through the Hubble Task Force to determine the best use of the property. The City of Wheaton is the only group with the authority to determine the zoning for the property. The Board reached consensus that they want to move forward with the sealed bid option and encouraged the Wheaton Park District to submit a bid. Several Board members expressed their desire to see this property go onto the tax roll. The Board has stated since the referendum to build the new Hubble Middle School that its intention was and is to sell the property and use the proceeds to pay down the debt of the district.

The Board decided to have a special meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 6:00 PM and the only item on the agenda will be to approve the resolution to sell the property by means of sealed bids. The resolution and the appraisal will be ready for the Board to view prior to the meeting.

WRITTEN REPORTS

FOIA Report

This report was provided for information only.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Swanson reminded Board members about the DuPage Division of IASB Spring Dinner and meeting to be held on March 10, 2011. The IASB will be honoring Member Marie Slater at that meeting.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Special Services Update
2011-12 Budget

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting – February 23, 2011

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

March 9, 2011 – WWSHS

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

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Speaker	Mark Stern
Topic	Respect for People

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing The Purchase or Lease of Real Property 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5), and the Setting of a Price For Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the District 5ILCS 120/2(c)(6). Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 9:33 PM.

No action is expected following the closed session.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President