

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
January 14, 2015

The first regular meeting of the month of January of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at Whittier Elementary School, 218 W. Park Avenue, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Barbara Intihar, on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

Absent: Joann Coghill
 Jim Mathieson

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Chris Silagi led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Mr. Chris Silagi, Principal of Whittier Elementary School, welcomed the Board, Administration and Community. Whittier has a strong focus area and goals. To reach those goals Whittier implements Common Core, differentiates instruction, uses 21st Century classrooms, works on Social Emotional Learning, works in PLC's and has strong collaboration with parents and community. A video of students stating what they are thankful for was shown.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Schuler reported the following:

- The 5 Essentials Survey is open and available. The State of Illinois requires that this be done every two years. The survey includes students grades 6-12, all teachers, and a parent component. Communication is taking place for all groups.

- The district is moving forward with PARCC. Thanks to Julie Oziemkowski in the Education Services Department for her endless efforts to stay on top of this moving target. It has been challenging for the staff to keep everyone informed ahead of time due to the fact that information from the State has been slow in coming and changes constantly. Joanne Panopoulos has been working on accommodations to be as prepared for the testing as possible.
- The district will likely be receiving a few more Title dollars than originally planned. Staff is working to develop a goal for using that money properly. The hope is to provide more technology devices and deploy them to the buildings that currently have a higher student to device ratio.
- Staff is moving ahead with the hiring process for the Longfellow Principal position. It is very sad to lose Dianne Thornburg as she retires but the district has to move forward to find her replacement.
- In the green folders at this meeting there was an Inspiration Nomination Form. This is an initiative with the PTA Council to develop a recognition program in the district for the things staff members do every day to make a difference in children's lives.
- Edison Middle School recently received a \$700 Target grant to take students on a field trip to Fermi Lab. The trip will be for 6th grade students as part of their Prairie Program. The funds will be used to pay for the buses and fees.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gift to Emerson Elementary School – Recommend acceptance of the gift to Emerson School as presented.
2. Approval of Revised Policies 5.10, 5.220, and 2.140 – Recommend approval of the policies as posted.
3. Approval to Post Revised Policy 7.60 Student Residency for Public Review and Comment – Recommend approval to post the policy as presented for public review and comment.
4. Approval of Dispose of Surplus Assets – Recommend approval to dispose of surplus assets as presented.
5. Approval of School Service Center Generator Bid and to Submit the ROE Construction Permit – Recommend approval of the generator bid and to submit the ROE permit as presented.
6. Approval of Wellness Contract with Interactive Health – Recommend approval of the contract with Interactive Health as presented.
7. Adoption of Resolution to Begin the 2015-16 Budget Cycle – Recommend approval of the resolution to begin the 2015-16 budget cycle.
8. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
9. Approval of Minutes – December 10, 2014 Open and Closed, and Approval to Destroy Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to August 2013 as Allowable by Law – Recommend approval of the minutes as presented and approval to destroy recordings of closed sessions prior to August 2013 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 Swanson moved, Member Vroman 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 Vroman thanked the donor of the gift to Emerson School and stated that his is an example of how the district is working with our community to obtain funds and donations.

WRITTEN REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports

FOIA Report

These reports were provided for information only.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Administrative Recommendation for Enrollment Strategy for Covered Bridges Apartments

At the December 10, 2014 Board meeting, the Enrollment Committee Report was presented. Staff met with administrators, PTA's and parents of both schools to review options to revise the current boundaries for the residents of Covered Bridges Apartments to more accurately reflect and stabilize enrollment patterns for that area. Staff also met with Covered Bridges Apartment Complex Management to review numbers inside the apartment complex and to schedule a community engagement session with their residents. Through the meetings at the schools and at the apartment complex, staff gathered information to formulate a recommendation to the Board. The recommendation identifies several potential solutions and was reviewed with the Enrollment Committee on January 8th. Their feedback will be included in the discussion at the Board meeting.

Bill Farley, Erica Loiacono, and Bob Rammer presented a report detailing the recommendation and how this recommendation was developed. Their report included information on the following:

- Background
- The Current Scenario
- The Challenge
- The Options
- Community Engagement
- Administrative Recommendation
- The Options

This plan will be implemented for the 2015-16 school year. This action will be good for the two schools as well as the families at the apartment complex and will reflect the boundaries accurately versus now where the boundaries indicate all students going to Hawthorne but this is not the practice due to the cap and send process in place. All families will be grandfathered at their current placement and the district permissive transfer process will also apply.

The Board commended Dr. Schuler, the staff and the Enrollment Committee on a job well done. This was a very smooth and organized process and created a protocol for any future potential boundary considerations. All Board members expressed agreement with this recommendation.

This agenda item was for discussion only. At the February 11, 2015 Board meeting a final recommendation will be brought back to the Board for action.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Committee Reports

- Finance Committee

Member Swanson reported that the committee met and looked at the 5 year projections, the assumptions used to develop the projections, the possibility of tracking capital outlay and technology cost projections, insurance costs, and an auditor RFP. Information on these topics will be brought to the Board at the January 28, 2015 Committee of the Whole.

- Facility Committee

Member Paulsen reported that the committee met and looked at defining what the master plan really is and what focus areas should be included. The committee made progress in mapping out where the district wants to go in this area.

- Community Engagement

Member Vroman reported that the committee met. This committee is not a standing committee but was developed from the recommendation of the Engage 200 initiative to increase knowledge about the early childhood education program. April 12-15 is the Week of the Young Child. The committee hopes to have programs going on throughout the district to highlight what is going on in the District 200 Early Childhood Program. The committee also discussed having Dr. Schuler give a State of the District address in September. Members of the original Engage 200 Facilitating Team will be invited to work with the committee to plan some engagement sessions to find out what the community needs to know about the program and develop the State of the District address. A mini version of the address will be created to use with groups across the community as a way to reach the 70% that do not have kids in the district.

- Learning & Teaching

President Intihar reported that the committee met with Dr. Schuler, Faith Dahlquist and Julie Oziemkowski regarding the creation of a dashboard on the web site and what information should be included on the dashboard. There is a concern about the lack of trend data due to the repeated changes in testing. The district has great local measures in place and hopes to use that information to adequately reflect the district. Staff expects to bring this to the Board in February.

Other Reports from Board Members

Member Swanson reported that she attended her first task force meeting regarding testing. The group needs to come to an agreement on the focus of this group. Legislators hoped to address PARCC and the district representatives hoped to look at over-testing of students not tied to PARCC. The committee will need to spend time looking at current testing practice in the districts, and if students are being over-tested. Over-testing may be the result of the state over burdening the school districts.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

5 Year Financial Projections

Facilities Planning and Review

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chat with the Board - January 24, 2015, 9:00 AM, SSC

Committee of the Whole – January 28, 2015, 7:30 PM, SSC

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

February 11, 2015, 7:30 PM, Wiesbrook Elementary School

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Paulsen moved, Member Vroman seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a voice call being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried 5-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Brad Paulsen, Secretary

Barbara Intihar, President