

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
January 8, 2014

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 Edison Middle School, 1125 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Barbara Intihar, on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at 5:10 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

Absent: Rosemary Swanson

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

MOTION

Member Vroman moved, Member Gambaiani seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing Self Evaluation, Practices and Procedures, or Professional Ethics with a Representative of IASB 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(16). Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION

Member Vroman moved, Member Paulsen seconded to reconvene in Open Session. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

The Open Session began at 7:35 PM

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 at Edison Middle School, welcomed the Board, administration and community to the School. Mrs. Bednar stated that she introduced a book to the staff titled *Role Reversal: Achieving Uncommonly Excellent Results in the Student-Centered Classroom* by

Mark Barnes. Several staff members created a book club to read and discuss the content of the book. Teachers have implemented some of what they learned in their classrooms. A video was shown of how this approach is being implemented and included student interviews of their impressions of this approach to learning.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

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Speaker	Pam Nielsen
Topic	B Sports

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Harris reported the following:

- This is the first time that school had to be canceled on the first two days after winter break. It was good to be back in session and other than a couple of minor issues at buildings, the day went well. These two days will be made up in June. A revised calendar will be brought to the Board in the spring when the threat of additional snow days has passed.
- Dr. Harris stated that staff, Board members and Engage 200 Facilitating Team members are working hard to drive attendance at the January 15 Engage 200 Community Engagement Session. Facilitating team co-chair, Scott Brown, updated the Board on the work of the committee and stated that the engagement process will only be as successful as the turn out at the engagement session.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of revised Policy 5.90, Reporting Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect, for Public Review and Comment – Recommend approval of the policy as presented.
2. Approval of Revised Policy 6.250, Community Resource Persons and Volunteers, for Public Review and Comment – Recommend approval of the policy as presented.

3. Approval of Revised Policy 3.60, Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal, for Public Review and Comment – Recommend approval of the policy as presented.
4. Approval of Revised Policy 5.50, Drug and Free Workplace; Tobacco Prohibition for Public Review and Comment – Recommend approval of the policy as presented.
5. Approval to Post Geometry and Algebra II Standards – Recommend approval to post the Geometry and Algebra II Standards for public review and comment as presented.
6. Approval of the Resolution to Transfer Funds from Working Cash Fund to Education Fund – Recommend approval of the resolution as presented.
7. Adoption of Resolution to Begin the 2014-15 Budget Cycle – Recommend adoption of the resolution as presented.
8. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
9. Approval of Minutes – December 11, 2013 Open and Closed, and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to August 2012 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.
10. Approval of Personnel Report to Include Employment, Resignation, Retirement and Leave of Absence of Administrative, Certified, Classified and Non-Union Staff. Recommend the approval of the Personnel Report as presented.

MOTION

Member Vroman moved, Member Coghill 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

Approval to Purchase UPS Battery Backup Devices and Cooling for SSC Main Server Room

The main server room for all district services was moved from the basement of the SSC to the first floor in 2010. The UPS battery backup devices no longer can handle the load needed to sustain services when power is lost. The room is also in need of proper cooling. This work is needed to meet the goal of reliability of technology services. An RFP for battery back-up, cooling and back-up generator was posted in December 2013. CDWG was the only responder to the RFP and only submitted quotes for two of the three portions (battery back-up and cooling). They provided a quote for a single Phase option with cooling (\$48,996.00) and a quote for a three phase option with cooling (\$50,937.00). The three phase option is preferred as this model uses less conductor material to power the same amount of electricity and is more economical.

The back-up generator portion will need to be addressed when new electric is brought into the room this spring. Another RFP will be posted for just that portion of the work at that time. The battery back-up and cooling are the first steps in remodeling the district MDF. District facility services has enlarged the room and provided assistance in prepping the room for these new devices.

Funding for this purchase was allocated as additional budgetary money for the technology budget at the September 11, 2013 Board of Education Meeting.

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the three phase proposal submitted by CDWG for battery back-up and cooling.

MOTION

Member Vroman moved, Member Coghill seconded to accept the three phase proposal submitted by CDWG for battery back-up and cooling as presented. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ORAL REPORTS

Dr. Harris stated that both oral reports this evening are big items that will be coming to the Board for decisions and staff is looking for direction on them as they begin the work to develop the budget for next school year. No action will be taken on either topic at this meeting.

Virtual Learning Consortium

Mrs. Faith Dahlquist presented information about the progress of the consortium and distributed a strategic plan with details.

There was discussion and statements/questions from Board members about the following topics:

- Profiles of students that might be interested in this program
- How were the 10 proposed courses selected?
- Will additional staff be needed?
- Who will manage the money?
- Will the district know how many districts are participating prior to agreeing to the next intergovernmental agreement?
- This type of program is the way of the future.
- Will their grades go into their averages?
- Request for a breakdown on what money is from the 2013-14 budget and what money is from the 2014-15 budget.
- What has Evergreen seen from this program work in other districts?

Staff will bring back a recommendation with the details provided and ask for approval of the cost so that the intergovernmental agreement can be developed. All Board members expressed support for moving forward.

Middle School Co-Curricular Update

The four middle school principals (Rachel Bednar, David Bendis, Beth Sullivan, Bryan Buck) and one assistant principal (Jon Pilkington) presented the results of a recent survey sent to the parents of the approximately 3300 middle school students. Completed surveys were received from 779 respondents. The report also included other budgetary considerations and the summary thoughts of the principals. The Board discussed the report and possible funding scenarios if B Sports were to be reinstated. Board members decided to wait to see the entire budget picture for the 2014-15 school year before making a decision on this issue.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Presentation and Discussion Regarding Debt Extension Borrowing & the Refinance of Existing Bonds

Mr. Farley presented information and an explanation of the proposal being considered by staff and the finance committee. Mr. Bob Lewis from PMA presented information about this concept. The information included the current debt service, the types of non-referendum bonds, impact of adding \$10M of new money, potential timeline for adding the \$10M, restructuring options with the current debt service, benefits and timing for restructuring, a market update including historical interest rates, value of bank qualification, and the types of non-referendum bonds. Member Mathieson reviewed information from the last finance committee meeting where this

was discussed. The \$10 M would be used to pay for the capital projects outlined by the Facility Committee and reported to the Board at the November 13, 2013 Board meeting.

There was discussion about the following topics:

- How this will affect the district's rating with the ISBE
- The concept of creating a policy to put money into a sub fund for capital renewal
- Desire to stop going for money every year for facility issues
- Possibility of having the Finance or Facility Committees develop a draft policy to address the development of a capital fund

Dr. Harris stated that if the Board decides to go ahead with this proposal and issue the \$10M in bonds to fund the capital projects recommended by the Facility Committee, the Board will need to adopt a resolution on January 22, 2014 to meet the deadlines and conduct a public hearing on that same date. If the Board posts and conducts the public hearing, it is not committed to moving forward with the sale of bonds. It was decided that the January 22, 2014 Committee of the Whole will be changed to a Special Meeting and the Public Hearing will be posted in keeping with the laws.

WRITTEN REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports

FOIA Report

These reports were provided for information only.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

2013-14 5 Year Financial Update

Summer 2014 Facility Projects

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The January 22, 2014 Committee of the Whole Meeting will be changed to a Special Board Meeting and will be held at the SSC.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

January 22, 2014 – 7:30 PM, SSC

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

President Intihar stated that the opportunity to speak to the Board is provided now for members of the public who have a question or comment on a non-agenda item. The Board appreciates hearing from stakeholders, and values the thoughts and questions presented. The Board strives to make the best decisions for the District, and public input in a variety of venues is very helpful.

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Speaker	Laura Stebbins
Topic	B Sports

Speaker	Pam Nielsen
Topic	B Sports

Speaker	Harold Lonks
Topic	Debt

**ADJOURNMENT
MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Vroman moved, Member Gambaiani seconded to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the Purchase or Lease of Real Property 5ILCS120/2(c)(5). No action is expected following the closed session. 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 11:28 PM.

Brad Paulsen, Secretary

Barbara Intihar, President