

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
January 11, 2012

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 Emerson Elementary School, 119 S. Woodlawn, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Rosemary Swanson, on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Rosemary Swanson
 Ken Knicker
 Joann Coghill
 Jim Gambaiani
 Andy Johnson (joined at 9:05 by phone)
 Jim Vroman

Absent: Barbara Intihar

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Debby Stoll led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Mrs. Stoll welcomed the Board, administration and community to Emerson School. Mrs. Stoll stated that at Emerson, their passion is educating and celebrating the whole child and being of service to others. A video was shown to highlight the many things that make Emerson so special.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Superintendent's Report was moved to before the Public Comments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Harris reported the following:

- At this meeting the Board is being asked to approve two new curricula for high school and a schedule change for middle school.
- District 200 is fortunate to have received a \$25,000 grant from the Bosch Energy, Science and Technology (BEST) Foundation and Robert Bosch, LLC. The grant will fund equipment and supplies for the district's new high school anatomy and forensic science classes and some equipment for Project Lead the Way at the middle schools. Mr.

Coolidge, from Bosch, LLC presented the check to Dr. Harris and the Board of Education.

- January 13 marks the end of the first semester. There is no school on Monday, January 16 for the holiday and no school Tuesday, January 17 for a teacher work day. The second semester will begin on Wednesday, January 18.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

President Swanson stated that while the Board appreciates all questions and comments, it may not be prepared to respond at this meeting. Speakers were asked to confine their comments to three minutes or less. To ensure dignified and respectful presentation of all sides of any issue, it is asked that audience representatives refrain from applause or other expressions of support or opposition to comments being made. President Swanson stated that no decision will be made at this meeting on the boundary issue. The Board will discuss the recommendation from staff at the next meeting and action will be taken at the following meeting. There will be a parent meeting in between.

Speaker	Alby Zander
Topic	Boundaries

Speaker	Dave McCarrell
Topic	Boundaries

Speaker	Kathleen Esposito
Topic	Boundaries

Speaker	Mary Ann Vitone
Topic	Budget/Professional Development

President Swanson stated that the oral report tonight regarding boundaries is step one in the process. Staff is presenting a recommendation to the Board to determine if the Board is interested in pursuing this idea. If the Board agrees to look into this further, the plan was always to hold a parent meeting for community input. The Board saw the recommendation on Friday with the Board meeting materials, as did everyone else. This is not and has not been a closed process.

Speaker	Brian Wells
Topic	Boundaries

Speaker	Laurie Metanchuk
Topic	Boundaries

Speaker	Kathleen Hanson
Topic	Boundaries

Speaker	Torrey Thompson
Topic	Boundaries

Speaker	Megan Salgado
Topic	Boundaries

Speaker	Liz S, Gracie R., Bailey W, Georgie
Topic	Boundaries

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Harris pointed out that the 2012-13 calendar includes a change to past practice. The first and last day of school will be full attendance days as per a change to the law. Dr. Harris also reported that the request to transfer funds is due to the fact that the State of Illinois still owes the district between five and six million dollars in funding.

1. Acceptance of a Gift to Pleasant Hill Elementary School – Recommend acceptance of the gift to Pleasant Hill School as presented.
2. Approval of the 2012-13 District Calendar – Recommend approval of the calendar as presented and posted.
3. Approval of Policy 7.305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries – Recommend approval of the policy as presented and posted.
4. Approval of High School Anatomy and Forensics Curricula – Recommend approval of the curricula as presented and posted.
5. Approval of Middle School Schedule and Suggested Courses – Recommend approval of the schedule and new course curricula as presented and posted.
6. Adoption of Resolution to Begin the 2012-13 Budget Cycle – Recommend adoption of the resolution as presented.
7. Approval of an Interfund Loan to Education Fund from Working Cash Fund – Recommend approval of the interfund loan as presented.
8. Approval of an Interfund Loan to Building Fund from Working Cash Fund – Recommend approval of the interfund loan as presented.
9. Approval of an Interfund Loan to Transportation Fund from Working Cash Fund – Recommend approval of the interfund loan as presented.
10. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll reports as presented.
11. Approval of Minutes – December 14, 2011 Open and Closed, and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to August 2010 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.
12. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Vroman moved, Member Knicker 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.**

WRITTEN REPORTS

FOIA Report

This report was provided for information only.

ORAL REPORT

Franklin Middle School Boundaries

Dr. Harris reviewed the process that staff used to consider boundary adjustments. Staff has been monitoring enrollment at all of the buildings very closely. Franklin has some significant challenges due to overcrowding. Staff is providing information to the Board of Education with a

recommendation. A letter is prepared to mail to parents tomorrow morning after this presentation to the Board, inviting them to a meeting on January 18 to explain the details and hear their concerns. Staff will come back to the Board with the feedback received and other solutions that come about. If the changes are agreed upon by the Board of Education, orientation programs for students and parents will be scheduled at Monroe. Any necessary staffing changes would be identified. If approved, administration anticipates moving three full time staff and possibly some specialists to meet the needs of the transferred students.

Dr. Rammer reported that changing boundaries is one of the most difficult things a district has to undertake. Staff is very aware that there are children behind these numbers. In 2007 there was some redistricting and this same approach was used then. Franklin has continued to grow over time. Staff thought it was an anomaly, but it is not. Franklin is the smallest middle school building but has the highest enrollment of the four middle schools. Staff looked at the other three middle schools to see what could be done to shift some students. The principal at Franklin is facing some challenges in scheduling and is using non-instructional settings for teaching spaces. Currently, the auditorium is being used as a classroom; the computer lab has been relocated to the LLC which eliminates the possibility of large group instruction. Staff believes that there is a need to reduce the enrollment at Franklin by about 90 students to be able to create a better use of the learning spaces. Staff looked at options that would maintain neighborhood connections and minimize the impact to the transportation budget. After looking at the attendance areas at Franklin, staff believed it made sense to move the recommended areas. Staff discussed the possibilities of grandfathering current students, but it would require additional busing and does not produce the necessary reduction in enrollment because it would take three years to get to the goal. Staff wants to provide the best opportunity for student learning.

The Board discussed the recommendation and the process. The Board agreed that staff should continue looking at the situation, meet with the parents, and come back to the Board with any further recommendations. Dr. Harris stated that a decision is needed by March to be able to plan for the next school year.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Committee Reports

Capital Development Committee –

Member Vroman reported that the committee had a very informative meeting with the Red Grange Athletic Complex fund raising group. Board members were given a copy of their ultimate purpose and drawings of their concept. The fund raising group is asking for Board permission to move forward with a feasibility study so that they can determine community interest and willingness to donate to the fund. Board members have concerns about how this would impact the ability of the district to seek money for things like the Jefferson School project. There was also concern expressed about the inequity between the two high schools and keeping a balance between academics and sports. The Board will discuss this further at the February Board meeting.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

2012-13 Budget

Professional Development

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 24, 2012 - Chance to Chat at WWSHS, 8:00 AM

January 25, 2012 – Committee of the Whole - SSC

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

February 8, 2012 – Monroe Middle School

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

President Swanson stated that while the Board appreciates all questions and comments, it may not be prepared to respond at this meeting. Speakers were asked to confine their comments to three minutes or less. To ensure dignified and respectful presentation of all sides of any issue, it is asked that audience representatives refrain from applause or other expressions of support or opposition to comments being made.

Speaker	Curt VanPeenen
Topic	Safety Protocols – Bomb Threat

**CLOSED SESSION/ADJOURNMENT
MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Knicker moved, Member Johnson seconded to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Student Discipline 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9). Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Action is expected following the closed session.

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 9:22 PM.

MOTION

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

The meeting was reconvened at 10:02 PM.

MOTION

Member Vroman moved, Member Coghill seconded to uphold the expulsion of Student E2011-12-01. This expulsion will be held in lieu of enrollment in and successful completion at an alternative program to be determined. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION

There being no further action to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Coghill moved, Member Knicker seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 PM.**

Ken Knicker, Secretary

Rosemary Swanson, President