

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
January 12, 2011

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 Wheaton North High School, 701 W. Thomas Road, Wheaton, IL, by Board Vice President Rosemary Swanson, on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Rosemary Swanson
 John Bomher
 Joann Coghill
 Barbara Intihar (arrived at 7:39)
 Ken Knicker
 Marie Slater
 Andy Johnson (by phone, joined at 7:45)

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Jill Bullo led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Ms. Jill Bullo, Principal of WNHS welcomed the Board, staff and community to the school. Ms. Bullo stated that WNHS has a set of Core Values that represent who WNHS is as a school. The fifth core value is "Promoting good citizenship and cultivating a broader sense of community". Ms. Bullo highlighted many student activities, in conjunction with the faculty and staff, which demonstrate this core value. Ms. Bullo thanked the Falcon Booster Organization for supplying the treats for the meeting. She also thanked the Board of Education and Dr. Harris for their support of WNHS and all of the schools in District 200.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

WWSHS Football Team

The Board recognized the WWSHS Football Team for their 7A State Championship.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

Vice President Swanson 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	Mary Ann Vitone
Topic	Budget – Working Cash Fund

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Harris reported the following:

- Planning work has begun for the 2011-12 budget preparation. Changes at the state level in recent days will impact state funding. The district hopes to be able to more confidently plan the budget after the state funding has been finalized and the CPI for 2010 is announced. At the January 26 Committee of the Whole, staff will start to share some details about the revenue sources and targets for spending.
- Recent events in the country have raised awareness about the tensions across the country. The shooting in Arizona, the shooting of the principal and assistant principal in Omaha and the shooting at a board of education meeting in Panama City points to the fact that public employees and elected officials are very vulnerable. As a social studies teacher, Dr. Harris believes in open representative government, but is reminded that the First Amendment does have limits, boundaries and guidelines for civility. Dr. Harris thanked the District 200 community for the peaceful actions and manner that work is accomplished in this district. Everyone is here for the students and public input and comments are welcome in this environment.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of a Gift to District 200 – Recommend acceptance of the gift as presented.
2. Acceptance of the Gift to Lincoln School - Recommend acceptance of the gift as presented.
3. Approval of an Interfund Loan to Education Fund from Working Cash Fund – Recommend approval of the interfund loan as presented.
4. Approval of an Interfund Loan to Transportation Fund from Working Cash Fund – Recommend approval of the interfund loan as presented.
5. Approval of an Interfund Loan to Building Fund from Working Cash Fund – Recommend approval of the interfund loan as presented.
6. Approval of High School Course & Workbook Fees – Recommend approval of the high school course & workbook fees as presented.
7. Approval of Revised Policy 7.270 Administering Medicines to Students – Recommend approval of the policy as posted and presented.
8. Adoption of Resolution to Begin the 2011-12 Budget Cycle – Recommend the approval of the resolution to begin the budget cycle and that Bill Farley be designated to prepare the annual budget.
9. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
10. Approval of Minutes – December 8, 2010 Open and Closed, and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to August 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.

11. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

Member Knicker stated that at the last Board meeting the swim coop foundation presented a check for \$6000 to defray the pool rental costs. Tonight the Board is formally accepting that donation. Mr. Knicker thanked the coop foundation for their work and support.

Member Farley reported that the Working Cash Funds are really the equivalent of a savings account for the district. Annually, the district requests the ability to transfer money from the working cash fund to pay bills while the district waits for the funding to arrive from the federal and state governments. After the revenues come in, the money is transferred back into the working cash fund. The amount of the approval request is the maximum amount authorized, but the total requested will not be needed. By requesting the maximum amount allowed, the district will have the flexibility to transfer the money to the necessary accounts.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Knicker 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 ITEMS

Approval to Submit the Resolution for the School Energy Efficiency Project Grant

As reported in the annual December District grant report, opportunities for grant funding come to the District in two forms, entitlement grants and competitive grant programs. Occasionally, new entitlement grant opportunities may be issued from various State Departments, in addition to the Illinois State Board of Education due to new legislation. Proposals may be submitted if they address clearly defined district needs and can be fully developed and supported by the stakeholder groups that will be impacted by the new resources. Funding for the Energy Efficiency Grants was determined from the FY 2010 Capital Bill providing \$50 million for projects designed to reduce energy consumption. The School Energy Efficiency Grant is being offered to all school districts, charter schools, vocational center or public university laboratory schools in Illinois. The Energy Efficiency Grants are a dollar for dollar state matching grant program providing up to \$250,000 for energy efficiency projects in schools. The grants are planned to be distributed over the next two fiscal years. The grants may be used for insulation, windows, doors, energy controls, lighting, energy recovery, energy conservation, alternative energy systems and other projects designed to reduce energy consumption. District 200 will submit an application for this grant for the project to exchange existing T12 ballast to T8 for Wheaton North High School and Wheaton Warrenville South High School. The T12 ballast is no longer manufactured, and District 200 can no longer acquire parts for the repair of these lighting fixtures. If awarded this grant, the project would be scheduled for implementation during July and August of 2011 following a RFP bid process. A preliminary estimate for the exchange of 3,195 units is \$328,176.56. The grant application will be for the matching funding of \$164,088.28, half of the total estimated amount. The RFP bid process will be conducted during the spring of 2011. The estimated \$164,088.28 will be built into the District 200 Maintenance and Operations budget for FY 2012. It is required by the District Certification process for this grant opportunity that the local board of education has authorized the application project and reserved local funds to meet the local match requirements. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the submission of the School Energy Efficiency Grant application, and that the estimated matching funds be set aside in the District 200's FY 2012 Maintenance and Operations budget to meet this grant award's expectations.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the submission of the School Energy Efficiency Grant application, and that the estimated matching funds be set aside in the District 200's FY 2012 Maintenance and Operations budget to meet this grant award's expectations. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

WRITTEN REPORTS

FOIA Report

Recommendation for an All Day Kindergarten Program

These reports were provided for information only.

ORAL REPORTS

Homework Recommendations

Dr. Margo Sorrick presented the results of a districtwide study and ultimate recommendation regarding homework expectations for the district. Dr. Sorrick explained that the district has a policy on homework and this recommendation is for the guidelines for staff, students and parents on how the policy is carried out. This will come back to the Board in the spring after it is finalized.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Full Day Kindergarten
K-12 College & Career Readiness
2011-12 Budget

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting – January 26, 2011

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

February 9, 2011 – Longfellow Elementary School

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

None

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), the Setting of a Price For Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the District 5ILCS 120/2(c)(6), and

Personnel Items 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1). 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 8:33PM.

No action is expected following the closed session.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President