

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
JANUARY 26, 2011**

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at the School Service Center, 130 W. Park Avenue, Wheaton, IL, by Board Vice President Rosemary Swanson, on Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Rosemary Swanson
 John Bomher
 Joann Coghil (arrived at 7:34 PM)
 Barbara Intihar
 Ken Knicker
 Marie Slater
Absent: Andy Johnson

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Lori Belha led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Intihar seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn to workshop setting. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

INSTRUCTION

Full Day Kindergarten

Dr. Harris stated that the district has been looking at this for a number of years. The all day program will be an additional program for kids and the district will continue to run the current program in the half day model. Dr. Sorrick introduced Mrs. Kathie Bossier and stated that Mrs. Bossier has taken the lead on this project. Mrs. Bossier shared information, through a PowerPoint presentation, that outlined the background work done to develop the recommendation, the results of a parent survey, and how the program will be implemented for the 2011-12 school year. The all day program will be filled on a first come first served basis with an equal amount of full tuition students and students that are on free or reduced fee status. The tuition will be \$4000 per year for the extra half day portion of the program. There will be a

need for an additional 6.5 FTE. All costs of the program will come from the tuition so the program will not use any district funds. The district will only receive ADA funding for one half day per student since that is the regular program offered in the district. Dr. Sorrick explained the registration process that will be used to enroll students and the process that will be used to create and implement a waiting list. The Board asked questions and discussed this proposal. The Board will be asked to take action at the February 9 Board meeting to approve this recommendation.

K-12 College and Career Readiness

Dr. Harris stated that college and career readiness is a discussion across the country right now and was even mentioned in President Obama's State of the Union Address. Dr. Harris presented information, through a PowerPoint presentation, that outlined what has been developed by the principals and district administrators. The keys to college and career readiness include keys to success that are identical for all students in kindergarten through 12th grade. There are criteria and success indicators for each key that are aligned and articulated from high school to preschool. The keys and criteria will remain the same, but the success indicators may change depending upon shifts in the state and federal accountability systems. Dr. Harris reviewed the criteria for each level. Staff will continue to work on developing the success indicators, which will include the social/emotional learning of students. A final version of the College and Career Readiness materials will be presented to the Board in May, 2011. A sample was given to the Board of a brochure that is being developed to convey this information to parents and community members. This brochure will explain where the district is going, how they will get there and how they will know when they have reached the targets. The Board discussed the presentation and expressed satisfaction with this project. Member Knicker stated that in the interview and transition period with Dr. Harris, this is what Dr. Harris stated he wanted to do and where he wanted to take the district. Dr. Harris said he would do this by January and Member Knicker thanked Dr. Harris for getting the district to this point. Board members look forward to the continuation of this project and encouraged Dr. Harris and the staff to aim high, challenge and set forth high expectations for all students.

BUSINESS SERVICES

2011-12 Budget

Dr. Harris stated that one of the goals given to him for this year is to advise the Board on a plan to establish long term financial stability. There are some strategies to achieve this and they include a balance between maintaining high quality educations while reaching long term financial stability. This will take long term diligence and the passing of a balanced budget every year. This will not be easy with the current economy and the state budget situation. To date, District 200 has not received any categorical funds from the state. The district cannot function this way and will need to find ways to make expenditure changes and save some money. The district must build some long term fund balances and find ways to increase revenues. Budgeting will need to estimate high expenditures. If expenses come in lower than estimated, the excess funds must be put into the fund balances to increase the funds. Mr. Farley explained that the district has been using a financial planning program from PMA for several years. This program allows the district to enter projections of revenue and expenses and plot the financial picture of the district. Mr. Michael Francis from PMA presented information, through a PowerPoint presentation that explained the planning program, showed trend data from 2006 through the projections of 2016. This program showed revenue, expenditure and staffing assumptions and how that information drives the construction of the projected budget. There was a discussion about financial ratings from ISBE and Moody and what those ratings mean to the district.

Mr. Francis and Dr. Harris both stated that the District should have fund balances of 30% of the budget to maintain a healthy rating. The Board discussed the idea of creating some policies to address goals for the fund balances and the desired financial ratings. Dr. Harris will bring some sample policies to the Board for discussion. At a future meeting, the Board will have a discussion about financial goals.

Mr. Farley reported that the numbers shown in this PowerPoint will probably continue to change as staff finds more ways to save money and expected dollar amounts come from the state and federal governments. Dr. Harris stated that he believes that if funding stays at this year's level, the district will be looking to find a way to reduce expenditures by approximately \$1M.

Dr. Harris reiterated that his goal is to bring a balanced budget to the Board this spring.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-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	Mark Stern
Topic	Transparency in Government

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Committee Session, Member Knicker moved, Member Slater seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President