

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
January 9, 2013

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 Hubble Middle School, 3S600 Herrick Road, Warrenville, IL, by Board President Rosemary Swanson, on Wednesday, January 9, 2013, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Rosemary Swanson
 Barbara Intihar

 Joann Coghill
 Jim Gambaiani
 Jim Vroman

President Swanson stated that Mr. Johnson is out of town on business and Mr. Knicker is out for personal sickness. The Open Meetings Act and Board Policy 20220 state that it is permissible for a Board member to fully participate by phone if he or she is unable to attend in person due to employment or personal illness purposes. All those in favor of approving Mr. Johnson's and Mr. Knicker's full participation in this meeting in accordance with policy, please say AYE and any opposed say NAY. All members present said AYE.

Board Members: Ken Knicker (by phone)
 Andy Johnson (by phone)

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Beth Sullivan led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Hubble Principal, Dr. Beth Sullivan, welcomed the Board of Education, Administration and community to the School. Three students from Hubble were recognized as winners of the Illinois TESOL-BE (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages-Bilingual Education) 6-8 Writing Contest. The three students were:

Katrina Lisowski – 1st Place
Yulia Walling – 2nd Place
Abdiel Cabrera – 3rd Place

Hubble Assistant Principal, Ms. Jen Tavine, reported on the new electives offered this year. Mr. Patrick Bresnahan, a teacher at Hubble, explained the Entrepreneurship elective class. Three student groups explained their class project and the businesses they developed. They also talked about the lessons they learned during the class and project.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

AP College Honor Roll Award was presented to the district by Jennifer McDonnell from the College Board. District 200 received this award for the second year in a row and was one of 539 school districts across the country and 22 districts in the State of Illinois. This distinction was given to the district because participation in AP classes has increased at least 4% and there has been a steady percentage increase of exams taken by minority students. With the increased enrollment, the district has maintained or improved the AP scores of 3 or higher.

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.

Speaker	Bill Babiaiz
Topic	Jefferson

Speaker	Mary Ann Vitone
Topic	Jefferson

Speaker	Cindy Swanson
Topic	Jefferson

Speaker	Judith Zapf
Topic	Jefferson

Speaker	Jennifer Alagna
Topic	Jefferson

Speaker	Peggy Diehl
Topic	Jefferson

Speaker	Joe & Patti Birkett
Topic	Jefferson

Speaker	Gwen Henry
Topic	Jefferson

Speaker	Patty Boheme
Topic	Jefferson

Speaker	Scott Mordell
Topic	Jefferson
Speaker	Neal Patel
Topic	Jefferson
Speaker	Lynn Kadel
Topic	Jefferson
Speaker	Nancy Minor
Topic	Jefferson
Speaker	Dan Wagner
Topic	Jefferson
Speaker	Emily Larson
Topic	Jefferson
Speaker	Cindy Tschetter
Topic	Jefferson
Speaker	Jan Shaw
Topic	Jefferson
Speaker	Julie Georgiou
Topic	Jefferson
Speaker	Kristen Szeredy-Hosack
Topic	Jefferson
Speaker	Scot DuBose
Topic	Jefferson
Speaker	Elizabeth Pribaz
Topic	Jefferson
Speaker	Tom Shaughnessy
Topic	Jefferson
Speaker	Blake Jancius
Topic	Jefferson
Speaker	Ron Zhiss
Topic	Jefferson
Speaker	Theresa Hinck
Topic	Jefferson

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Harris reported the following:

- Since the last Board meeting the country has dealt with the tragic event in Newtown, Connecticut. District 200 is looking at our protocols and procedures. The district has excellent plans in place and our staff and students are well trained and practiced. Staff and local safety officials will be meeting to look at all of these practices and procedures to make sure we are up to date and doing what we are supposed to be doing.
- Funding and revenues are always challenging to monitor. Staff has begun to put together the budget for next year which includes funding and expenditure predictions. The district has put together a 5 year rolling plan for several years now. The pension resolution is pending, but staff believes that the district can handle any increase in the next few years within the budget. The district is in a very good fiscal situation. An excellent teacher contract was negotiated that has pay increases related to the CPI. There will be a lot of retirements over the next few years and that will have a positive impact on the expenditure side. At the January 23, 2013 Committee of the Whole, there will be a presentation on the budget assumptions. Staff is also working to predict the impact of the federal health care regulations and the associated costs to implement.
- Michelle Rollins was introduced as the Interim PR person filling in during Erica Loiacono's leave of absence.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of a Gift to Johnson School – Recommend acceptance of the gift to Johnson School as presented.
2. Approval of Revised Policy 7.70 Attendance/Truancy – Recommend approval of revised Policy 7.70 as posted and presented.
3. Approval of Revised Policy 7.270 Administering Medicine to Students - Recommend approval of revised Policy 7.270 as posted and presented.
4. Approval of Policy 4.15 Identity Protection - Recommend approval of revised Policy 4.15 as posted and presented.
5. Approval of Math Curriculum – Recommend approval of the math curriculum as posted and presented.
6. Approval to Post K-5 Mathematics Textbooks – Recommend approval to post the K-5 mathematics textbooks as presented.
7. Adoption of Resolution to Begin the 2013-14 Budget Cycle – Recommend the adoption of the resolution as presented.
8. Approval of an Interfund Loan to Education Fund from Working Cash Fund – Recommend approval of the transfer of cash as presented.
9. Approval of an Interfund Loan to Transportation Fund from Working Cash Fund – Recommend approval of the transfer of cash as presented.
10. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll reports as presented.
11. Approval of Minutes – November 28, 2012 Special Meeting, December 12, 2012 Open & Closed, and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to August 2011 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 Report – Recommend the approval of the Personnel Report as presented.

MOTION

Member Johnson moved, Member Intihar 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

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing a Building Bond Referendum for a New Jefferson Early Childhood Center

At the December 12, 2012 Board Meeting, the Board discussed placing a referendum question on the ballot for the April 9, 2013 election to build a new Jefferson Early Childhood Center. In order to place a referendum question on the ballot, the District 200 Board of Education must adopt a resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing School Building Bonds to the voters of Community Unit School District Number 200, DuPage County, Illinois, at the general primary election to be held on the 9th day of April, 2013. This resolution allows the District to build and equip a new Jefferson Early Childhood Center. Since funds are not available for this purpose, it will be necessary to borrow money through the issuance of bonds up to an amount of \$17.6 million. This resolution must be approved by the Board by January 22, 2013 and filed with the Board of Election Commissioners of DuPage County on or before January 31, 2013 in order for the question to appear on the April 9, 2013 ballot.

The recommended wording of the ballot question is as follows:

Shall the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 200, DuPage County, Illinois, build and equip a new early childhood center to replace the existing Jefferson Early Childhood Center, improve the site thereof and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$17,600,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

It is recommended that the Board adopt the attached resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing School Building Bonds to the voters of Community Unit School District Number 200, DuPage County, Illinois, at the consolidated election to be held on the 9th day of April, 2013.

Dr. Harris shared a PowerPoint presentation that summarized the project, the plans and recommendation and the funding and costs to taxpayers. The presentation also explained the program at Jefferson and the mix of special needs students and tuition paying typical peers.

Dr. Harris stated that any large capital expense is a huge amount of money and most districts, including District 200, do not have enough cash on hand to fund such a project. The district finances are in the highest recognition from the state right now, which was not the case three years ago. However, the district does not have \$17.6 million in the back. School buildings are usually done through bond issuance. Typically, the bond debt is spread out over 20 years, but the Board made the decision to not extend the debt of the district any further out so this bond request is for 12 years.

In response to questions from Board members, Dr. Harris reported the following:

- The district is reimbursed \$9000 per year per special education teacher by the State of Illinois.
- Construction cannot be moved any further north on the property because the current building cannot be torn down until the new facility is completed.
- The building was designed for children in elementary school; not designed for 3 and 4 year olds. It would take considerable reconstruction to make this building appropriate for

this population. The costs were almost the same to remodel versus building new and would not afford the energy savings of a new building in the end.

Member Knicker read the following information about the resolution:

RESOLUTION providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing School Building Bonds to the voters of Community Unit School District Number 200, DuPage County, Illinois, at the consolidated election to be held on the 9th day of April, 2013.

Board members explained why they support or do not support the referendum question being put on the ballot

MOTION

Member Johnson moved, Member Coghill seconded to adopt the resolution authorizing a Building Bond Referendum for a New Jefferson Early Childhood Center. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6 (Intihar, Vroman, Coghill, Johnson, Knicker, Swanson), NAY 1 (Gambaiani). **The motion carried 6-1.**

Approval of Financing Model for Jefferson Early Childhood Center Referendum

At the December 12, 2012 Board of Education meeting, Bob Lewis of PMA, presented information on four (4) financing scenarios for a Jefferson Early Childhood Center referendum. The scenarios included varying options on the payback of principal as well as the extension of the debt service schedule by an additional year.

At the December meeting, the Board was most interested in scenario two (2). Scenario 2 does not extend the term of the current debt schedule, and includes some principal amortized annually. It should be noted that the amount paid toward the principal during this period could be increased based on favorable interest rates at the time of issuance. Additionally, if the bonds are issued in two sales they would be bank qualified which should result in better interest rates than currently estimated. This would be a benefit to the overall cost to the taxpayer.

Based on the information provided by Mr. Lewis, it is the recommendation of the administration that Scenario 2 be chosen as the financing model for the Jefferson Early Childhood Center referendum. Funding would come from a successful Jefferson Early Childhood Center referendum and bond sale.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Option 2 as the financing model for the Jefferson Early Childhood Center.

MOTION

Member Vroman moved, Member Johnson seconded to approve Option 2 as the financing model for the Jefferson Early Childhood Center. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6 (Intihar, Vroman, Coghill, Johnson, Knicker, Swanson), NAY 1 (Gambaiani). **The motion carried 6-1.**

WRITTEN REPORTS

FOIA Report

This report was provided for information only.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

President Swanson stated that proposals for presentations at the IASB Annual Conference next November are due by February 15, 2013. If Board members have ideas for submission please let Mrs. Swanson or Dr. Harris know.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Curriculum Updates
Financial Forecasting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee of the Whole – January 23, 2013, SSC, 7:30 PM
Chance to Chat – January 26, 2013, SSC 9:00-10:30 AM

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

February 13, 2013 – Pleasant Hill Elementary School, 7:30 PM

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 Vroman seconded to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Items 5ILCS120/2(c)(1) and Pending Litigation 5ILCS120/2(c)(11). 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 10:14 PM.

Ken Knicker, Secretary

Rosemary Swanson, President