

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
June 11, 2014

The first regular meeting of the month of June 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 President Barbara Intihar, on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, at 7:30 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
 Rosemary Swanson

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Dahlquist led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Board recognized four recipients of the Superintendent Art Award. The students were Hannah Wangler – Bower Elementary School, Trista Felker – Lowell Elementary School, Kasey Pham – WWSHS, and Alley Auchter – WNHS. The students' art pieces were on display in the lobby of the SSC.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mrs. Dahlquist reported the following:

The end of the school year was certainly exciting with the graduations, promotion ceremonies, gas leak at Edison, complicated by no power or phones. The SLT members really pitched in and the Edison staff was calm and competent. Staff will be meeting with the fire department leadership to debrief and see what we learned from this incident.

Bright and Early DuPage Foundation presented information about the support they have been providing to local early childhood collaborations to help them develop systems geared toward improving kindergarten readiness in their communities. Last April, the Wheaton/Warrenville Early Childhood Collaborative (WWECC) was chosen as the first collaboration to receive a \$75,000 grant from the foundation. Barbara Szczepaniak, Director of Programs and Theresa Nihill, Executive Director of the Foundation presented information on the initiative and how District 200 was chosen. Dr. Panopoulos and Mrs. Stephanie Farrelly shared information about the collaboration between the foundation and District 200.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gifts from Jefferson PTA – Recommend acceptance of the gifts from the Jefferson PTA as presented.
2. Acceptance of Gift to Sandburg Elementary School – Recommend acceptance of the gifts from the Sandburg Elementary School as presented.
3. Acceptance of Gifts to Franklin Middle School – Recommend acceptance of the gifts to Franklin Middle School as presented.
4. Approval of Revised Policy 7.100 Health Examinations, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students for Public Review and Comment – Recommend approval of revised policy 7.100 as posted.
5. Approval of High School ELL Materials – Recommend approval of the High School ELL materials as posted.
6. Approval to Purchase High School ELL Materials – Recommend approval to purchase the High School ELL materials as presented.
7. Approval to Post High School Junior English Curriculum – Recommend approval to post the High School Junior English Curriculum for public review and comment.
8. Approval to Add Serious Safety Hazard Bus Route – Recommend approval to add a serious safety hazard bus route as presented.
9. Approval of Mileage Reimbursement Rate for 2014-15 School Year – Recommend approval of the mileage reimbursement rate for the 2014-15 school year as presented.
10. Approval of the Resolution Ascertainning the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workmen, and Mechanics Employed on Public Works of Said School District – Recommend approval of the resolution as presented.
11. Approval of Snack Vending Contract Renewal – Recommend approval of the snack vending contract renewal as presented.
12. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
13. Approval of Minutes – May 24, 2014 Closed, May 28, 2014 Closed, May 29, 2014 Special Meeting, June 4 Open and Closed, and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to January 2013 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.
14. 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 Paulsen 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 of Workers' Compensation Renewal

In June 2013, the Board of Education approved the Workers' Compensation renewal for 2013-14 with the School Employees Loss Fund (SELF). The total premium for the year was \$601,016. However, the final cost including audit adjustments, return of contributions and assessments was \$544,029. SELF is a Workers' Compensation pool made up of approximately seventy school districts in the area. The district received the renewal from SELF for the 2014-15 school year in the amount of \$623,225. This represents a 3.7% increase over the 2013-14 premium. The final cost after return of contributions and audit adjustments is \$594,447. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the renewal with SELF in the amount of \$594,447.

MOTION

Member Paulsen moved, Member Swanson seconded to approve the renewal with SELF in the amount of \$594,447. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6 (Paulsen, Swanson, Coghill, Gambaiani, Vroman, Intihar), ABSTAIN 0 (Mathieson). **The motion carried 6-1.**

Member Mathieson abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Approval of Liability Insurance Renewal

In June 2013, the Board of Education approved the Property, Casualty and Liability Insurance package with the Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative (CLIC) pool in the amount of \$468,517. The policy term was for the period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. The current renewal quote is \$508,580. This represents an 8.5% increase over the expiring policy year. The increase is due in part to losses that have occurred over the past five years leading to high loss ratios. District 200 has had losses which have included flooding, storm damage and a fire event. The renewal would be effective July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the renewal with CLIC in the amount of \$508,580 for the term of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

MOTION

Member Vroman moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the renewal with CLIC in the amount of \$508,580 for the term of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6 (Vroman, Coghill, Gambaiani, Paulsen, Swanson, Intihar), NAY 0 (Mathieson). **The motion carried 6-1.**

Member Mathieson abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

ORAL REPORTS

2014-15 Budget Update

Mr. Farley presented information on the tentative 2014-15 budget including funding changes, reductions to expenditures, and projections being used to develop a balanced budget to be presented at the July Board meeting. The Board discussed the presentation and the concerns surrounding state funding, the potential state income tax changes after the elections, and rising health care. The Board would like to see information provided at the July meeting to indicate what things are being eliminated or sacrificed to have a balanced budget – where are the cuts coming from and who will be impacted by them. It was stated that the district will face a challenge to fund education in the state and local arenas this year. A board member stated that the Community needs to understand that cuts are coming and a tax rate decrease will make a challenge to balance this budget.

WRITTEN REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports

FOIA Report

Wellness Policy Report

These reports were provided for information only.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Superintendent Search Process

President Intihar reviewed a document that outlines the interview process and the timeline for hiring a new superintendent. It was reported that Dr. Harris recruited 15 highly qualified candidates for the Board to screen. This is the same process that was used when Dr. Harris was hired.

Member Vroman reported that at the start of the next Community Engagement Session, Member Vroman and Member Intihar will give an update on the process and remind people that there is a place on the district web site to offer comments on the qualities the next superintendent should bring to the district. It was requested that the link to provide input on the search be more front and center on the web site and encourage people to offer written comments at the community engagement session. It was also suggested that a community phone message be sent out with this same information.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Engage 200 Update

Member Vroman also reported that the Facilitating Team for Engage 200 met and reviewed a draft of the recommendations report that is to be given to the Board at the July 9, 2014 board meeting. The recommendations will be reviewed by the attendees at the Community Engagement Session on June 18 to see if the draft says what was heard or missed anything. A member of the Facilitating Team will be at each table to listen and keep people on track with the assignment at hand.

Other Reports from Board Members

Member Swanson reported that the IASB DuPage Programming Committee met and they are attempting to have Mawi Asgedom speak at the Fall Dinner. Mawi is a graduate of District 200 and speaks about the affects adults and educators have in forming the lives of children.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

2014-15 Budget

Engage 200 Report

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

July 9, 2014, 7:30 PM, SSC

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Vroman moved, Member Mathieson seconded to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose

of discussing Collective Negotiating Matters 5ILCS120/2(c)(2) and Personnel Items 5ILCS120/2(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 at 8:35 PM.

Brad Paulsen, Secretary

Barbara Intihar, President