

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200**  
**June 8, 2011**

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 Rosemary Swanson, on Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at 7:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members:      Rosemary Swanson  
                              Barbara Intihar  
                              Ken Knicker  
                              Joann Coghill  
                              Jim Gambaiani  
                              Andy Johnson  
                              Jim Vroman

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Linda Knicker led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

The Board recognized the following:

Special Olympics Participants

The Superintendent Art Award Recipients

Students from TCD that designed and installed the landscape project at the SSC

**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	Mary Ann Vitone
Topic	Extension to Dr. Harris Contract and College & Career Readiness
Speaker	Mark Stern
Topic	Class Rank
Speaker	Mike Cetina
Topic	Hubble Property
Speaker	Harold Lonks
Topic	Technology & Budget
Speaker	Fred Anderson
Topic	Technology
Speaker	Tammy Brokaw
Topic	Hubble Property
Speaker	Tom Leonhardt
Topic	Hubble Property
Speaker	Nate Barnes
Topic	Hubble Property
Speaker	Tony Komro
Topic	Hubble

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Harris reported the following:

The Monroe Medal of Honor Ceremony was an outstanding event. Principal Jason Stipp is to be commended for all of his work to make this happen. Dr. Harris thanked Mr. Stipp, Susan Baldus-Strauss, and Erica Foreman for their efforts and hard work. Dr. Harris also thanked Cantigny, The NEW 200 Foundation, and the Monroe PTA for their contributions to the event. Tomorrow marks the end of the school year. It has been a great year. Last weekend was graduation for both high schools.

Dr. Harris recognized three colleagues that are retiring. Lori Belha, Linda Knicker, and Margo Sorrick will be retiring at the end of June. All three of these Assistant Superintendents have been a tremendous help during Dr. Harris' transition to the district and he has benefited from working with each of them. Board members thanked them for their service and hard work.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Acceptance of Gifts to Sandburg Elementary School – Recommend the acceptance of the gifts as presented.
2. Acceptance of Gifts to WWSHS - Recommend the acceptance of the gifts as presented.
3. Approval of the IASB Resolutions to be Submitted by District 200 – Recommend approval of the resolutions as presented.
4. Approval of Revised Policy 8.25, Distribution and Display of Community Flyers and Posters – Recommend the approval of the policy as posted.

5. Request to Post Middle School Elective Critical Content for Speech Communication Course and Visual Arts and Media Course – Recommend approval to post the critical content for 30 days for public review and comment.
6. Approval to Post Speech Communication Textbook - Recommend approval to post the textbook for 30 days for public review and comment.
7. Approval of the Resolution of Appointment to the DuPage Occupational Education System (DAOES) Board of Directors – Recommend the appointment of Robert Rammer as the representative to the DAOES Board of Directors.
8. Approval to Dispose of Surplus Assets – Recommend approval to dispose of the surplus assets as listed.
9. Approval of Mileage Reimbursement Rate for 2011-12 School Year – Recommend approval of the reimbursement rate as set by the Federal government.
10. Approval of Workers' Compensation Renewal – Recommend approval of the renewal as presented.
11. Approval of Property, Casualty and Liability Insurance Renewal from CLIC – Recommend approval of the renewal as presented.
12. Approval of Life Safety Extension – Recommend the approval of the life safety extension as requested.
13. Approval of Mobile Classroom Inspection – Recommend the approval of the inspection as presented.
14. Adoption of the Prevailing Rate of Wages Ordinance – Recommend the approval of the prevailing rate of wages as set forth.
15. Approval of the Microsoft Volume Licensing Agreement Purchase – Recommend the approval of the licensing agreement purchase as presented. **This item was moved to ACTION ITEMS at the request of Mr. Gambaiani for discussion prior to voting.**
16. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll reports as presented.
17. Approval of Minutes – May 2, 2011 Open, May 11, 2011 Open and Closed, May 25, 2011 Open and closed and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to December 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.
18. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

## **MOTION**

Member Knicker moved, Member Intihar seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented, minus the Microsoft Volume Licensing Agreement Purchase. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

## **ACTION ITEM**

### Approval of Superintendent Contract

The Board conducted an evaluation of Dr. Brian Harris. Dr. Harris has met and/or exceeded all of his goals. The Board has extended the contract for Dr. Brian Harris through the 2013-14 school year. It is recommended that the Board approve the resolution authorizing the performance based superintendent's contract between the Board of Education and Dr. Brian Harris through the 2013-14 as presented.

## **MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Johnson seconded to approve the resolution authorizing the performance based superintendent's contract between the Board of Education and Dr. Brian Harris through the 2013-14 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Board members stated that this contract extension is in recognition for the hard work of Dr. Harris this school year. Board members reported that Dr. Harris has done a phenomenal job and faced many issues. The initiatives brought to the table have been exactly what Board members have been looking for and have been undertaken with a "what is right for kids" spirit.

#### Adoption of the K-12 Keys for College and Career Readiness

Dr. Harris and the administrators have developed a K-12 college and career readiness plan that follows the Vision and Mission of District 200. The targets for all students are academic proficiency, problem solving, and critical thinking. A resource guide for parents and community members was attached to this report and will be available on the district web site. It is recommended that the Board approve the Keys to College and Career Readiness and the resource guide as presented.

Dr. Harris stated that this document will be the driving force in District 200 as staff looks at curriculum and programs for kids. The next step in the process will be to develop a score card to indicate progress in meeting these goals. As the State changes and develops the Common Core Standards, District 200 curriculum will be realigned and teachers will receive training in these areas.

#### **MOTION**

Member Johnson moved, Member Intihar seconded to adopt the K-12 Keys for College and Career Readiness as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

#### Approval to Eliminate Class Rank at Both High Schools

Class rank has been a longstanding practice to sort and order students within a grade level. Historically, it has been used in the selection and awarding of scholarships and admissions to colleges and universities. Class rank has been a topic of much discussion for many years, especially in schools with highly successful students. It is the position of the administration that this metric is outdated, no longer appropriate, and is detrimental to students.

In high schools, like Wheaton North and Wheaton Warrenville South, where students are highly motivated and academically successful, students may be excluded from consideration for scholarships or college admissions based on a class rank that pits high achieving students against each other. In addition, parents report that students have elected to take a study hall as opposed to a class of interest in order to preserve their class rank.

District 200 has conducted a thorough examination of this practice. On December 8, 2010, Ms. Bullo and Mr. Claypool, Principals of Wheaton North and Wheaton Warrenville South High Schools respectively, presented a recommendation to the Board of Education to eliminate class rank at both high schools beginning in the fall of the 2011-12 school year with the freshman class.

In January of this year, the high school counselors and administration conducted research and collected data about the status of class rank from national associations, area and comparable high

schools, colleges and university admission counselors, and conducted surveys of past and current students as well as parents. The administration held a parent information session on March 21 to address questions and concerns. On May 11, 2011, the administration presented a written report supporting the recommendation to the Board of Education.

With the elimination of class rank staff will update the high school profiles, which will recognize the high performance of all District 200 students.

It is recommended that the Board approve the elimination of class rank at both high schools effective for the 2011-12 school year beginning with the freshman class.

Member Johnson thanked staff for the tremendous amount of work and research. Member Knicker reported that he has spoken with several high school counselors and they fully support this change. Member Intihar expressed concern for the fact that there is a not a plan in place to describe how our students perform with their peers and because of that she will not be supporting this change.

Dr. Harris stated that he can assure that the staff will work diligently to make sure there is a plan in place to provide the appropriate information for a student to be admitted to the college of their choice. The current system does not help all students. Staff will come up with a way to assure that high achievers are taken care of appropriately.

## **MOTION**

Member Johnson moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the elimination of class rank at both high schools for the 2011-12 school year beginning with the freshman class. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6 (Johnson, Knicker, Coghill, Gambaiani, Vroman, Swanson), NAY 1 (Intihar). **The motion carried 6-1.**

## Approval to Post the 2011-12 Budget

Section 17-1 of the School Code requires Boards of Education to adopt an annual school district budget before or during the first quarter of each fiscal year (by September 30). Prior to adoption, Boards must make a tentative budget available for inspection by the public for at least 30 days. Additionally, a public hearing regarding the budget must be conducted.

The tentative budget will be available for inspection by the public at the School Service Center and the libraries of Wheaton, Warrenville, Carol Stream and Winfield. The budget will also be posted on the district web site.

A public notice regarding the availability to inspect the budget will be published in the Daily Herald newspaper, which has a circulation within the local communities. The public notice will also include the date of the Public Hearing, which will be held on Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at the School Service Center. Adoption of the 2011-12 Budget is scheduled for the August 10, 2011 Board of Education Meeting.

It is recommended that the Board of Education post the tentative budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year, and set the Public Hearing on the 2011-12 Budget for Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 7:30 pm at the School Service Center.

Mr. Bill Farley stated that this action tonight is to approve the posting of the budget, not the approval of the budget. Mr. Farley gave an overview of the budget as it will be posted.

### **MOTION**

Member Johnson moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the posting of the tentative budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year, and set the Public Hearing on the 2011-12 Budget for Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 7:30 pm at the School Service Center. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### Approval of Lease Agreement for RFP

At the February 2011 committee of the whole meeting a proposal to upgrade the network infrastructure was presented to the Board. The RFP for network upgrades was an outcome of the discussion that evening. The District received four bids for the network RFP. Three bids were specific to the Cisco solution the District was seeking. Of the three bids CDW was the selected bidder and will be handling the project. The total cost of the project which includes extra suggestions by the vendor along with an increase in wireless coverage totals 3,299,941.84. The District requested lease proposals from multiple vendors and we continue to negotiate the best funding options. The district requested lease proposals from three vendors and we have selected a lease proposal from American Capital. The payment structure for this agreement is a first year payment of \$500,000.00, second year payment of 650,000.00 and years three through five payment of \$782,440.00. This agreement allows for early payoff without penalties. Funding for the lease payments will be allocated in the 2011-2012 technology budget.

It is recommended that the Board approve the lease proposal, pending legal review, and authorize staff to enter into a lease agreement with American Capital.

### **MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the lease proposal, pending legal review, and authorize staff to enter into a lease agreement with American Capital. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6 (Intihar, Coghill, Johnson, Knicker, Vroman, Swanson), NAY 1 (Gambaiani). **The motion carried 6-1.**

### Approval of Resolution to Partially Abate and Transfer Monies from Working cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund

In 2009, the district issued \$20,000,000 in Working Cash Bonds. The parameters of this issuance require the district to use \$3,000,000 of these funds for capital expenditures in either the Education Fund or the Operations and Maintenance Fund. A majority of these monies need to be spent over a 3 year period. When funds are spent, monies are moved, or abated, from Working Cash to the expending fund.

The Operations and Maintenance Fund has over \$558,850 in capital expenditure items that qualify for this transfer for fiscal year 2011. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the resolution to partially abate and transfer monies from the Working Cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

### **MOTION**

Member Johnson moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the resolution to partially abate and transfer monies from the Working Cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Resolution to Partially Abate and Transfer Monies from Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund

In 2009, the district issued \$20,000,000 in Working Cash Bonds. The parameters of this issuance require the district to use \$3,000,000 of these funds for capital expenditures in either the Education Fund or the Operations and Maintenance Fund. A majority of these monies need to be spent over a 3 year period. When funds are spent, monies are moved, or abated, from Working Cash to the expending fund.

The Education Fund has over \$548,850 in capital expenditure items that qualify for this transfer for fiscal year 2011. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the resolution to partially abate and transfer monies from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund.

**MOTION**

Member Johnson moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the resolution to partially abate and transfer monies from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Microsoft Volume Licensing Agreement Purchase

Microsoft Active Directory will be our new network operating system. It is required to allow sharing of printers and files across the District. This is a yearly license agreement that gives us the ability to use Microsoft Active Directory as our network operating system under the protection of the license agreement. This agreement covers the core desktop CAL, Microsoft Office 10 and Exchange, which are the district's network operating system, desktop software and E-mail system. The cost for this is \$47.14 per user count of 1550 plus \$3.35 a user for the optimization pack. This also includes Microsoft Learning academy tools for \$1,326.49. Total for the license is \$79,585.99.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve this licensing agreement as presented.

Member Gambaiani asked some clarifying questions.

**MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the licensing agreement as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**WRITTEN REPORTS**

Homework Recommendation

FOIA Report

These reports were provided for information only.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

Hubble/Central Property

President Swanson stated that no decision will be made at this meeting on this topic. Dr. Harris reported that the district has received proposals from three developers and the one from the Wheaton Park District. Staff is requesting direction from the Board on whether they should move forward with discussions and negotiations on these offers. Details of these offers will be

shared in Closed Session. All of the offers are from different approaches. The Board was in agreement that staff should continue to negotiate and bring back a comparison of the offers for the Board to consider. President Swanson and Member Knicker will be the Board liaisons with staff to work on this issue. The Board will possibly take action at the July 13, 2011 Board meeting or call a special meeting if there is sufficient information to make a decision before then.

#### **REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

None

#### **TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

2011-12 Budget

Board/Superintendent Goal Setting

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

#### **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

July 13, 2011 – 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 Intihar seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Items 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1), and the Setting of a Price For Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the District 5ILCS 120/2(c)(6). 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 10:30 PM.

No action is expected following the closed session.

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**Ken Knicker, Secretary**

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**Rosemary Swanson, President**