

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
March 11, 2015

The first regular meeting of the month of March 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 President Barbara Intihar, on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Barbara Intihar
 Jim Vroman
 Joann Coghill (arrived at 6:53 PM)
 Jim Gambaiani
 Jim Mathieson
 Brad Paulsen
 Rosemary Swanson

Absent: None

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

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION

Member Vroman moved, Member Swanson seconded to adjourn the meeting to closed session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Items 5ILCS120/2(c)(1). Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 6:35 PM.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

MOTION

Member Vroman moved, Member Swanson seconded to reconvene in Open Session. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting was reconvened at 7:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Matt Biscan led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Intihar asked for a moment of silence for former Board Member Don Shaner, who passed away March 10. Mr. Shaner was a Board member from 1997-2001. His wife was a teacher in the district for many years prior to her death and his two children graduated from District 200.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Mr. Matt Biscan, Principal of Wheaton North High School, welcomed the Board, Administration and Community to Wheaton North and newly transformed library. Mr. Biscan stated that WNHS has always been regarded as a school that challenges students inside and outside of the classroom. However, the main reason students love coming to WNHS is because of the strong and positive relationships they form with each other and with the various adults who lead and guide them through their four years at WN. Mr. Biscan utilizes social media to tell Wheaton North's story throughout the school year to allow people to see the great things that the students and teachers are doing in a positive way and to show that learning occurs not just in a desk but in all forms and in all types of settings. The school has all types of students from all types of backgrounds. Mr. Biscan introduced Hoynew, a WN student who was born in Burma. Hoynew came to the US as a refugee in 2011 and started 6th grade at Franklin Middle School. Hoynew read a story she wrote about what it is like to be a student in two different countries. This story won 3rd place in the ITBE Writing Contest for grades 6-12.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Board recognized the National Merit Finalists from the high schools. Each year approximately 1.4 million students take the PSAT. From there, 34,000 students qualify for the title of Commended Students. That number is condensed to 16,000 Semifinalists and 15,000 finalists. The 15,000 students will be reduced to 7600 Merit Scholarship winners and then 1300 Special Scholarship recipients. Mr. Biscan introduced 8 finalists from WNHS and Mr. Claypool introduced 5 finalists from WWSHS.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

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Speaker	Mary Ann Vitone
Topic	Cell Phone Tower

Speaker	Harold Lonks
Topic	Cell Phone Tower/Budget

Speaker	Bob Barista
Topic	Cell Tower

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Schuler reported the following:

- Each month the administrator meeting starts with the questions “And How Are Our Children?” It is a celebration of our students. Tonight we honored the National Merit Finalists and in the next couple of months we will be bringing more celebrations to the Board. In April we hope to bring a swim team member, the speech team members and the culinary team for recognition.
- In the green folders there was a handout about the show choir competition this weekend at WWSHS and Board members are invited to attend.
- SB16 has been replaced by SB1. Staff anticipates receiving information on the dollar amounts within the next week. Categorical payments are delayed again this year. This puts the district in a delayed status again for the budget.
- There continues to be renewed conversation about pension cost shifts. This will cause the district to be mindful of the things we would like to fund next year but will not be able to in light of the budget realities.
- Tomorrow several superintendents will be meeting with Senator Roskam to have a conversation about PARCC and the reauthorization of the ESEA program.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gift to the Vocational Staff of the Transition Program and WNHS Program – Recommend acceptance of the gift as presented.
2. Approval to Post Revised Policy 7.100, Health Examinations for Public Review and Comment – Recommend approval to post the revised policy as presented.
3. Approval of High School Health Textbook – Recommend approval of the high school health textbook as posted and presented.
4. Approval to Purchase High School Health Textbooks – Recommend approval of the textbooks as posted and presented.
5. Approval to Post Middle School Science Standards – Recommend approval to post the middle school science standards as presented.
6. Approval of Plat of Easement with the City of Wheaton – Recommend approval of the easement agreement with the City of Wheaton as presented.
7. Approval of Temporary Construction Easement Agreement at Wheaton Warrenville South High School with Patrick J. Murphy Builders, Inc. – Recommend approval of the temporary construction easement agreement as presented.
8. Approval to add Three Middle Schools to Current EnerNOC Agreement – Recommend approval to add the three schools to the EnerNOC Agreement as presented.
9. Approval of an RFP for an Electric Supply Contract Starting December 2016 Through December 2018 – Recommend approval of the Electric Supply Contract as presented.
10. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
11. Approval of Minutes – February 11, 2015 Open, and Approval to Destroy Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to October 2013 as Allowable by Law – Recommend approval of the minutes as presented and approval to destroy recordings of closed sessions prior

to October 2013 as allowable by law.

12. Approval of Personnel Report, to include Employment, Resignation, Retirement and Leave of Absence of Administrative, Certified, Classified and Non-Union Staff – Recommend approval of the personnel report as presented.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Coghill 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.**

In response to Board questions, Dr. Schuler stated that any consent agenda items are presented with the appropriate background information. The Superintendent, Board President and Board Vice President meet monthly to plan the agenda. The staff and Board always try to work to promote transparency. Consent agenda items can always be moved from consent to action or discussion items. There are plenty of opportunities for the Board to ask questions after they receive the information for these items.

Member Paulsen stated that he reviewed the health textbook that is being posted and feels that it is a fantastic well-rounded book.

Dr. Schuler stated that with the approval of the Personnel Report, the Board approved the hiring of Sean Walsh as the next principal of Longfellow Elementary School beginning July 1, 2015. Dr. Schuler introduced Mr. Walsh and welcomed him to the district.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Vision 2018 Dashboard

As part of the performance contract approved for the Superintendent of Schools, a dashboard was to be established to track progress on key student learning metrics. Throughout the fall, a dashboard was developed aligned to the Vision 2018 plan. Progress on the dashboard was initially reported to the Board by Mr. Vroman in his November executive committee update. At the February 11th meeting, a draft of the dashboard was distributed to and discussed by the Board of Education. The metrics have been further vetted by the Teaching and Learning Committee and are presented for approval. The Vision 2018 Dashboard is presented for approval this evening. The dashboard will be monitored throughout the year through targeted reports to the Board of Education and will be posted on the website under the Board of Education link for Vision 2018 for community members to view. There are a couple of metrics on the dashboard still listed as To Be Determined. As soon as these data points become available or are determined, the dashboard will be updated and presented to the Board of Education. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Vision 2018 Dashboard.

There was discussion about the dashboard. Dr. Schuler stated that it is based on his goals for the 2014-15 school year. The dashboard establishes a starting point toward the goals and a center point to monitor how the district is doing and if the district is meeting its goals. This is a step towards something that was started about 18 months ago with Engage 200. The dashboard is a communication and a metric to measure success.

MOTION

Member Paulsen moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the Vision 2018 Dashboard as presented. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Auditor

The Business Office prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) for auditing services. The following time line was established for the process:

Mail Request for Proposals: Week of January 26, 2015
Deadline for Submission: Thursday, February 19, 2015
Interviews with Finalists: Week of February 23, 2015
Board of Education Approval: March 11, 2015.

RFPs were sent to a total of eighteen (18) vendors, and seven (7) vendors submitted proposals. Based on the vendor submissions, a committee made up of two Board Members and staff interviewed three (3) firms. Upon completion of the interviews, references were checked. Based on all facets of the process, Miller Cooper & Co. is being recommended as the district auditor. The RFP called for a three-year agreement to begin with the Fiscal Year (FY)15 audit. The total cost over the three-year period will be \$130,500. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Miller Cooper & Co. as the district auditor at a cost of \$130,500 over the next three years.

MOTION

Member Mathieson moved, Member Gambaiani seconded to approve Miller Cooper & Co. as the district auditor. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless

The district has been in discussions with representatives of Verizon Wireless regarding a cell tower on the campus of Wheaton Warrenville South. The tower would replace the current 87' northwest light pole at Grange Field with a 105' pole. Verizon would be responsible for the removal and installation of the new light pole. The existing lighting would then be relocated to the newly installed pole with the cell antennas above. If approved, Verizon would then have to obtain approval from the Wheaton City Council. The agreement was reviewed by district counsel and provides for an initial annual lease of \$30,000 to the district. The district would retain ownership of the light pole with the possibility of renting space to other carriers as long as it does not interfere with the Verizon antenna. Pending Board and City Council approval, a permit would have to be filed with the Regional Office of Education (ROE) for the work to begin. It is recommended that the Board approve the Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless as presented.

Mr. Farley shared information in a PowerPoint about the proposed cell tower. The Board discussed the proposal including the following topics:

- Are there ways to get out of the contract if need be?
- Should more input be gathered from the community?
- Could the proposal be posted for 30 days like the district does with policies, textbooks and curriculum?
- What information has been gathered from community groups?
- The American Cancer Society stand on cell towers as they relate to cancer
- Dr. Schuler heard input from PTA Council, TigerPaws, Wheaton Lions Club over the last week (all supported this proposal)
- An email was sent to WWSHS staff seeking input
- Would postponing the vote change any Board members vote?

MOTION

Member Mathieson moved, Member Vroman seconded to approve the Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

WRITTEN REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports

FOIA Report

These reports were provided for information only.

There was discussion about the late categorical payments and the impact that will have on the fund balance.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Committee Reports

The Facility Committee met and is working on Focus Area 1 of the Facility Master Plan and is on track for the project. The RFQ was sent out and there was a good turnout at the pre-bid meeting with vendors. Interviews with the bidding companies will be scheduled.

Other Reports From Board Members

None.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Technology Update

District Dashboard

Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Professional Development Report

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

March 25, 2015, 7:30 PM, Committee of the Whole, SSC

April 8, 2015, 7:30 PM, Hubble Middle School

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Speaker	Chris Crabtree
Topic	New Special Needs PTA

CLOSED SESSION

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There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Paulsen moved, Member Mathieson seconded to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Items, 5ILCS120/2(c)(1). Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 9:37 PM.

Brad Paulsen, Secretary

Barbara Intihar, President