

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
March 25, 2015

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 President Barbara Intihar, on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 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: Dr. Jeff Schuler
 Mrs. Faith Dahlquist
 Mr. Bill Farley
 Mrs. Erica Loiacono
 Mr. Rodney Mack
 Dr. Joanne Panopoulos
 Dr. Robert Rammer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Swanson led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION

Member Vroman moved, Member Swanson seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn to workshop setting. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Technology

Rod Mack provided a technology update. One of the Board goals is to update technology and create a master plan. The report included the following topics:

- Technology Focus Previous Years
- State of Planning in Technology
- Master Technology Plan Focus Areas
- Infrastructure and Wireless Access
- Infrastructure and Access
- Student Access to Devices
- Current Student to Device Ratio

- Options to Reduce Ratio
- Classroom Infrastructure
- Operational Technology Systems
- Reliability and Stability
- Priorities
- Financial Considerations/Impact
- Funds Available vs Plan

Discussion included the following:

- How to handle PTA purchases so as not to create wide differences in student to device ratios – no need because the discrepancies can be handled with internal allocations to provide equality
- Ability for students to be able to use multiple types of devices and still access same projects/documents
- Which parts of the technology plan should be part of the facilities plan
- Budget planning in light of constant and quick changes in technology and equipment
- How the decision is made regarding who gets what devices and what subjects are priorities
- District 200’s approach of “how should teaching look and what should the environment look like” versus “what do we need to do a one to one approach for everyone”
- Request to see student to device ratio broken down by grade level since needs at kindergarten and needs in some high school classes would be different
- Technology is a tool for educating and want to make sure we are investing in what is necessary – not over investing because it is trendy right now
- Maybe consider looking at a program to device ratio goal instead of a student to device ratio
- This ratio is really just a way to gage if the district is reaching its goal. By watching the progress being made, hopefully it will make it easier to see when the district has reached the right ratio for this district
- Technology is an aide to instruction
- Questions about Synergy in reference to issues in previous years – things seem to be going very well and the issues have been handled
- Changes from the report given last year include a more targeted and global approach and instructional tech is driving the plan now
- Coming changes to the personnel/finance software

A copy of the Master Technology Plan was provided.

Business Services

Alternative Revenue Resources

Mr. Farley reported on the following:

- Exploring Alternative Revenue Resources
- Community Engagement
- Currently in Place
- Strategies
 - Educational Foundations
 - Conduit with Community and School Districts
 - Academic & Extracurricular Fees
 - Sales

- Corporate Programs
- Rental of Facilities
- Investments & Grants
- Next Steps

Discussion included:

- Will fees be raised in the future
- Do other districts have a development director – most likely they have grant writers or lobbyists
- Do we have access to alumni groups
- What about endowments from estates
- Which ideas should happen through the foundation and which should happen through the district
- Look at policies that the district has to make sure doors aren't opened to things we don't want going on
- Looking for partnerships is different than fundraising

Dr. Schuler stated that staff will look deeper into what other districts are doing and come back with further information. Staff will also look at current policies relative to naming rights and fundraising events and report back on the findings.

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 Paulsen 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 9:39 PM.

Brad Paulsen, Secretary

Barbara Intihar, President