

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING  
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200  
March 18, 2013**

A Special Meeting/Public Hearing 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 Swanson, on Wednesday, March 18, 2013, at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

Also in Attendance:  Dr. Brian Harris  
                              Mrs. Faith Dahlquist  
                              Mr. Bill Farley  
                              Mr. Rodney Mack  
                              Mrs. Joanne Panopoulos  
                              Dr. Robert Rammer  
  
                              Mr. Brian Crowley, Attorney  
                              Ms. Amy Dickerson, Attorney  
                              Ms. Deborah Janicek, Court Reporter

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Dr. Harris led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**MOTION**

Member Vroman moved, Member Knicker seconded to open the public hearing regarding the Illinois Virtual Charter School at Fox Valley Proposal. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**PRESENTATION BY APPLICANT**

Mr. Seth McKenzie from Illinois Virtual Learning Solutions, and Mr. Eric Kohn from Virtual Learning Schools (VLS) were sworn in by the court reporter. Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Kohn shared information about the proposal for a K-12 virtual charter school within the community.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Swanson stated that the Board appreciates all questions and comments, the Board will not respond at this meeting. Speakers were asked to confine their comments to five minutes or less.

All speakers were sworn in by the court reporter.

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| Speaker | Patricia Hersmann   |
| Topic   | K-12 Charter Initiative   |
|         | Claims to be not-for-profit but they contract with a for-profit company |

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| Speaker | Bryce Cann   |
| Topic   | K-12 Charter Proposal  |
|         | Makes no sense to approve this proposal, not best interest of students |

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| Speaker | Diane Niesman, League of Women Voters        |
| Topic   | Virtual Charter                              |
|         | Read a letter of no support for the proposal |

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| Speaker | Kyle Nenninger  |
| Topic   | Charter   |
|         | Requested full disclosure of legal accusations against this company |

## **REVIEW OF PROPOSAL AND QUESTIONS BY SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Harris reported that staff has reviewed the full proposal and has developed many questions to present. The questions have been divided into three categories; general operations, curriculum and instruction, and financial.

Dr. Rammer asked questions under the general operations category.

Mrs. Dahlquist and Mrs. Panopoulos asked questions under the curriculum and instruction category.

Mr. Bill Farley asked questions under the financial category.

Mr. McKinzie and Mr. Kohn responded to a few of the questions but were unable to answer the majority of the proposed questions. Dr. Harris stated that a copy of the extensive questions asked by staff will be sent to Mr. McKinzie and Mr. Kohn. Dr. Harris stated that the district and Board will accept answers up to noon on Friday, March 20 so that the Board can review them prior to taking formal action on the proposal.

## **QUESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board members asked many questions and expressed disappointment that the representatives could not adequately respond to the questions from staff and the Board.

Dr. Harris stated that the Board will convene to Closed Session to deliberate on this proposal. No action will be taken tonight. Action is anticipated at the April 10, 2013 Board meeting.

**MOTION**

There being no further presentation or discussion to come before the Board in this Public Hearing, Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to close the Public Hearing. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Vroman moved, Member Intihar seconded to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing evidence or testimony presented in open hearing to a quasi-adjudicative body provided that the body prepares and makes available for public inspection, a written decision setting for the determinative reasoning and litigation, when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent. 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 9:15 PM.

**MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker 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 in open session at 9:47 PM

Dr. Harris instructed the Board to send him copies of questions they had asked during the hearing.

**MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Johnson moved, Member Intihar seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 PM.

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**Ken Knicker, Secretary**

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**Rosemary Swanson, President**