

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
March 9, 2011

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 Madison Elementary School, 1620 Mayo Avenue, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andrew Johnson, on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Andy Johnson
 Rosemary Swanson
 John Bomher
 Joann Coghill
 Barbara Intihar
 Ken Knicker
 Marie Slater

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Tim Callahan led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Mr. Tim Callahan, Principal of Madison, welcomed the Board, staff and community to the school. Mr. Callahan highlighted the staff and the things that make them such a great team to work with. Reading Teacher Kelly Giacolo presented information about the Daily 5 program that is used at Madison to promote reading and writing.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Mrs. Knicker reported that staff members Cindy Vegter and Gina Cristofaro-Watkins received the Employment Leadership Award from the Division of Rehabilitation Services, State of Illinois for their work with employing students from the Transition Program. Mrs. Elsie Dieden, District 200 Vocational Coordinator, was honored for her dedicated service to this program.

The following students were recognized by the Board of Education:

Shreya Patel, Junior at WNHS
1st Place, IHSA Speech Tournament Radio Speaking

George Doran, Senior at WWSHS
2nd Place, IHSA Diving

Sparty Chino, Senior at WWSHS
1st Place, IHSA Wrestling
*1st ever Wrestling Champ at South

Mark Savenok, Senior at WWSHS
2nd Place, IHSA Wrestling

Joe Hall, Senior at WWSHS
4th place, IHSA Wrestling

WWSHS Tiger Speech Team
3rd Place, State Speech Tournament

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

President Johnson 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	Topics for Future Discussion – 2011-12 Budget

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Harris reported the following:

- CUSD 200 was awarded the School Search 2011 Bright Red Apple Award for educational excellence. CUSD 200 was one of only 73 districts (out of 837) in the State of Illinois to receive this award. The award is based on five key factors: Academic Performance, Pupil/Teacher Ratio, Expenditure per Pupil, Educational Level of Teachers, and Average Teacher Salary. CUSD 200 scored STRONG in all five categories.
- Dr. Harris brought attention to the P-20 Council Report in each Board Member’s green folder. State law (P.A. 95-626) established the Illinois P-20 Council to guide education policy and integrate education at every level. The P-20 Council is designed to provide a framework for organizations and individuals representing pre-kindergarten through grade 20 (graduate and professional school) who are interested, to participate in discussions, align data and measurements, and make timely recommendations for developing a seamless and sustainable statewide system of quality education and support from birth through adulthood that maximizes students’ educational attainment, opportunities for success in the workforce, and contributions to their local communities. Dr. Harris pointed out that the report mentions specific achievement targets of which CUSD 200 has for the

most part incorporated into our curriculum. Also, the report aligns with our strategic direction and keys to college and career readiness.

- Dr. Harris spoke about both the 2010/11 and 2011/12 Budgets. Dr. Harris explained that he is requesting that the Board approve a Resolution to Issue Tax Anticipation Warrants this spring so that the District can make payroll. Dr. Harris explained that because of severely delayed state categorical payments, the District will face a cash flow problem. Dr. Harris assured the Board that the district will only issue a tax anticipation warrant at the very last minute should it be needed. To date, the District has received only \$48,000 in categorical funding for the current school year and the State of Illinois owes CUSD 200 approximately \$8 million.
- Dr. Harris asked the Board to review the personnel report that details some administrative re-structuring. CUSD 200 is facing a \$1 million budget shortfall for the 2011/12 school year. Dr. Harris said that 30% of that shortfall will come from a restructuring that would eliminate one assistant superintendent position due to a retirement. Also there will be restructuring of administrators at the high school level that will eliminate one Assistant Principal.
- Dr. Harris told the Board that as of this meeting, CUSD 200 has received requests for 16 bid packages for the sale of the Hubble/Central property.
- Dr. Harris mentioned that both high school show choirs performed exceptionally well at competitions over the past weekend and the Board will recognize them at a future meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Purchase of Replacement Backup Server – Recommend approval of the purchase of the backup server with funds from the insurance claim.
2. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
3. Approval of Minutes – Feb. 9, 2011 Open and Closed, Feb. 16, 2011 Special Meeting Open and Closed, Feb. 23, 2011 COW, and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to October 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.
4. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Knicker 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 ITEM

Approval of Resolution to Issue Tax anticipation Warrants

The delayed State categorical payments are again causing a cash flow problem for the District. Currently, in the Education Fund, the district has only received \$48,000 in categorical funding with an anticipated receipt of \$8 million. The remainder of this request is due to low fund balances and unknown timing of Federal grant funds. In order to meet payroll and accounts payable needs during April and May, the District will have to issue Tax Anticipation Warrants. These warrants will be issued in anticipation of the June receipt of the Education Fund taxes levied for the year 2010. It is recommended that the district issue warrants in the amount of \$12,000,000 to be repaid by June 16, 2011. Chapman and Cutler has prepared the resolution authorizing the issuance and certifying the resolution and the meeting minutes. We have

contacted our local banks which are approved depositories to secure a competitive rate of interest. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of Tax Anticipation Warrants in the amount of \$12,000,000 in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for the year 2010 for educational purposes.

Mr. Farley reported that the current interest rate is .9%. Also, the money will be held in savings until it is needed and that will produce interest income. A Board member asked if the state is required to pay interest on the late payments and what will happen to the district if the money never comes from the government. Dr. Harris stated that most of the money for District 200 comes from local property taxes through the county and that is to the district's benefit. Staff is working now to look for efficiencies in categorical areas to reduce the reliance on state money and alleviate the need for short term borrowing every year to meet payroll and billing.

Member Intihar read the Resolution authorizing the issuance of Tax Anticipation Warrants in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for the year 2010, by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 200, DuPage County, Illinois, for educational purposes.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of Tax Anticipation Warrants in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for the year 2010, by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 200, DuPage County, Illinois, for educational purposes in the amount of \$12,000,000 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Adoption of Resolutions for Reduction in Force, Dismissal, and Termination of Certified Staff
As required by the Illinois School Code, certified staff shall receive written notice 45 days prior to the end of the school year from the employing Board that he or she will not be re-employed for the following year. Depending on the circumstances, these individuals may be eligible for recall. Please refer to the attached resolutions which authorize notice of dismissal to part-time teachers, part-year full-time teachers, first-year teachers, second-year teachers, third-year teacher(s), and fourth-year teacher(s), indicating that they will not be employed for the 2011-2012 school year.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the resolutions to end the contractual services of the identified part-time teachers, part-year full-time teachers, first-year teachers, second-year teachers, third-year teacher(s), and fourth-year teacher(s), effective June 14, 2011 as presented.

President Johnson read the resolution authorizing notice of honorable dismissal to non-tenured teachers other than final-year probationary teachers.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to adopt the resolution authorizing notice of honorable dismissal to non-tenured teachers other than final year probationary teachers as presented. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. The motion carried 7-0.

President Johnson read the resolution authorizing notice of honorable dismissal to non-tenured final year probationary teachers.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the resolution authorizing notice of honorable dismissal to non-tenured final year probationary teachers as presented. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

President Johnson read the resolution authorizing third year non-tenured teacher non-renewal.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the resolution authorizing third year non-tenured teacher non-renewal as presented. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

President Johnson read the resolution authorizing fourth year, non-tenured teacher non-renewal.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Swanson seconded to approve the resolution authorizing fourth year, non-tenured teacher non-renewal. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ORAL REPORT

Special Education Update

Mrs. Knicker stated that it is an exciting night to talk about the academy program at the two high schools. This program has been in existence for 13 years. The challenges are the same for the students, but the times have changed and that has driven changes to the original program. Mrs. Knicker introduced Mrs. Sue Waters, Director of Special Education Secondary. Mrs. Waters gave a presentation outlining the program and indicating how many students have participated in the program this year. Three students currently in the academy program spoke about their experiences in the program and the difference it has made for them.

WRITTEN REPORTS

FOIA Report

This report was provided for information only.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

President Johnson stated that on March 22 from 3:00 – 5:00, there will be a reception to honor Board Member Marie Slater for her 26 years of service on the Board of Education.

President Johnson stated that the March 23, 2011 Committee of the Whole is canceled.

President Johnson stated that Mary Lou Sender will canvas the Board to determine if members are available to attend a special meeting on May 2, 2011 at 6:00 PM to seat the board candidates and reorganize the Board.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Seating of Board Candidates and Reorganization of the Board

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting – February 23, 2011 – THIS MEETING IS CANCELED
Chance to Chat – April 16, 2011, SSC

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

April 13, 2011 – Johnson Elementary School

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

President Johnson stated that the public comments are valuable and important to Board members. However, it is the Board's policy not to take action on any items until time has been taken to gather adequate information and objectively discuss available options. Lack of action on comments made at this meeting does not imply any lack of interest in what has been said.

Speaker	Don Shaner
Topic	Old Hubble

Speaker	Leigh Ann Roberts
Topic	WWSHS Choral Classic

Speaker	Tom Cherrington
Topic	Wheaton Central HS

ADJOURNMENT MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Knicker 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 9:10 PM.

No action is expected following the closed session.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President