

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200**  
**May 27, 2015**

The second regular meeting of the month of May 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 Jim Vroman, on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, at 7:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members:        Jim Vroman  
                              Brad Paulsen  
                              Joann Coghill  
                              Chris Crabtree  
                              Jim Gambaiani  
                              Barbara Intihar

Absent:                     Jim Mathieson

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Erica Loiacono led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items**

None.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Approval of Paving Bids and Permits

As part of the Capital Facilities Plan, the following schools were identified as needing paving replaced: Wheaton North High School, Jefferson Early Childhood Center, Lowell Elementary, Sandburg Elementary, Edison Middle School and Monroe Middle School. Bids were sent out for this work, and four (4) vendors replied to the bid. Bids were opened on May 13, 2015 at 1 pm at the SSC. The bid tabulation was attached to this report. The lowest responsible bidder is Champion Paving with a base bid of \$556,988. In addition to the base bid, seven alternates were included. It is recommended that the Board of Education award the base bid to Champion Paving in the amount of \$556,988 and accept two of the seven alternates. Alternate four removes and replaces the NE Parking Lot at Lowell Elementary in the amount \$31,843, alternate five removes and replaces the SE parking lot at Lowell Elementary in the amount of \$39,104. Alternates one, two, three, six and seven would not be accepted. The total cost for all six schools including base

bid and alternates is \$627,935. A recommendation letter from Legat Architects was attached to this report. In addition, the Permit Applications must be submitted to the ROE for approval. The work would begin after approval, and have a completion date of August 14, 2015. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the bid of Champion Paving in the amount of \$627,935 including alternates 4 and 5 and reject alternates 1,2,3,6 & 7 for Wheaton North High School, Jefferson Early Childhood Center, Lowell Elementary, Sandburg Elementary, Edison Middle School and Monroe Middle School.

## **MOTION**

Member Paulsen moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the bid of Champion Paving in the amount of \$627,935 including alternates 4 and 5 and reject alternates 1,2,3,6 & 7 for Wheaton North High School, Jefferson Early Childhood Center, Lowell Elementary, Sandburg Elementary, Edison Middle School and Monroe Middle School. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

### Social Emotional Learning Update

Dr. Schuler introduced Dr. Joanne Panopoulos.

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) has been affirmed through the Vision 2018 Plan as an area of strategic focus. SEL has been systematically implemented district-wide since the Fall of 2013.

Dr. Panopoulos introduced Mrs. Ruth Cross, Casel Coach through a grant from the ROE, and Mrs. Donna Kozica, Department Chair of the District 200 Social Workers.

Dr. Joanne Panopoulos shared information about the following:

- Vision 2018
- SEL Plan
- CUSD 200's Approach to SEL
- SEL Core Competencies
- Happy Students Learn Best
- Learning Environment Matters
- SEL Implementation
- Vision 2018 Summary
- Projected Costs

Discussion included:

- The use of attendance and disciplinary baseline information to determine progress on the work and a more systematic means to collect the same data at all schools
- Hospitalization of our students and the tracking of those numbers
- What can be done to work with students to avoid the need for hospitalization
- The impact of social media on SEL
- The creation of the Social & Digital Safety Committee
- Board member Intihar and parent representatives are on the committee
- The use of standards to measure how the district is doing
- Improvements will be made where the need is identified
- Will use targets that will show progress by building, for instance a % of drop in student referrals versus saying we will reduce student referrals by a finite number because each building has different situations

- Staff is being taught how to handle bullying and this will continue to be addressed as the district moves forward.
- The makeup of the SEL Committee includes representatives from all levels but not necessarily from every building
- Standards Mastery is part of Goal 32
- SEL benchmarks will be included on the District 200 Dashboard as the data becomes available
- A desire to see the types of student incidents tracked as well as the number of incidents, look at repeat behaviors
- The plan needs to be extended beyond 2017

### Community Engagement Update

Dr. Schuler introduced Mrs. Erica Loiacono, Director of Public Relations.

Through the Engage 200 process, our community encouraged the Board and District to continue targeted community engagement efforts. The Community Engagement Work Plan outlines the District & Board's efforts to maintain our Vision 2018 commitment to stay connected to our community to determine its priorities, foster partnerships and promote learning. The work plan was developed in partnership with the Engage 200 Team and the Board's Community Engagement Committee.

Mrs. Loiacono reported that staff is updating the Board on where the district is now and hoping to hear some priorities from the Board on next steps in the process.

Mrs. Erica Loiacono presented information about the Communication Plan and the following topics:

- Vision 2018
- 2014-15 Celebrations
- Why a Work Plan?
- Work Plan Highlights
- Board Discussion & Invitation

Dr. Schuler described his recommendation for a Community Advisory Committee. The district has many groups that have ongoing relationships with the district, but there is not one group of involved concerned people representing a wide group of people and thoughts. Dr. Schuler described some concepts to develop a community advisory committee for next year. The concept includes a balance between free flowing and a group that meets regularly. The Board would like Dr. Schuler to develop a charter for a Community Advisory Committee and tie it into the general communication plan.

Discussion included:

- Continue to meet with established groups in the community
- Find a way to send groups something they could view at one of their meetings that highlights an activity at one of our schools – senior citizens do not like to go out at night, especially in the winter weather
- Incorporate more social media, ask people to share more district information on their own social media pages
- Contact homeowner associations to help spread information about the district
- Citizen Advisory Committee would be a great way to get feedback on upcoming topics and ideas

- Committee members will have to receive education about the district
- Glad to see the implementation of the plan includes dates and timelines
- Committee makeup is very important and has to be a guided diverse group so all areas and voices can be included
- Community engagement will be part of the development of the Facility Master Plan
- Find a way to get the word out about signing up for the Friday Focus on Learning, maybe a general mailer to all residents
- Continue the focus on board member involvement in community groups and activities
- Consider using an engagement tool called mindmixer.com. This is an online forum for people to share their thoughts and ask questions about the district once they become a registered member of the program

Dr. Schuler stated that this plan is fluid and Board members are encouraged to give suggestions for things that are missing in the plan and things that should be considered. Dr. Schuler will bring a draft of the charter for the committee to the Board at the June meeting.

Mrs. Intihar commended the two high schools for the outstanding awards ceremonies and the graduations held last week.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Intihar moved, Member Paulsen seconded to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Collective Negotiating Matters, 5ILCS120/2(c)(2). 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 8:43 PM.

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**Chris Crabtree, Secretary**

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**Jim Vroman, President**