

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200**  
**May 11, 2011**

The first 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 Lowell Elementary School, 312 S. president Street, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Rosemary Swanson, on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at 7:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Denise DeSalvo led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL**

Prior to the start of the meeting, Lowell students, staff, parents and the superintendent performed a “Flash Mob” song and dance routine for the audience.

Mrs. DeSalvo, Principal of Lowell, welcomed the Board, staff and community to the school. Mrs. DeSalvo shared a PowerPoint that highlighted what has been going on at Lowell this school year.

**MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

The Board recognized employees that are celebrating 15 & 25 years of service to District 200.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items**

None

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Harris reported the following:

- Hubble Middle School held its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Eco Fair on April 27<sup>th</sup> and it was a success. Dr. Harris thanked several elected officials and Board Members for attending the event. He praised Dr. Beth Sullivan and her students and staff for a job well done.
- Reminded everyone about the upcoming Medal of Honor Dedication Ceremony at Monroe Middle School on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Harris shared information about the history and naming of the school.
- Reminded the Board of Education about the upcoming graduation for WNHS and WWSHS. Both schools will host their graduations at College of DuPage on June 4<sup>th</sup>. WWSHS graduation will be at 10 a.m. and WNHS graduation will be at 3 p.m.
- There will be a 2011-12 Budget Update at the June 8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Acceptance of Gifts to Franklin Middle School – Recommend the acceptance of the gifts as presented.
2. Acceptance of Gifts to WWSHS - Recommend the acceptance of the gifts as presented.
3. Approval to Post Revised Board Policy 4.140 Waiver of Student Fees for 30 Day Public Review and Comment – Recommend approval to post the policy for 30 day review and comment as presented.
4. Approval of Electric Contract – Recommend approval to issue an RFP for electric service and to authorize Bill Farley to execute a fixed agreement.
5. Approval of Aramark Contract Renewal – Recommend approval of the extension of the Aramark contract for the 2012-13 school year.
6. Approval of Athletic Trainer Services Bid – Recommend the approval of the athletic trainer bid with OAD as presented.
7. Approval of Lease Agreement Extension for Middle School Desktop Computers – Recommend approval of the lease agreement as presented.
8. Approval of Lease Agreement for Elementary Desktop Computers – Recommend approval of the lease agreement as presented.
9. Approval to Purchase Desktop Monitors for Elementary School Desktops – Recommend approval of the purchase of monitors as presented.
10. Approval to Purchase Laptops and Laptop Carts – Recommend approval to purchase laptops and laptop carts as presented.
11. Appointment of Treasurer and Approval of the Treasurer's Bond – Recommend the appointment of Maureen Zyburt as the Treasurer and the approval of the treasurer's bond as presented.
12. Approval of the Depositories of the District – Recommend the approval of the depositories as presented.
13. Approval of Treasurer's Bond Coverage – Recommend approval of the bond coverage as presented.
14. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll reports as presented.
15. Approval of Minutes – April 13, 2011 Open and Closed, April 18, 2011 Open and Closed, and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to December 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.
16. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

## **MOTION**

Member Knicker moved, Member Intihar 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.**

Member Knicker pointed out the number of gifts received by the district and thanked the PTA's, Booster Organizations, and community members for their generosity. Member Knicker also pointed out that there were several items approved tonight for the technology work of the district. These purchases will help move our technology program along in the right direction. Finally, Member Knicker thanked the Business Office staff for the numerous recent contract renewals that all represented a savings for the district.

## **ACTION ITEM**

### Approval of Bid for Lincoln Drive/parking Lot Replacement and ROE Permit Application

As part of the pavement renewal process, the entrance drive and parking lot at Lincoln Elementary School was identified for replacement. The replacement area has been maintained throughout the years, but has well exceeded the life expectancy. With any project of this scope, a permit must be issued by the Regional Office of Education (ROE).

To properly maintain the integrity of the entrance drive and parking lot for safety and repair, the surface needs to be replaced. As part of the preliminary investigation for the project, soil borings determined that the sub surface was in poor condition and would have to be addressed. Surface ponding and drainage issues needed to be addressed as well.

In addition to the base bid for this work, alternates number one and two were included to take a credit for eliminating liquidated damages as well as to replace the surface with concrete in lieu of asphalt. The district also included alternates for crack fill and seal coating at other locations in the district for budgetary purposes. We recommend rejecting these alternates.

Notification of the project was published in the Daily Herald. A total of seventeen (17) contractors picked up bid packages and seven (7) bids were received. The lowest qualified bidder was Abbey Paving with a base bid of \$249,720. Abbey also bid on the alternate for concrete which was an additional \$5,315. Based on this nominal difference we are recommending going with concrete.

Abbey has done prior work in the district and a scope review with the contractor was completed by Legat architects.

Based on the bid tabulation (attached) and review/recommendation by district architects, we would recommend the base bid of Abbey Paving in the amount of \$249,720, plus the alternate bid of \$5,315 for concrete be accepted. In addition, the Permit Application be submitted to the ROE for approval. The work would commence at the end of the school year and be completed no later than August 12th.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the base bid and alternate bid #2 in the amount of \$255,035 to Abbey Paving. We would also recommend rejection of alternates #1, and numbers 3-13. We would also recommend submission of the Permit Application to the ROE for this work.

## **MOTION**

Member Johnson moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the base bid and alternate bid #2 in the amount of \$255,035 to Abbey Paving, the rejection of alternates #1, and numbers 3-13 and the submission of the Permit Application to the ROE for this work. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

### High School Class Rank

Dr. Rammer presented information about the study of the high school class rank discussion that has been ongoing since December 2010. This report summarized the research done by the committee, data on District 200 students, parent, student and staff survey responses and a recommendation from staff to eliminate class rank at the high schools beginning with the incoming freshman class of 2015. Mr. Claypool, Ms. Bullo, Mr. Robert Longenbaugh, and Mr. Scott Lilly were present to respond to questions. The PowerPoint presentation, survey and survey results are available on the District 200 web site.

The Board discussed the information shared. Member Gambaiani shared that during the campaign, he posed a question on his web site regarding this topic. The responses from community members mirrors the data shared tonight from the survey. Members Knicker and Coghill expressed support for the elimination of class rank. Member Intihar expressed concerns about eliminating class rank and has read a study that class rank is a good indicator of success in college. Member Intihar does not support this change. Member Vroman expressed support and stated that he hopes community members continue to provide feedback to the Board of Education on this topic. Member Johnson supports this change and suggested that not eliminating class rank might cause more harm than keeping it. President Swanson stated that she has straddled this issue but the reports presented have made her more comfortable. Member Swanson and Member Intihar inquired about the possibility of giving the students the option of reporting class rank or not reporting it. Dr. Harris stated that this is not possible because on the applications and district profile you have to indicate if your district provides class rank. If a student says yes their district does use class rank but they do not choose to furnish it may raise a red flag for that student. Member Intihar asked if staff has considered changing the way the district calculates GPS. Dr. Rammer stated that this has been discussed but is a separate issue and will be addressed after the class rank issue has been decided. Board members were asked to submit any further questions to Dr. Harris prior to the next Board meeting. The Board will take action on this topic at the June 8, 2011 Board meeting.

Member Swanson asked if staff could consider offering I Level classes with the ability to complete extra work to get A Level credits. Dr. Harris stated that all of this will be looked at as the district continues to work on high school rigor and course selections.

## **WRITTEN REPORTS**

### FOIA Report

This report was provided for information only.

## **REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Member Johnson asked the status of the middle school study on electives. Dr. Harris reported that staff will be bringing a proposal to the Board at a later meeting for middle school programming, which will address this topic.

Member Vroman asked the status of the All Day Kindergarten program. Dr. Sorrick responded that the registration process is finished and this Friday staff will be reviewing the numbers. Dr. Sorrick will be submitting the data to Dr. Harris on Monday. Dr. Sorrick believes that all tuition students will be accommodated and that some programs will have to be held at alternative sites.

President Swanson reported that the IASB Resolutions for the Annual Conference next November need to be voted on at the June 8 Board meeting. The Board previously discussed the possibility of submitted resolutions, one to address late payments from the state bearing interest and one to address consolidation. Members Intihar and Vroman volunteered to develop wording for the resolutions and send it to the other Board members. Member Intihar will let Dr. Harris know if approval to submit the resolutions to the IASB should be placed on the June 8, 2011 Board meeting agenda.

### **TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

2011-12 Budget  
Facilities Update  
College & Career Readiness

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

May 25, 2011 – Committee of the Whole, SSC

### **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

June 8, 2011 – SSC

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Johnson 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), the Setting of a Price For Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the District 5ILCS 120/2(c)(6), and the Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the School Board 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5). 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 9:37 PM.

No action is expected following the closed session.

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**Ken Knicker, Secretary**

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**Rosemary Swanson, President**