

MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
May 2, 2011

A special 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 Andrew Johnson, on Wednesday, May 2, 2011, at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

Absent: John Bomher
 Marie Slater

New Board Members: Jim Gambaiani
 Jim Vroman

Also in Attendance: Dr. Brian Harris, Superintendent
 Dr. Lori Belha, Assistant Superintendent
 Mr. Bill Farley, Assistant Superintendent
 Mrs. Linda Knicker, Assistant Superintendent
 Mr. Rodney Mack, Executive Director
 Dr. Robert Rammer, Assistant Superintendent
 Dr. Margo Sorrick, Assistant Superintendent

OATH OF OFFICE

President Johnson led the newly elected Board members in the Oath of Office. Once Mrs. Swanson, Mr. Gambaiani, and Mr. Vroman took the Oath of Office, the Board began the business of the meeting.

ADJOURN SINE die

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker moved to adjourn the meeting Sine die. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY PRESIDENT

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Intihar seconded to appoint Joann Coghill as the President Pro Tem. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Member Johnson nominated Rosemary Swanson for President. Member Gambaiani nominated Jim Vroman for President. Temporary President Coghill called for a show of hands in support of Member Swanson and six Board Members indicated support. Temporary President Coghill called for a show of hands in support of Member Vroman and one member raised their hand. By decision of the majority, Member Swanson was named President of the Board of Education for a two year period.

Member Swanson accepted the position and assumed the duties of running the meeting.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Member Knicker nominated Barbara Intihar for Vice President. Member Coghill nominated Ken Knicker for Vice President. President Swanson called for a show of hands in support of Member Intihar and five Board Members indicated support. President Swanson called for a show of hands in support of Member Knicker and two Board Members indicated support. By decision of the majority, Member Intihar was named Vice President of the Board of Education for a two year period. Member Intihar accepted the position of Vice President.

NOMINATION OF SECRETARY

Member Coghill nominated Ken Knicker for Secretary. No additional nominations were received. President Swanson called for a show of hands in support of Member Knicker and all were in support. By decision of the majority, Member Knicker was named Secretary of the Board of Education for a two year period. Member Knicker accepted the position of Secretary.

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT/AFFIRMATION OF LEGAL COUNSEL, ARCHITECTS, AUDITORS

According to Policy 2.210, at the Board organizational meeting, the Board must reappoint, or affirm the continuing appointments of its Legal Counsel, Architects, and Auditors of record. District 200 is represented by the legal firm of Franczek & Radelet. Legat Architects serve as the district's architectural firm, and Virchow Krause and Company serve as the auditing firm. It is recommended that the Board affirm the appointment of Franczek & Radelet as the legal representatives, Legat Architects as the architectural firm, and Virchow Krause and Company as the auditor for District 200.

Member Gambaiani suggested that the vote on this item be postponed and that in the spirit of openness the District issue RFP's to see what other groups are interested in working for the Board. Member Knicker asked for clarification on the action requested; is it an appointment or just reaffirming? Dr. Harris stated that the policy says the Board is reaffirming. Staff will certainly do whatever the Board wishes, but his recommendation is to take due diligence and reaffirm these groups and then staff will begin the process of issuing RFP's, which is a lengthy process. Staff has already begun the process of going to RFP for the auditors as was announced at a previous Board meeting. Since there is ongoing life safety work with the architects and work with legal counsel it is wise to maintain coverage during the RFP process. Member Gambaiani asked that the motion be qualified to ask staff to pursue the RFP's. Dr. Harris requested that the RFP's be completed one at a time and not all at once. Member Johnson suggested that this topic be included in the upcoming goal setting discussions. President Swanson requested that information be sent to the Board explaining the process, costs and pros and cons of issuing RFP's.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Johnson seconded to affirm the appointment of Franczek & Radelet as the legal representatives, Legat Architects as the architectural firm, and Virchow Krause and Company as the auditor for District 200 and direct staff to pursue issuing RFP's for these services. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6 (Intihar, Johnson, Coghill, Knicker, Vroman, Swanson), NAY 0, ABSTAIN 1 (Gambaiani). **The motion carried 6-0-1.**

ACTION ITEM

Approval of Board of Education Meeting Calendar for 2011-12

The Open Meetings Act requires that prior to the beginning of each school year, the school board must set a schedule of the time and place of its regular meetings. The calendar for the 2011-12 school year must be approved per the Open Meetings Act and Board Policy. The meetings are typically held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and the Committee of the Whole meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month or as posted due to scheduling conflicts. It is recommended that the Board adopt the 2011-12 meeting schedule as presented.

Member Intihar stated that the Chat with the Board sessions are not included on this calendar, but the dates will be set after the Board goal setting session. Once the dates have been set they will be posted on the District web page.

MOTION

Member Johnson moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve Board of Education Meeting Calendar for the 2011-12 school year as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Selection and Appointment of the IASB Governing Board Representative

Every two years, each board in the Division is asked to designate one of its members as an IASB Governing Board Representative. The representative will serve for a two-year term. The representative will help alert all members to events and encourage participation. The representative will carry district concerns to the division meetings and then report division activity and actions back to the Board.

The Board discussed this appointment and it was decided to re-appoint Rosemary Swanson.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Coghill seconded to appoint Rosemary Swanson as the IASB Governing Board Representative. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Ken Knicker, Secretary

Rosemary Swanson, President