

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
November 14, 2012

The first regular meeting of the month of November of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at Hawthorne Elementary School, 334 E. Wakeman, Wheaton, IL, by Board Vice President Barbara Intihar, on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

Also in Attendance: Dr. Brian Harris
 Mrs. Faith Dahlquist
 Mr. Bill Farley
 Mrs. Stephanie Farrelly
 Mr. Rodney Mack
 Dr. Robert Rammer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. John Patterson led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Hawthorne Principal, Mr. John Patterson, welcomed the Board of Education, Administration and community to the School. Mr. Patterson stated that Hawthorne's motto is "The Little School with the Big Heart". Mr. Patterson reported on many of the parts of the heart at Hawthorne. The staff that were present and the PTA parents were recognized and thanked. Hawthorne has installed a free library system outside of the school for all to use and dedicated the Little Library to retiring LLC Teacher, Mrs. Schoon. Board members were given letters written by Hawthorne students on behalf of Illinois School Board Members Day.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Board recognized Keisha Clousing for taking 1st Place in state in Tennis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Harris reported the following:

- November 9 and 12, all schools across the district commemorated Veterans Day. SSC Administrators and Board members attended events at buildings. Johnson School honored Veterans, especially Mr. Cliff Johnson, the school namesake, who recently passed away. A bench and clock were dedicated at the school in his honor.
- November 15 is Illinois School Board Members' Day. Mayor Gresk has declared that day as "School Board Members Day" in the City of Wheaton, and the Governor's office sent out a proclamation regarding the day. Dr. Harris congratulated the Board members and thanked them for their service to District 200.
- In the folders at each Board member's place is a copy of the levy report. This is information for the action the Board will be asked to take at the December Board meeting.
- Dr. Harris wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of a Gift to Emerson Elementary School – Recommend acceptance of the gift to Emerson School as presented.
2. Acceptance of a Gift to Lowell Elementary School – Recommend acceptance of the gift to Lowell School as presented.
3. Approval of the Biennial Review of Bullying Policy – Recommend approval of the review of the policy as presented.
4. Approval to Post Math Curriculum – Recommend approval to post the curriculum for public review and comment as presented.
5. Approval of the 2013-14 District Calendar – Recommend approval of the calendar as presented.
6. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll reports as presented.
7. Approval of Minutes – October 9, 2012 Special Meeting, October 10, 2012 Open and Closed, October 12, 2012 Special Meeting, October 24, 2012 COW, and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to June 2011 as Allowable by Law - 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.
8. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Vroman 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.**

Member Vroman stated that the math curriculum that is being posted is part of the effort to implement common core curriculum. Mr. Vroman encouraged parents to look at the curriculum and give feedback. Much of the curriculum exceeds the common core curriculum.

ACTION ITEMS

Acceptance of the 2011-12 Audit Prepared by Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP
Annually, Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLC prepares an independent audit of the financial statements of CUSD 200. They also express an opinion based on the combined financial statements of the District.

Mr. Farley stated that the Finance Committee heard the full report at their committee meeting.

Jason Coyle from Baker Tilly Virchow Krause addressed the Board of Education to report the findings and opinions of the 2011-2012 Audit.

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the 2011-2012 Audit prepared by Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP as presented.

Dr. Harris stated that the pending legislative changes in Springfield will bring some kind of unknown change to the district. There will be more information available after January 1, but the district has to prepare so the district does not get into a deficit situation.

MOTION

Member Coghill moved, Member Knicker seconded to accept the 2011-12 audit as prepared by Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP and presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ORAL REPORT

Jefferson/Facilities Capital Development – Community Survey Report

Mr. John Gatta presented information on the following topics through a PowerPoint presentation:

Survey Response Totals and Breakdown by Community
Quality Ratings of CUSD 200
Open Ended Responses
Odds of Rating District Quality as Excellent
Priorities for the District 200 Capital Development Plan
Concept Selection Survey Questions
Stakeholder Concept Selection
Odds of Concept 2 Selection
Odds of Concept 2 Selection by Priorities
Odds of No Concept Selection
Odds of No Concept Selection by Source of Information
Odds of No Concept Selection by Priorities
Open Ended Responses
Sources of Information: Parents and Community Members
Summary of Findings

President Swanson stated that her observations from reviewing the survey report are:

- She is impressed that the community reaffirmed their interest in quality teachers
- Indicated that the district cannot over communicate about the district in general and in particular about Jefferson and how it relates to student needs
- Board meetings do not provide the best source of information for the community
- Was surprised at the lack of interest in green space and community use of spaces
- How do we handle some of the school specific items that came out in the survey

Member Knicker asked if, based on the experience of ECRA, this is a good response and typical as compared to other similar surveys. Dr. Gatta reported that this is a typical response and the company is very confident that there is good representation of the community.

Dr. Harris stated that there will be more opportunities for questions and answers before the January 9 Board meeting where the Board would have to take action in order to put a question on the April ballot. Board members were asked to submit additional questions to Dr. Harris and he will make a comprehensive list and send them to Dr. Gatta for responses.

It appears that the survey indicates the referendum should be for educational spaces only. When asked if the survey indicates whether the district should go for a referendum or not, Dr. Gatta replied that the Board needs to listen to what people value and then make a decision in conjunction with all of the other information the district has.

Dr. Harris reported that the Jefferson Core Team has been meeting to look at a plan to take the concept to a much smaller footprint with no administrative offices. The Finance Committee has been working to look at funding scenarios and that information will be shared with the Board. The Board will need to schedule some additional meetings to prepare to make an educated decision.

WRITTEN REPORTS

FOIA Report

This report was provided for information only.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Committee Reports

Facilities Committee

Member Knicker stated that the information shared at the Committee of the Whole covered all of the work discussed by the committee.

Member Vroman stated that the Jefferson Core Team met with the architects and was encouraged by the work they are doing to scale down and include input from the forums and the ECRA study.

Legal RFQ Committee

Next week the RFQ will go out to over 20 law firms. The committee did an excellent job developing the RFQ and a group of questions to ask the firms that are brought in for interviews.

Finance Committee

Member Gambaiani reported that the committee met to discuss three topics – capital funding options for Jefferson, the audit and the levy. Copies of the levy report were given to Board members in their green folders and the committee asks that Board members review them prior to the December Board meeting. The committee continues to look at various options for funding relative to the audit report. The levy and the referendum are forthcoming. The committee is exploring all options.

Learning & Teaching Committee

Member Intihar reported that the committee met on November 26 to look at ideas from the Report Card Committee.

Other Board Reports

Dr. Harris will poll the Board members to see what dates work for a special meeting on the Jefferson project.

Member Intihar reported that this coming weekend is the IASB State Conference in Chicago. Board members will hear a lot about topics that affect District 200 and learn what is happening in Illinois. Member Intihar also thanked the PTA Council for the breakfast held this morning. The NSBA conference is coming up in April and the Board budget contains funds for three members to attend. Any Board members wishing to attend should let Dr. Harris know.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Jefferson/Facilities Capital Development
2013 Levy

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

December 12, 2012 – Lowell Elementary School, 7:30 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

Vice President Intihar 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	Mike Swierk
Topic	Annuity Plans

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Vroman moved, Member Knicker seconded to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the Purchase or Lease of Real Property 5ILCS120/2(c)(5). Upon a roll call vote being the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 9:34 PM.

Ken Knicker, Secretary

Rosemary Swanson, President