

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

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 Edison Middle School, 1125 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Rosemary Swanson, on Wednesday, November 9, 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

Absent: Jim Vroman

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. David Kanne led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Mr. Kanne welcomed the Board, administrators and community to Edison School. Mr. Kanne presented information on what college and career readiness means at Edison. Cast members from the school musical Willie Wonka performed a song for the audience.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHEIVEMENTS

Dr. Harris and Mrs. Joanne Panopoulos recognized Mrs. Sue Theisen for being named 2011 Illinois School Nurse Administrator of the Year.

Dr. Harris introduced Rachel DeYoung from the College Board. Ms. DeYoung presented the district with the College Board AP Distinction Award. District 200 received the Advanced Placement District Award for Expanding Opportunity and Improving Performance for AP Students.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

President Swanson 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.

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| Speaker | Mary Ann Vitone |
| Topic | Minutes |

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| Speaker | Harold Lonks |
| Topic | IEP Software Renewal |

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Harris reported the following:

- The meeting was preceded by a reception in recognition of Illinois School Board Member Day being celebrated across the state on November 15
- Dr. Harris introduced WWSHS parent Mr. Paul Molino. Mr. Molino represents the Red Grange Athletic Complex Fund at WWSHS. This group is comprised of private citizens in the Wheaton and Warrenville communities that want to develop a long term strategic plan to enhance the fields and outdoor facilities at WWSHS. The group is not looking for money from the district. They intend to raise money through private sources and have partnered with the DuPage Community Foundation, who will administer the funds and handle the regulatory filings. The group will work with a professional fundraising organization. The plans are in the very early stages and will not move forward until there is a sense of agreement with the Board of Education. Board members asked questions about the impact of this on other fund raising done at the school and the concern for lack of equity at the two high schools if this initiative does not include WNHS as well. Board members will send their questions to Dr. Harris. Dr. Harris will schedule a meeting of the Capital Planning Committee, staff and Mr. Molino for further conversation. This will be brought back to the Board for discussion and possible action.
- Eleven District 200 teachers participated in the *Sharing the Past, Shaping the Future* professional development program which was funded by the Teach American History federal grant in a collaborative effort with Naper Settlement, North Central College and four other school districts. These teachers attended professional development activities to learn how to bring history from the Civil War to the Viet Nam Conflict alive and relevant in the classroom.
- The state legislature was in veto session today. There was some activity with regard to education, funding and pension reform.
- Friday is Veterans Day. All schools in District 200 are in session for this important day and will be capturing this teachable moment with special activities.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of a Gift to Franklin Middle School – Recommend approval of the gift to Franklin Middle School as presented.
2. Approval of Net IEP Renewal – Recommend the approval of the renewal as presented.

3. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll reports as presented.
4. Approval of Minutes – October 12, 2011 Open, October 14, 2011 Legislative Breakfast, and October 26, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting, and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to June 2010 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.
5. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Coghill seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ACTION ITEM

Acceptance of the 2010-2011 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. The Board is asked to accept the independent audit as presented by Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP.

Jason Coyle from Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP addressed the Board of Education to offer the findings and opinions on the 2010-2011 Audit. The report included the following:

- Management analysis with pie charts
- Financial statements
- Income statement for all funds
- Budget-to-actual schedules

Mr. Coyle stated that the district came in under budget by about \$1.1M in the Ed Fund. A second document was distributed that is required under the audit standards. This document is a communication between the auditor and the Board of Education. The report states that no day to day operational risks were found and the district is doing a good job of protecting the funds.

Dr. Harris commended Mr. Farley and his staff for a great job of estimating revenues and then holding the line on expenditures. This was not an easy task for staff across the district, but as a whole we found efficiencies during very tough times.

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the 2010-2011 audit of Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Intihar seconded to accept the 2010-11 audit of Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of 2011 Levy

The school code empowers the Board of Education to levy taxes to support the public school system. This is an annual process. If the tentative levy request exceeds 105% of the previous year's aggregate extension a public notice and hearing are needed before the official levy is

adopted. The Board of Education is limited to an increase no greater than the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from the previous year under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL or "tax cap").

Annually the Board of Education reviews a levy proposal prepared by the administration. This levy proposal was previously presented to the Board Finance Committee. The recommended levy, which provides for a 4.74% increase is listed below.

Although the proposed levy increase is 4.74%, it is anticipated that, as in previous years, the tax cap will significantly reduce the actual extension. The tax cap will limit tax growth by the consumer price index for 2010 of 1.5%, plus any new construction growth in the district. Given the slight increase in the rate of inflation as well as unpredictable new construction values, we recommend that the Board make every effort to access all funds available under the tax cap. Additionally, uncertain status of funding from the State of Illinois necessitates that the Board request access to the funding levels allowed under the cap.

FUND 2011 LEVY REQUEST

Education \$97,000,000
Special Ed \$600,000
Tort \$0
O & M \$13,000,000
Transportation \$3,500,000
IMRF \$2,250,000
Social Security \$2,250,000
Life Safety \$ 0
Working Cash \$0
TOTAL \$118,600,000

The proposed 2011 tax levy (excluding debt services) increase is less than the 105% (less than 5%) of the previous year (2010) aggregate extension, which was \$113,227,988.20. Therefore, the Board of Education is not required to hold a public hearing on the tax levy. The anticipated Debt Service (Bond & Interest) levy is \$16,317,000.

The following is a listing of recent tax levy proposals adopted by the Board of Education:

Levy Year Proposed % Increase

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| 2010 | 9.64 |
| 2009 | 4.95 |
| 2008 | 10.84 |
| 2007 | 9.43 |
| 2006 | 15.51 |
| 2005 | 10.71 |
| 2004 | 10.20 |
| 2003 | 9.08 |
| 2002 | 6.80 |
| 2001 | 8.69 |
| 2000 | 7.54 |

It is recommended that the resolution and certificates for the 2011 Tax Levy be adopted as presented, that the Certificate of Tax Levy be executed, and that all forms be filed with the County Clerk.

Member Gambaiani asked what the impact of the levy would be on tax payers. Mr. Farley responded that it is hard to gauge because it depends on what each house is worth.

Member Johnson requested that before the levy presentation is posted on the web site that a footnote be added to indicate that the expiration of the Cantera TIF is included in the one year increase.

MOTION

Member Johnson moved, Member Intihar seconded to adopt the resolution and certificates for the 2011 Tax Levy, that the Certificate of Tax Levy be executed, and that all forms be filed with the County Clerk. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5 (Johnson, Intihar, Coghill, Knicker, Swanson), NAY 1 (Gambaiani). **The motion carried 5-1.**

WRITTEN REPORTS

FOIA Report

This report was provided for information only.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee - Member Johnson reported that the Finance Committee met and discussed the levy presentation that was shared this evening. The committee saw a presentation from PMA on funding options and debt restructure options, and this information will be brought to the entire Board at a later meeting. There are several debt reduction scenarios for use of the Hubble sale money proceeds. Those options will be discussed further at the committee level and ultimately brought to the entire Board.

Educational Policy Committee – Member Intihar reported that the committee met and discussed the role of the committee and a “parking lot” proposal. Copies of both were provided to Board members. After the “parking proposal” is reviewed, the intention is to include it in the Principles of Operation as an addendum that will be subject to Board action after the first of the year. The purpose of the Role of the Committee document is to give structure to the committee. The committee also talked about the Acceptable Use Policy and revisions will be brought to the Board of Education through the typical process to post and ultimately approve any changes.

Other Board Reports

Member Johnson asked if the calendar discussion will take place at the next meeting and staff responded yes.

Member Knicker encouraged Board members and staff to attend the General Session on Saturday of the Joint Conference. The presentation will be a drama group performing on the topics of drugs and bullying. One of the people involved in the group is a graduate of WNHS.

Member Intihar stated that she attended the PTA Council meeting following the breakfast and found it very beneficial. It reminded her of the great sense of community between the parents and district.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

2012-13 School Calendar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

December 14, 2011 – Washington Elementary School

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

None

CLOSED SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Knicker moved, Member Intihar seconded to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Collective Negotiating Matters 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2), and The Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the District 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5). Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

No action is expected following the closed session.

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 9:35 PM.

Ken Knicker, Secretary

Rosemary Swanson, President