

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
October 23, 2013

The Committee of the Whole 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 Vice President Jim Vroman, on Wednesday, October 23, 2013, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Jim Vroman
 Brad Paulsen
 Joann Coghill
 Jim Gambaiani
 Jim Mathieson
 Rosemary Swanson

Absent: Barbara Intihar

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Panopoulos led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Harris stated that typically there is no Superintendent's Report at a Committee of the Whole. However, there are two topics that need to be shared with the Board tonight.
- The first one is an update on the WNHS gym renovation project. Mr. John Kirschbaum and Mr. Eric Pierce were in attendance to give a status report. It was reported that the old bleachers have been removed, the paint work in the floor is completed and the finishing of the floor should be done by next week. After the proper amount of time for drying and curing, the new bleachers will be installed. The project is on time and it is expected that the gym will be fully ready for the December 13 opening boys' basketball game.
- The second topic has to do with the state report card information. The state will be releasing this information publicly on October 31. Part of this report will include information from the 5 Essentials Survey that was given to staff, parents, and students in middle and high school. There will be a paper version of the report card and the online version. Staff has not seen the template yet to know exactly what it will look like. Staff also does not have the exact

information on the reports and data, but did not want to wait to tell you this is coming until all the information is in hand.

Mrs. Faith Dahlquist presented information on the following topics:

- *New Report Card Design*
- *Introduction to The 5 Essentials Survey*
- *Who Took the Survey?*
- *What Does the Survey Measure?*
- *Who Answered the Questions?*
- *What are the Limitations of the Data?*
- *What are the Unknowns?*
- *What We Do Know*

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Coghill seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn to workshop setting. Upon a roll call vote being taken the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

District Goal 4 – Community Engagement

Dr. Harris updated the Board on what has transpired since the last Board meeting. The committee worked on a guiding document that was sent to the Board prior to the meeting.

Discussion included:

- Rationale for community engagement:
 - Purpose
 - Why an outside facilitator
 - What value Unicom adds to the Board's community engagement initiative
 - Upon completion of the community engagement process by Unicom, what will the "deliverable" to the Board include?
- Members Vroman and Paulsen reported the following on the work they did as a result of the discussion at the last Board meeting:
 - Looked at some references and spoke with them
 - Researched what other kind of consultants are there that could do this type of work for the district
 - Shared comments heard from clients of Unicom from other school districts
- Draft of the charge from the Board was reviewed, worked to include direction on what the deliverables should look like

Comments and Concerns:

- Concerns about how to assure the data is reliable
- Concern about people thinking this is a referendum drive
- Concern that this will develop a wish list that isn't affordable
- Community mix is critical
- Desire for data not recommendations
- The difference between market research and engagement survey
- A belief that the community engagement should be the face of the Board
- Why not use the IASB template and do in-house (IASB program is not intended as a community engagement process but a means to get districts to think about conducting a community engagement process)

- Need to do whatever we do very well and do it right
- Staff cannot do this on top of everything they do every day to run the district
- Is it possible to do step 1 in-house and then consider a vendor for the rest

Board members were encouraged to get their additional questions to Dr. Harris or Members Vroman and Paulsen. This will be on the November Board meeting agenda for consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

None

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Swanson moved, Member Paulsen seconded to reinstate the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the Purchase of Lease of Real Property 5ILCS120/2(c)(5). Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

No action will be taken following the closed session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Brad Paulsen, Secretary

Barbara Intihar, President