

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
October 9, 2013

The first regular meeting of the month of October of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at Johnson Elementary School, 2S700 Continental Drive, Warrenville, IL, by Board President Barbara Intihar, on Wednesday, October 9, 2013, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

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. Derick Edwards led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Mr. Derick Edwards, Principal at Johnson Elementary School, welcomed the Board, administration and community to the School. Mr. Edwards spoke about how Johnson School is working towards the Board goal regarding 21st Century Learning. A PowerPoint was shown that demonstrated some of the ways technology is being used to meet the needs of the students and gave a true indication of how integrated technology is in the learning experience.

Mr. Edwards recognized the Johnson staff and thanked the PTA for providing the refreshments at the meeting.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Member Vroman requested that the Action Item to Approve the Contract Proposal with Unicom for a Community Engagement Process be moved from action to discussion based on the discussion and questions at the last Board meeting.

Member Gambaiani requested that the Action Item to Approve the Modifications to the Board Operating Principles be moved from action to discussion. Board members suggested that the

item remain as an action item so that after discussing and potentially addressing the concerns action can be taken. If necessary, the item can be tabled at the time of the item.

Member Mathieson requested that the Consent Agenda item to Approve the Resolution Designating Depositories be moved to Action Items. Mr. Mathieson will need to abstain from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest.

RECOGNITIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

The Board recognized Mrs. Chris Gilbertsen, who was named the School Nurse of the Year in the State of Illinois.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

None.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Harris reported the following:

The September 27 Inservice Day went very well. It was a busy day for staff with many activities on several topics going on across the district.

Attended the LUDA conference and engaged in topics regarding virtual charter schools, school funding, and state funding formulas. It is always good to have an opportunity to talk with colleagues and hear what is going on across the state and how districts are doing things.

The gym renovation project at WNHS started this week and is moving along very well.

Distributed a flier about an upcoming event at NIU that he will be participating in as a member of the presentation panel.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Gifts from Franklin PTA – It is recommended that the Board accept the gifts from Franklin PTA as presented.
2. Approval to Delete Board Policy 2.190 Mailing Lists for Receiving Board Materials – Recommend approval to delete Policy 2.190 as posted.
3. Approval to Post Proposed Policy 6.185 Remote Learning for Public Review and Comment – Recommend approval to post Policy 6.185 for public review and comment.
4. Approval of Inter-Governmental Agreement Regarding Illinois (Virtual Learning) Consortium – Recommend approval of the agreement as presented.
5. Approval to Post English/Language Arts Standards Gr K-8 – Recommend approval to post the standards for public review and comment.
6. Approval of Annual Application for Recognition – Recommend approval of the annual application as presented.
7. Approval of the Support Contract Renewal for CIMS with Weidenhammer Systems – Recommend approval of the contract renewal as presented.
8. Approval of Cisco SmartNet Renewal – Recommend approval of the renewal as presented.
9. Approval to Dispose of Surplus Assets – Recommend approval to dispose of surplus assets as presented.
10. Approval of Resolution Designating Depositories – Recommend approval of resolution designating depositories as presented. **THIS ITEM WAS MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS.**
11. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
12. Approval of Board Committee Minutes – Community Engagement Committee August 27, and September 12 – Recommend approval of the committee minutes as presented.

13. Approval of Minutes – September 11, 2013 Open and Closed, September 25, 2013 Open, and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to May 2012 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.
14. Approval of Personnel Report to Include Employment, Resignation, Retirement and Leave of Absence of Administrative, Certified, Classified and Non-Union Staff. Recommend the approval of the Personnel Report as presented.

MOTION

Member Vroman moved, Member Coghill seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented, minus the Approval of the Resolution Designating Depositories. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the Resolution Designating Depositories

Each year the administration presents to the Board of Education a recommendation to approve the financial institutions the District uses to hold funds. Last May, the Board of Education approved Community Bank, JP Morgan Chase Bank, MB Financial Bank, PMA Financial Network, Inc., Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund at Harris Bank, PFM Asset Management, LLC, Illinois Funds and Wheaton Bank and Trust.

Due to the change to Cigna as our healthcare provider for our dental plan, we are required to open an account with Citibank for claim processing and vendor payment. Currently, Citibank is not an approved depository. Therefore, we have updated the resolution, previously presented in May, with the inclusion of Citibank as an approved depository for the District and recommend its approval.

MOTION

Member Vroman moved, Member Paulsen seconded to approve the resolution designating depositories as presented. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6 (Vroman, Paulsen, Coghill, Gambaiani, Swanson, Intihar), Abstain 1 (Mathieson), NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-1-0.**

Approval of the Modifications to the Board Operating Principles

After the August 12, 2013 Board Workshop, it was suggested that the Operating Principles be updated. The attached document is a copy of the principles with the suggested changes. It is recommended that the Board approve the Modifications to the Board Operating Principles as presented.

Member Gambaiani requested clarification on item 3 of the agreements regarding board members having authority to act or speak on behalf of the board and the board president being the spokesperson for the board to the media. It was clarified that board members can always speak as an individual member, just not for the whole board.

MOTION

Member Vroman moved, Member Swanson seconded to approve the modifications to the Board Operating Principles as modified. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Contract Proposal with Unicom for a Community Engagement Process

The Community Engagement Committee met several times and heard proposals for conducting a community engagement process from two providers. At the September 25, 2013 Board meeting the recommended provider shared a presentation with the Board about the proposal. The following Board goal outlines the intent to conduct a community engagement survey:

District Goal 4: We will stay connected with the community to determine its priorities and to foster partnerships.

2013-2014 Board Goals:

- Enhance meeting communications to make the annual work of the Board more understandable to District stakeholders.
- Develop mechanisms for ongoing community engagement and stakeholder input, including students, to strengthen our community partnership.
- Explore external partnerships to develop alternate forms of support and to deepen stakeholder participation in our success.

The Superintendent's Milestone Goal is as follows:

Work with the Board to implement a community engagement process that will provide opportunities for the community to provide feedback and input to the board on educational, operational and facility issues.

The Committee believes the attached proposal from Unicom presents the best plan to reach these goals and guide the strategic plan of the district in the years to come. The proposal costs \$49,500 and is included in the 2013-14 Board of Education Budget. It is the recommendation of the Community Engagement Committee to approve this contract with Unicom as presented.

There was discussion about the proposal and engagement process in general. The areas of discussion included:

- Each Board member stated their purpose for considering a community engagement process
- Importance to hear from the community
- Importance of taking time to educate the community on what the district does and why
- Shaping the directions for the future
- Enhance the relationship with the community
- Encourage others to join in this journey with the Board to help define the direction of the district
- Does the study address the right people and how will be get the 75% without kids in the schools
- What if we don't get answers that will be helpful
- Sample report is too generic
- Too expensive
- Waiting for the "right time" is a waste of time, need to work from where we are and figure out how to make it better
- Can we do better for less
- This will be an ongoing process

- Need a process that will meet goals that will help us sustain the district
- Do in house to prioritize before going into a full blown project like Unicom
- Why put self-imposed timelines
- Would want to know the communities trade-offs for the things they want
- Make sure people know we can't do everything on their lists
- Hopefully will develop a core group of people that want to stay connected to the district, not just parents
- Need to find out what the community is willing to support and pay for
- Maybe find creative ways to raise the money to get where they want the district to be
- Jefferson forums were done in-house and staff did a great job but still didn't reach the right people and enough of them
- Need a program or system to reach a wide spectrum of people
- Don't want a preconceived result from the survey
- Want an engagement process where the Board might be surprised by the outcome because we reached different groups
- Impressed with what Unicom has done in several other districts
- The identified process showed a 6 month time frame for a final report, but this would not be end of it. Community engagement needs to continue on for a long time.
- If we don't start we can't do anything
- Need to make sure people understand what their taxes are paying for and the value of their home depends on the quality of the school district.
- This expense was included in the budget.

The committee will meet again. Committee members will contact other districts that used Unicom and find out what other alternatives they used or considered. The committee will do more homework and report back to the Board.

It was decided that the October 23 Committee of the Whole will be used for further discussion on this topic. The committee will come back that night with answers to the questions posed tonight.

WRITTEN REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports

FOIA Report

These reports were provided for information only.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee will be meeting to discuss the levy, review the audit with the auditors and discuss with staff some possible changes to the monthly financial report format.

Other Board Reports

The November meeting is the deadline for the Board to give direction to the delegate on how to vote at the assembly on behalf of the Board. A delegate will need to be appointed.

There are many opportunities at the Tri-Conference in November for Board member education and members were encouraged to look at the offerings on Friday and Saturday and plan which topics they want to hear more about.

Board members were reminded to register for the IASB DuPage Division dinner meeting on October 29.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Community Engagement
Instructional Technology
2013 Levy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 23, 2013 – Committee of the Whole, 7:30 PM, SSC

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

November 13, 2013 – 7:30 PM, WWSHS

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

President Intihar stated that the opportunity to speak to the Board is provided now for members of the public who have a question or comment on a non-agenda item. The Board appreciates hearing from stakeholders, and values the thoughts and questions presented. The Board strives to make the best decisions for the District, and public input in a variety of venues is very helpful.

As President, I bear the primary responsibility for protecting the civility and decorum of this meeting. In this regard, I request respect for the duties of the Board and the democratic process in your comments tonight:

- ⇒ Please use the microphone and announce your name and address before commenting
- ⇒ Please limit your comments to 3 minutes
- ⇒ Address your comments to the Board.
- ⇒ Your comments should be factual and courteous, and should not include statements that are personally disrespectful to members of the Board or staff.
- ⇒ Comments that are deemed personally condescending will not be permitted.

If you feel your matter needs to be discussed in more detail, please attend the Board’s “Chance to Chat” or present your comments to us in writing.

Speaker	Harold Lonks
Topic	Agenda

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Vroman moved, Member Paulsen seconded to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the Purchase or Lease of Real Property 5ILCS120/2(c)(5), and Litigation 5ILCS120/2(c)(11). No action is expected following the closed session. 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 9:42 PM.

Brad Paulsen, Secretary

Barbara Intihar, President