

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
September 16, 2016

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois was held at Wheaton Warrenville South High School, 1920 South Wiesbrook Road, Wheaton, IL on Friday, September 16, 2016. At the request of Board President Jim Vroman, the meeting was called to order by District 200 Superintendent Dr. Jeff Schuler at 7:35 AM. This meeting was held in conjunction with Naperville District 203 and Indian Prairie District 204. Local legislators were present at the meeting to discuss issues and legislation surrounding public education with other elected officials who represent the school district communities.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

District 200 Board Members: Joann Coghill
Chris Crabtree
Brad Paulsen
Jim Vroman

District 203 Board Members: Susan Crotty
Charles Cush
Terry Fielden
Kristin Fitzgerald
Jackie Romberg
Donna Wandke

District 204 Board Members: Maria Curry
Justin Karubas
Mike Raczak
Mark Rising
Benjamin White

Also in attendance were the following:

Superintendents: District 200 Superintendent Jeff Schuler
District 203 Superintendent Dan Bridges
District 204 Superintendent Karen Sullivan

Legislators: Senator Mike Connelly
Senator Linda Holmes
Representative Jeanne Ives
Representative Stephanie Kifowit (arrived at 8:08 AM)
Representative David Olsen
Representative Grant Wehrli

Others Present: Darlene Ruscitti, DuPage Regional Office of Education
Colin Dalough, Naperville Chamber, Government Affairs
Members of the Community and Staff of Districts 200, 203, 204
Dianna Hutchison, District 200 Clerk to the Board of Education

WELCOME – WWSHS STUDENT

Elsa Barron, a WWSHS senior, welcomed all to the school and described her involvement at the high school.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Jeff Schuler asked everyone to stand and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS, SUPERINTENDENTS AND LEGISLATIVE GUESTS

Superintendent Schuler welcomed all and introduced District 200 Board President Jim Vroman, who thanked everyone for coming and looked forward to the lively discussions that occur when the three organizations are present and share their views. Dr Schuler introduced Terry Fielden, District 203 Board President who thanked the legislators for their time and reinforced that the Districts' interest are for the students, who will guide and shape the future of our country. Superintendent Schuler introduced Mike Raczak, District 204 Board Vice President, who thanked District 200 and WWSHS for hosting and believes this event improves relationships with the other districts.

Dr. Schuler introduced his two colleagues, Superintendent Dan Bridges of Naperville District 203 and Superintendent Karen Sullivan of Indian Prairie District 204.

Superintendent Schuler asked all legislator partners to introduce themselves and the areas they represent.

DISCUSSION ITEM - LEGISLATIVE TOPICS/UPDATES

Dr. Schuler stated that the goal for the morning was to engage in legislative discussion on key issues which Districts 200, 203, and 204 have identified. He believes that together, the triad of these three districts makes one of the strongest educational centers in the State of Illinois, if not the Country.

The Superintendents introduced the three issues which their Boards of Education identified for discussion. They included:

- Illinois school funding reform commission update
 - The need for equity and adequacy to be addressed in evidence based model
 - Hold harmless agreement - discussed, but not defined
 - Money – where we will get dollars to fund new model

- Pension reform and the impact on each of the districts
 - Anticipated cost shift and what this may look like
 - Need to know it is coming and need the tools to know how to manage it

- The intricate puzzle that each of the issues form
 - Cannot deal with one of the issues in isolation
 - Compromise is necessary in order to move forward on the issues

The Legislative partners shared their thoughts and input on each of the issues. There was discussion on related topics including TRS pension system and reform, categoricals, mandates in Springfield, collective bargaining influence, managing districts at the local level, November election results, and lame duck.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Closing Remarks

Dr. Schuler mentioned that the folder given to each of the participants contained fast fact sheets on each of the three districts. They recognize that the partnership does not end after the breakfast. The legislative members were encouraged to reach out to the Districts' administration as they will do the same when information or questions arise that need to be addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

District 200 – It was moved by Brad Paulsen and seconded by Chris Crabtree that the Board of Education adjourn the Meeting.

District 203 – It was moved by Susan Crotty and seconded by Kristin Fitzgerald that the Board of Education adjourn the Meeting.

District 204 – It was moved by Mark Rising and seconded by Justin Karubas that the Board of Education adjourn the Meeting.

Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and the motions carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 AM.

Chris Crabtree, Secretary

Jim Vroman, President