

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARDS OF EDUCATION – COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200, NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 203 AND INDIAN PRAIRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 204, HELD AT LINCOLN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, 1320 SOUTH OLYMPUS DRIVE, NAPERVILLE, IL SEPTEMBER 24, 2014, AT 8:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 A.M.

2. Meeting Opening

2.01 Roll Call District 200 Board Members Present - Jim Vroman, Brad Paulsen, Joann Coghill, Rosemary Swanson

2.02 Roll Call District 203 Board Members Present - Terry Fielden, Mike Jaensch, Susan Crotty, Donna Wandke, Kristin Fitzgerald, Suzyn Price

2.03 Roll Call District 204 Board Members Present - Lori Price, Cathy Piehl, Justin Karubas, Michael Raczak, Mark Rising

3. Welcome

3.01 Lori Price, President, Indian Prairie School District 204 Board of Education

Thanked the state representatives and senators for participating in what should be an informative meeting with good discussion.

3.02 Terry Fielden, Vice President, Naperville Community Unit School District 203 Board of Education

Terry expressed appreciation to all for taking the time out of their busy schedules to participate in this very important discussion that impacts all districts. Additionally, hopefully this will set groundwork to have discussions such as this on a more regular basis. It will benefit all to keep in touch and connected.

3.03 Jim Vroman, Vice President, Community Unit School District 200 Board of Education

Jim echoed appreciation to all for taking the time to listen to our concerns and the challenges we face.

4. Introduction of Legislative Guests

Superintendent Bridges introduced:

Illinois State Representatives: Jeanne Ives, Ron Sandack, Darlene Senger, Stephanie Kifowit, Natalie Manley

Illinois State Senators: Mike Connelly, Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant, Linda Chapa-LaVia, Linda Holmes

Board of Education members from each district introduced themselves.

5. Discussion Items

5.01 District 203 Status Report – Superintendent Dan Bridges gave an overview of the District in terms of number of schools, number of students, demographics, per pupil operating cost, number of employees, communities served, area covered, households and SB16 impact.

5.02 District 204 Status Report – Superintendent Karen Sullivan, Superintendent gave an overview of the District in terms of number of schools, number of students, demographics, per pupil operating cost, number of employees, communities served, area covered, households and SB16 impact.

5.02 District 200 Status Report – Superintendent Jeff Schuler gave an overview of the District in terms of number of schools, number of students, demographics, per pupil operating cost, number of employees, communities served, area covered, households and SB16 impact.

5.03 Mutual Interests

Superintendent Bridges highlighted Common Core state standards.

Superintendent Sullivan highlighted PARCC assessments.

Superintendent Schuler highlighted Expanding Learning Opportunities (ELO) which involves the three districts working together to allow for this opportunity for their students.

5.04 State Legislation

Superintendent Bridges reviewed the impact that Senate Bill 16 impact would have on each District. The three Districts represented this morning would face the three largest reductions in state funding in DuPage County and in the top six statewide, if SB16 passes.

The State Representatives and State Senators expressed their thoughts regarding SB16 on school funding, as well as SB1 pertaining to pensions.

A school board member encouraged all to engage in conversation and listen to our constituencies. Additionally, it was stated to the State Representatives and Senators that this issue is about all children in the state of Illinois not just Districts 200, 203 and 204. We need to adequately fund education in this state.

6. Public Comment

Laura Swanson emphasized the importance of her children’s education. She encouraged all to contact their local legislators to express their views. She implored the state legislators to not lose sight of what is important. It is imperative to they find an equitable and responsible solution.

Warren Dixon, Naperville Township Assessor, expressed that one point left out of the discussion is the TIF situation in the City of Chicago. Most of downtown and a significant portion of the county have large TIF districts which impact the funding component. Please include as part of conversation going forward. It is never talked about and never understood.

Thom Higgins questioned what SB15 does in terms of taking over employee pension for Chicago public schools.

7. Adjournment

Superintendent Bridges thanked all for attending and participating in this very important discussion.

7.01 Motion to Adjourn

District 200 – Motion to adjourn made by Jim Vroman, seconded by Rosemary Swanson.

District 203 – Motion to adjourn made by Kristin Fitzgerald, seconded by Susan Crotty.

District 204 – Motion to adjourn made by Cathy Piehl, seconded by Michael Raczak.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Jim Vroman, Vice President,
Board of Education
Community Unit School District 200

Terry Fielden, Vice President, Board of Education
Naperville Community Unit School District 203

Lori Price, President, Board of Education
Indian Prairie School District 204

Maureen Dvorak, Secretary Pro Tem
Naperville Community Unit School District 203