

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
September 11, 2013

The first regular meeting of the month of September of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at Jefferson Early Childhood Center, 130 N Hazelton, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Barbara Intihar, on Wednesday, September 11, 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
 Rosemary Swanson

Absent: Jim Mathieson

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Stephanie Farrelly led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Intihar asked all in attendance to honor a moment of silence in memory of 9/11.

PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Coghill seconded to open the public hearing on the 2013-14 Budget. Upon a voice call vote, all were in favor and **the motion carried 6-0.**

No public comments were made.

PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION

Member Vroman moved, Member Gambaiani seconded to close the public hearing on the 2013-24 tentative budget. Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and the motion **carried 6-0.**

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Mrs. Stephanie Farrelly, Principal at Jefferson Early Childhood Center, welcomed the Board, administration and community to Jefferson School and recognized the Jefferson staff and the PTA. Mrs. Farrelly spoke about the “Keys to Success” and the ways Jefferson incorporates the keys on a daily basis.

A video was shown that gave a snapshot of using technology at Jefferson School.

RECOGNITIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

The Board recognized the Rotary Club of Wheaton for their contributions through the Backpacks for Kids program. Mrs. Erica Loiacono explained the program and how the backpacks were stuffed. Mrs. Donna Kozica, District 200 Social Worker, explained how the backpacks were used in the district. President Lori Belha and Immediate Past President Joe Cuttone spoke and expressed how proud the Rotary Club is to be able to help and support the school system.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

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The Board must protect the civility and decorum of this meeting. Please be respectful for the duties of the Board and the democratic process in your comments tonight:

- ⇒ Please use the microphone, state your name and address, and address your comments to the Board
- ⇒ Please limit your comments to 3 minutes.
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Speaker	Chris Crabtree
Topic	PTA Gifts

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Harris reported the following:

- It has been a very successful start to the school year. Dr. Harris presented a list of the Top 10 Fast Facts About District 200.
- Transportation issues are being addressed. District 200 has 477 bus routes and any time you change vendors it is challenging at the start. There have been many issues with the special education transportation, but Mr. Farley and Mrs. Panopoulos believe that as of tomorrow morning all issues will be resolved.

- In the Board green folders were two documents related to curriculum. One is an update on the virtual education program, and the other document is an explanation of the SES plan. Mrs. Faith Dahlquist reviewed and explained both topics.
- Today is Patriot Day, a day we all remember. It was a very challenging time in the schools. All flags across the district are being flown at half-staff today. This was a teachable moment across the district.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gifts from the PTA's and Booster Clubs – Recommend acceptance of the gifts as presented.
2. Acceptance of a Gift to Pleasant Hill School – Recommend acceptance of the gift as presented.
3. Acceptance of a Gift to Monroe Middle School – Recommend acceptance of the gift as presented.
4. Approval to Post the Deletion of Board Policy 2.190, Mailing lists for Receiving Board Materials – Recommend approval to post the deletion of the policy as presented.
5. Approval of Materials for High School Freshman and Sophomore English I Level – Recommend approval of the materials as presented and posted.
6. Approval of Copier Maintenance Agreement – Recommend approval of the copier maintenance agreement as presented.
7. Approval of Building Permit for Wheaton North High School Bleacher Project – Recommend approval of the application for a building permit as presented.
8. Approval of Annual Vendor Contracts Generating Revenue – Recommend approval of the vendor contracts as presented.
9. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
10. Approval of Minutes – August 14, 2013 Open and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to April 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.
11. 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 Paulsen 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.**

Member Swanson mentioned the gifts accepted tonight and thanked everyone for their generosity to the district.

ACTION ITEMS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEM

2013-14 Tentative Budget

Mr. Bill Farley provided an update and outlined some changes to the budget since the last presentation to the Board. The revenues were increased by \$525,000 because the CPPRT did not diminish as anticipated. These funds were added in and then expenditures were added to match the increase. Salaries were increased by \$150,000, professional development was increased by \$25,000, special education tuition was increased by \$150,000, and capital expenses for

technology were increased by \$200,000. Dr. Harris provided a document that showed how the goals are matched with the budget.

There was a discussion about the reliability of technology in the district. This will be improved with the addition of another tech and once the district is able to address the power reliability concerns whenever there is a power failure.

All Board members expressed that they are comfortable with the budget. Board members are glad that the district is able to add some things this year and still maintain a balanced budget.

Mr. Farley spoke about the upcoming levy. The district will need to levy the fullest amount so as to capture the new development dollars. The budget is based on the full amount available based on the CPI.

At the October 9 Board meeting the Board will be asked to adopt the Budget and sign the budget form. This year the budget will include a number on TRS revenue that is paid on behalf of the district, but does not go through the district finances.

WRITTEN REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports

FOIA Report

These reports were provided for information only.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Committee Reports

Members Paulsen and Vroman reported on the Community Engagement Committee. The committee will interview two vendors tomorrow and hopes to bring approval of a vendor to the October 9 Board meeting. Community meetings would begin in December and hope to report out to the Board by June, however, the intention is for this to be an ongoing process as needed.

Other Board Reports

Member Swanson reminded Board members that the IASB DuPage Division Dinner Meeting is October 29. Registration can be done online at www.iasb.com. Member Swanson reported that this is the 100th anniversary of IASB. IASB hopes to get a recorded greeting from each Board of Education to use at the November conference.

Member Paulsen reported that the architectural firm that he works for has been asked by the Wheaton Park District to submit a proposal for some of the field work at Monroe. This is the work associated with the Intergovernmental Agreement that the Board of Education recently signed with the Park District. If any Board members feel this might be a conflict of interest please let Brad know.

President Intihar stated that as the Board has been working on the community engagement process there was conversation about how Board members can be more connected with the schools, students and parents. It has been suggested that each Board member adopt a couple of schools and maybe join their PTA and attends activities at those schools. All agreed to this and President Intihar will work with Board members to make sure all schools are adopted.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Adoption of the 2013-14 Budget

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The WNHS/WWSHS cross town football game is this Friday night at WWSHS.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

September 25, 2013 – SSC, 7:30 PM

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.

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Speaker	Andy Johnson
Topic	Jefferson

Speaker	Susan Booton
Topic	Jefferson

Speaker	Tom Shaughnessey
Topic	Jefferson

Speaker	Harold Lonks
Topic	Budget

Speaker	Laura Stebbins
Topic	B-Team Sports

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 Collective Negotiating Matters 5ILCS120/2(c)(2). No action is expected following the closed session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 9:15 PM.

Brad Paulsen, Secretary

Barbara Intihar, President