

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200**  
**September 14, 2011**

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 WWSHS, 1920 S. Wiesbrook Road, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Rosemary Swanson, on Wednesday, September 14, 2011, at 7:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members:       Rosemary Swanson  
                              Barbara Intihar  
                              Ken Knicker  
                              Joann Coghill  
                              Jim Gambaiani  
                              Andy Johnson  
                              Jim Vroman

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. Claypool led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL**

Mr. Dave Claypool, Principal of WWSHS, welcomed the Board of Education, administration and community members to the school. Mr. Claypool reported on some recent academic and athletic achievements. Mr. Claypool then highlighted the WWSHS groups and students that represent the high level of community service within the WWSHS community. These students are the leadership of the Athletic Leadership Council, Key Club, Student Council and Relay for Life.

**MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items**

None

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Harris reported the following:

- The district is mailing out an annual report to all community members. The mailing highlights the accomplishments of the district during the 2010-11 school year. Director of Communication, Erica Foreman, reviewed the document with the Board. Dr. Harris and the Board commended Ms. Foreman for her hard work on this document.
- The district has been involved in major technology changes. Right now the district is in the middle of transition on two initiatives. The first one is the new email system and the second one is the network update to the infrastructure. Some buildings have been converted and the remainder are being brought online a few at a time over the next couple of weeks. By mid to late October the transition of the network will be complete for all staff. The Student Information System will be the next phase and that will be discussed later on the agenda tonight.
- Carol Stream has contacted the district about a TIF initiative they are proposing for property within the boundaries of District 200 at the corner of North Avenue and Schmale Road. Staff does not anticipate any immediate effect on revenue to the district. Mr. Farley is attending the meetings to represent the district. The district can take a stance, but will have no formal vote or say on the decision.
- The district has received no word on the Capital Development Board money at this time. Staff has been told that the state is waiting for the money to be bonded.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Surplus Assets – Recommend approval to declare the remaining contents of the former Hubble Middle School surplus and allow for the sale, donation or scrapping of said items as presented.
2. Approval of Change Order for Lincoln Elementary School – Recommend approval of the change order as presented.
3. Approval of AIMSWEB Software Renewal – Recommend approval of the software renewal as presented.
4. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll reports as presented.
5. Approval of Minutes – August 24, 2011 Open and Closed, and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to April 2010 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.
6. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

## **MOTION**

Member Johnson moved, Member Intihar seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Member Knicker asked if a date has been set for the sale of the surplus assets at the old Hubble site. Dr. Harris reported that staff is working to narrow down some dates and it will probably take place in late October. Dr. Harris will share the information with the Board and community in the next week or so. The sale will be cash and carry.

## **ACTION ITEM**

### Approval of the 2011-12 Budget

The Illinois School Code, ch. 105, ILCS 5/17-1, requires the Board of Education to adopt an annual budget within the first quarter of each fiscal year (by September 30). A 30-day public inspection period and a public hearing must precede the budget adoption. The 2011-12 budget has been available for public inspection since June 8, 2011 and a public hearing was held on July 13, 2011. The Budget includes the changes presented at the August 10th meeting and the updates to be presented at this meeting. The 2011-12 Budget is balanced. The budget form will be filed with the Illinois State Board of Education. It is the recommendation of the administration that the 2011-12 Budget be adopted as presented.

Mr. Farley reviewed some minor changes to the budget. These changes are some reorganization of funds and do not change the bottom line of the balanced budget. Some benefits costs were moved into the salary category; some levy funds were moved from the IMRF fund into the transportation fund; and levy reallocations were made in the IMRF/SS fund.

## **MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the 2011-12 Budget as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### Approval to Purchase Genesis Student Information System

The District currently uses the CIMS student information system. This system has been reliable for the district for many years, but the product is unable to complete tasks needed to track student information and data. An RFP was released for a new Student Information System to rectify the deficiencies. More than sixty district staff members and parents were on the committee that identified Genesis as the best product. The Genesis product empowers everyone with a role in the education process--teachers, principals, counselors, administrators, parents, and students themselves--to share and access the information they need to do their unique, essential part in helping each student reach their highest level of achievement. This solution combines many features we currently use across multiple databases and places them in one system that is accessible to all users. The total purchase price for the product this year is \$166,826.00. 2012-1013 school year--\$152,942.00, 2013-2014--\$133,062.00, 2014-2015--\$150,361.00, 2015-2016--\$137,580.00. These figures will be allocated in the Technology Budget each year.

It is recommended that the Board of Education Approve the Purchase of the Genesis Student Information System.

Dr. Harris stated that this recommendation has been discussed a few times and the Board has previously been given a report on the RFP process. This is a major transition in the district. The current CIMS system is very archaic and we need a better tool with better functionality that is user friendly for staff, parents, and students. The CIMS system is for staff only and does not include the opportunity for parents and students to access information. District 200 administrators Dave Claypool, Lorie Campos, Jason Stipp and Brian Turyna reported on how the new system will make their work more efficient and create better ways for staff, parents, and students to input and access information. All of the staff and parents that were part of the RFP and vendor interview teams believe that this Genesis system is exactly what is needed.

The Board discussed this purchase and staff responded to Board questions.

## **MOTION**

Member Knicker moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the purchase of the Genesis

Student Information System as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6 (Knicker, Intihar, Coghill, Johnson, Vroman, Swanson), NAY 1 (Gambaiani). **The motion carried 6-1.**

#### Approval of Special Committee Appointments

The Board of Education may create Special Board committees as deemed necessary. The Board President makes all Special Board committee appointments with the approval of the Board unless specifically stated otherwise. Special Board committees report directly to the Board. The Board of Education has assigned Board members to work with the Superintendent as the District moves forward on the 2011-12 Board goals. Below is the list of special committees and the Board member appointed to each committee:

Educational Policy & Parking Lot - Barbara Intihar and Ken Knicker  
Contract Negotiations - Ken Knicker and Jim Vroman  
Finance Policy & Fiscal Dashboard - Andy Johnson and Jim Gambaiani  
Capital Development Plan - Joann Coghill and Jim Vroman

It is recommended that the Board approve the special committee appointments as presented.

These committees are advisory in nature and cannot make any decisions on their own. The committee will bring reports back to the entire Board for any required action. The committee meetings will be held in open sessions with the exception of the negotiations committee.

#### **MOTION**

Member Johnson moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the special committee appointments as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

##### Recognition of Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Robert Miller

On October 6, 2010, Robert J. Miller, a 2002 graduate of Wheaton North High School, was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Obama. During the Veteran's Day assembly in 2010, Wheaton North High School recognized Sgt. Miller and commemorated this honor.

Subsequent to that assembly, there were discussions about exploring a way to memorialize Sgt. Miller's award, his sacrifice for his Country, and the characteristics that embody a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. Those discussions included naming a District 200 facility.

As indicated in District Policy, 4.155, the Board will carefully consider school community input in naming a facility. A committee was formed to examine options and forward a recommendation to the Board of Education. The committee included Ms. Jill Bullo, Principal, Wheaton North High School, Mr. Matt Biscan, Assistant Principal, Wheaton North High School, Mr. Dan Korntheuer, Wheaton North High School Social Studies Department Chair, Mr. Paul Herbert, Executive Director of the 1st Division Museum at Cantigny, Mr. Phil Cecil, parent and Wheaton North High School graduate, Mr. John Glotzbach, Executive Council, Congressional Medal of Honor Society, and Dr. Robert Rammer, Assistant Superintendent.

The Committee was unanimous in its objective to perpetuate the values and characteristics that are embodied in a Medal of Honor recipient, namely, Courage, Commitment, Sacrifice, Patriotism, Integrity, and Citizenship.

The Committee was also unanimous in its four-pronged recommendation:

1. Wheaton North High School is a Congressional Medal of Honor School and part of that distinction supports a curriculum that includes the tenants of the six Medal of Honor pillars. This content will be embedded and taught within the social studies courses at Wheaton North High School .
2. Robert Miller was honored by the planting of a tree and commemorative plaque in Wheaton North's Memorial Garden, where other fallen graduates who served and died in the Armed Services are remembered.
3. A perpetuating scholarship is being explored in Sgt. Miller's name for future Wheaton North graduates.
4. It is the recommendation of the Committee that the Commons at Wheaton North High School be named the Robert J. Miller Commons. This would include a plaque recognizing Sgt. Miller's award and bravery, circled by the 6 pillars that represent the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The area would be dedicated during the Veteran's Day events in November.

The Board strongly agreed with this recommendation and will take action at the October 12, 2011 Board meeting to approve this action.

## **WRITTEN REPORTS**

### FOIA Report

This report was provided for information only.

## **REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

- Member Knicker stated that he would like to see Marie Slater invited to the October 4 IASB DuPage Division dinner and meeting where the District 200 Board will receive a leadership award. President Swanson will verify with IASB that it is OK to invite former Board Member Marie Slater.
- President Swanson stated that the dates for the Chat with the Board sessions have been established and are as follows:
  - October 24, 2011 at 4:00 PM at WNHS
  - January 24, 2012 at 8:00 AM at WWSHS
  - April 25, 2012 at 7:30 PM at the SSC
- President Swanson stated that there is a copy of a letter from LEND in each Board member's green folder. This letter was a request for the Board to reconsider its membership in the organization. The Board will not join for this year but will consider it next year when they decided on which associations to join.

## **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

October 12, 2011 – Lincoln Elementary School

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items**

None

**ADJOURNMENT  
MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Issues 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1). 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 9:48 PM.

No action is expected following the closed session.

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**Ken Knicker, Secretary**

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**Rosemary Swanson, President**