

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200**  
**February 13, 2013**

The first regular meeting of the month of February of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at Pleasant Hill Elementary School, 1N220 Pleasant Hill Road, Winfield, IL, by Board President Rosemary Swanson, on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, 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**

Ms. Heidi Fitch led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL**

Pleasant Hill Principal, Mrs. Heidi Fitch, welcomed the Board of Education, Administration and community to the School. Pleasant Hill has this motto: "Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day" and uses this motto to develop their School Improvement Goals. One of the goals is focused on reading and strategies for improvement. Through their school/home partnership, the school sponsored *One School, One Book* reading program. The Book, The World According to Humphrey, was chosen for the project. Three hundred fourteen families participated with staff to read the book and discuss it. A video was shown of highlights of the event and things the students learned from the book.

**MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items**

President Swanson stated that while the Board appreciates all questions and comments, it may not be prepared to respond at this meeting. Speakers were asked to confine their comments to three minutes or less. To ensure dignified and respectful presentation of all sides of any issue, it

is asked that audience representatives refrain from applause or other expressions of support or opposition to comments being made.

Speaker	Harold Lonks
Topic	Facilities

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Harris reported the following:

- Six letters were received from the State Superintendent of Schools congratulating Emerson, Lincoln, Longfellow, Lowell, Whittier and Wiesbrook Schools for receiving Academic Excellence Awards and were therefore named to the 2012 Illinois Honor Roll.
- The district has received an award dedicated to governmental transparency as evaluated by the Sunshine Review. Using a 10 point transparency checklist, websites are graded "A+" to "F" measuring available content against a checklist of information that all government websites should provide citizens in keeping them better informed. District 200 earned an "A+" rating.
- The LUDA Winter Conference was held in Springfield. Dr. Harris, Mrs. Dahlquist, and Mr. Mack attended where they participated in discussions about budgets, pension issues, common core, state essential learning standards, and technology initiatives across the state. Dr. Harris spent a couple of hours in a session with State Superintendent Chris Koch. Dr. Koch pointed out that currently 67% of the school districts in Illinois are in deficit spending. District 200 is not one of them. There was discussion about the pending waiver for NCLB, and cut scores for ISAT tests
- Mr. Farley provided a written report to the Board members in their meeting folders that explained the financial profile indicators from the State that are used to determine the school district financial profile designation. Mr. Farley commended the Board for maintaining the financial integrity of the district resulting in such a high rating. Once the designation is confirmed and the State makes this information public, the district will send out a press release.
- The Civic Federation, that monitors tax rates, sent a report to communities. One comment in the recent report said that Wheaton experienced the lowest tax rate increase in the last 10 years. Wheaton stayed the lowest of all communities looked at.
- There will be three forums on the Jefferson project. All of the forums begin at 7:00 PM. The February 21 forum is at WNSH, the March 6 forum is at Jefferson Early Childhood Center, and the March 11 forum is at WWSHS.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Acceptance of a Gift to WWSHS – Recommend acceptance of the gift to WWSHS as presented.
2. Acceptance of a Gift to Lincoln School – Recommend acceptance of the gift to Lincoln School as presented.
3. Acceptance of a Gift to Lowell School – Recommend acceptance of the gift to Lowell School as presented.
4. Approval to Post Revisions to Policy 7.60 Resident Student, for Public Review and Comment – Recommend approval to post the policy as presented.
5. Approval of Math Textbooks K-5 – Recommend approval of the math textbooks as presented and posted.

6. Approval of the Contract with North Central College for the 2013 High School Graduation Ceremonies – Recommend approval of the contract with North Central College as presented.
7. Approval of Statement of Completion for Lowell Elementary School, Franklin Middle School and Wheaton North High School – Recommend approval of the statement of completion as presented.
8. Approval to Dispose of Surplus Assets – Recommend the approval to dispose of specified surplus assets as presented.
9. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll reports as presented.
10. Approval of Minutes – January 9, 2013 Open and Closed, January 23, 2013 Committee of the Whole, and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to September 2011 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 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.**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

None

### **ORAL REPORT**

Wellness Committee Update

Mrs. Joanne Panopoulos, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, gave a Wellness Committee update. The report covered the following topics:

- Wellness in District 200
  - Review of current wellness policy
  - Committee work in 2012-13
  - Plan for recommendations
- Historical Perspective
- 6.50 Instruction – School Wellness, Aug. 2006
  - School based nutrition education goals
  - School based physical activity goal
  - School based health and wellness activities
  - Cooperative efforts to promote community wellness
  - Nutrition guidelines for food sold or served on school property
  - Monitoring and evaluation
- Committee
  - Members
  - Meetings
- Vision
- Why the need for revision?
- Comparison of requirements
- What work has been done?

- Nutrition promotion baseline data
- 2012-13 student allergies & diabetes
- Wellness survey
- What will be the recommendation?

## **WRITTEN REPORTS**

### FOIA Report

### Illinois State Board of Education Financial Profile Report

These reports were provided for information only.

## **REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

### Legal RFQ Committee

Mr. Vroman and Mr. Knicker reported that the committee reviewed proposals from several law firms that responded to the RFQ. In the next two days the committee will be interviewing the firms that were chosen to advance to the next step. The committee intends to bring a recommendation to the entire committee in March.

### Facilities Committee

Mr. Knicker reported that the committee met to discuss the work of performance contracting that was done at Lowell, Franklin and WNHS. The committee is beginning to think about where the district should consider going from here. The committee reviewed the facility plan. Staff will be bringing information to the entire Board to make decisions about any potential next phases.

### Other Reports

Mrs. Intihar reported that she attended an intergovernmental meeting in Carol Stream. Carol Stream has students that attend 6 different school districts. Member Intihar stated that it made her appreciate that District 200 is a unit district and there is only one district for Wheaton and Warrenville.

President Swanson reported that she attended the DuPage Division Board of Directors' Meeting. They discussed professional training and heard from the head of TRS on how the conflict is developing.

March 5 is the DuPage Division Dinner and meeting. Board members and Board candidates were encouraged to attend.

## **TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

PLC Report

Facility Planning

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Committee of the Whole – February 27, 2013, SSC, 7:30 PM

## **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

March 13, 2013 – WNHS, 7:30 PM

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

President Swanson stated that while the Board appreciates all questions and comments, it may not be prepared to respond at this meeting. Speakers were asked to confine their comments to three minutes or less. To ensure dignified and respectful presentation of all sides of any issue, it

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Speaker	Bruce Anderson
Topic	WWSHS Classics & Choral Classic Event

Speaker	Susan Booton
Topic	Jefferson Referendum

**ADJOURNMENT  
MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Johnson moved, Member Intihar seconded to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Items 5ILCS120/2(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 9:03 PM.

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**Ken Knicker, Secretary**

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**Rosemary Swanson, President**