

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
OCTOBER 13, 2010

The first regular meeting of the month of October of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at Hawthorne Elementary School, 334 E. Wakeman, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andy Johnson, on Wednesday, October 13, 2010, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Andy Johnson
 Rosemary Swanson
 John Bomher
 Joann Coghill
 Barbara Intihar
 Ken Knicker
 Marie Slater

Also in Attendance: Dr. Brian Harris
 Dr. Lori Belha
 Mr. Bill Farley
 Mrs. Linda Knicker
 Mr. Rodney Mack
 Dr. Robert Rammer
 Dr. Margo Sorrick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Slater led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH HOST SCHOOL

Mr. John Patterson, Principal of Hawthorne Elementary School, welcomed the Board, staff and community to Hawthorne School. Mr. Patterson recognized the Hawthorne staff and PTA for everything they do at Hawthorne. Mr. Patterson showed a video about the school entitled "Hawthorne is Our Home".

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

President Johnson stated that the public comments are valuable and important to Board members. However, it is the Board's policy not to take action on any items until time has been taken to gather adequate information and objectively discuss available options. Lack of action on comments made at this meeting does not imply any lack of interest in what has been said.

Speaker	Mary Ann Vitone
Topic	Levy

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Harris reported the following:

- Welcomed Erica Foreman to the district. Part of the personnel report approves the hiring of Erica as the new Director of Public Relations. This position became available through attrition and fits in with the strategy to improve communication and become more of a web environment.
- Rodney Mack is in the process of developing a new look for the district web site. Mr. Mack provided a brief preview of the framework for the web site. Mr. Mack will be giving more details at a later date. This new framework will allow for two-way communication. Parents will be able to subscribe to the web site and get email notifications from the web site.
- Last week, WNHS graduate Robert Miller was honored with the Medal of Honor. WNHS will be honoring Mr. Miller during their Veterans Day activities. The Board and audience observed a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Miller.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Gifts from the Edison PTA – Recommend acceptance of the gifts as presented.
2. Approval of Revised Board Policy 7.20 prohibition Against Bullying, Hazing, Harassment, and Cyberbullying – Recommend approval of the policy as posted and presented.
3. Approval to Post Policy 7.285 Food Allergy Management Program – Approval to post the policy for 30 days for public review and comment.
4. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
5. Approval of Minutes – September 22, 2010 Open and Closed - Recommend that the minutes be approved as presented. 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 Intihar moved, Member Slater 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

Approval to Post the 2010 Levy

The school code empowers the Board of Education to levy taxes to support the public school system. This is an annual process. Not less than twenty (20) days before the adoption of its levy resolution, the School Board must estimate and announce the amount of money which will be necessary to be raised by taxation. If the tentative levy exceeds 105% of the previous year's aggregate extension, a public notice and hearing are needed before the official levy is adopted. Annually the Board of Education reviews a levy proposal prepared by the administration. The recommended tentative levy, which provides for a 9.64% increase is listed below. Although the proposed levy increase is 9.64%, it is anticipated that as in previous years, the tax cap will significantly reduce the actual extension. The tax cap will limit tax growth by the rate of inflation

(2.7%), plus any new construction growth in the district. Given the increase in the rate of inflation as well as unpredictable new construction values, we recommend that the Board make every effort to access all funds available under the tax cap. This year the Cantera TIF will come on the tax rolls and the district will see an increase in tax revenue. At this time, we do not know the value of the growth associated with the Cantera TIF.

FUND 2010 LEVY

Education	\$96,000,000
Special Ed	\$600,000
Tort	\$0
O & M	\$13,000,000
Transportation	\$3,500,000
IMRF	\$2,250,000
Social Security	\$2,250,000
Life Safety	\$ 0
Working Cash	\$0
TOTAL	\$117,600,000

The proposed 2010 tax levy (excluding debt services) increase is greater than the 105% (greater than 5%) of the previous year aggregate extension, which was \$107,255,518.11. Therefore, the Board of Education must hold a public hearing on the tax levy. The anticipated Debt Service (Bond & Interest) levy is \$15,524,200.

The levy adoption process would be as follows:

- The Board reviews and posts the tentative levy on October 13, 2010.
- A legal notice (attached to this report) regarding the levy is published between October 27, 2010 and November 3, 2010.
- The Board conducts a public hearing on the levy on November 10, 2010.
- The Board adopts the levy at the December 8, 2010 meeting.

The following is a listing of recent tax levy proposals adopted by the Board of Education:

Levy Year	Proposed % Increase
2009	4.95
2008	10.84
2007	9.43
2006	15.51
2005	10.71
2004	10.20
2003	9.08
2002	6.80
2001	8.69
2000	7.54

It is recommended that the Board of Education post the recommended tentative levy as outlined, and set the levy hearing date and time for November 10, 2010 at Hubble Middle School at 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Farley gave a presentation on the levy and the proposal.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the posting of the tentative levy, and set the levy hearing date and time for November 10, 2010 at Hubble Middle School. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Tentative Contract Agreement with the CEA

The District and the CEA (Classified Employees Association) reached a tentative agreement on a two year contract on September 17, 2010. The CEA ratified the agreement on October 7, 2010.

It is recommended that the Board approve the tentative contract agreement as presented and ratified by the CEA membership.

President Johnson summarized the press release regarding the ratification of the contract.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the contract agreement with the CEA for the 2011-11 and 2011-12 school years as presented and ratified by the CEA. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

WRITTEN REPORTS

FOIA

This report was provided for information only.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

NCLB/Testing/Assessments Updates

IASB Resolutions Assembly Delegate

Audit

Levy Adoption

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Harris announced that the first Committee of the Whole will be held on October 27, 2010 at the SSC. There will be no action taken at these sessions.

Member Knicker reported that the Board met with the local legislators on October 8. It was a very good session with three legislators present. The Board is going to continue meeting with them on a regular basis to help them understand what the impact is to District 200 of the state budget situation and funding of education.

Member Swanson reported that Board members attended a breakfast meeting at College of DuPage to look at opportunities for students to partner with COD for dual credit or advanced credit.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

October 27, 2010 - SSC

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

November 10, 2010 – Hubble Middle School

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

President Johnson stated that the public comments are valuable and important to Board members. However, it is the Board’s policy not to take action on any items until time has been taken to gather adequate information and objectively discuss available options. Lack of action on comments made at this meeting does not imply any lack of interest in what has been said.

Speaker	Patrick Carroll
Topic	Overcrowding

Speaker	Jill Glanz
Topic	ESL Zoning

Speaker	Pam Hutchinson
Topic	Board Awareness

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 Student Discipline 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9), and Personnel Items 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 8:39 PM.

Action is expected following the closed session.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Slater seconded to reconvene in Open Session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting was reconvened at 9:05 PM.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Intihar seconded to uphold the expulsion of Student E2010-11-04 for the remainder of the 2010-11 school year and the entire 2011-12 school year. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Swanson moved, Member Coghill seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President