

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
October 10, 2018

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 the Bower Elementary School, 4S241 River Rd., Warrenville, IL, by Board President Jim Vroman, on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Jim Vroman
 Brad Paulsen
 Chris Crabtree
 Ginna Ericksen
 Jim Gambaiani
 Rob Hanlon
 Jim Mathieson

Also in Attendance: Dr. Jeff Schuler, Superintendent
 Mrs. Faith Dahlquist
 Mr. Bill Farley
 Dr. Charlie Kyle
 Mrs. Erica Loiacono
 Mr. Rodney Mack
 Dr. Chris Silagi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Principal Mark Kohlmann led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Principal Mark Kohlmann welcomed the Board of Education and Senior Leadership Team to Bower. Mr. Kohlmann noted all those who contribute toward making Bower a successful school including teachers and staff, students, PTA, as well as the Board of Education and administrative team. A short video was shown highlighting the things that make Bower special.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2018 Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) School Board Governance Award
Dr. Schuler introduced the Board of Education who has been recognized by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) with the School Board Governance Award. This is the 4th consecutive time the District 200 School Board has been recognized by IASB with the Governance Award.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

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Speaker	Harold Lonks
Topic	Accounts Payable; Calendar Survey

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Schuler reported the following:

- A number of changes have been made to Bower as a result of the summer construction projects – including a secure entrance, flooring replacement, and the Library Learning Center (LLC) reconfiguration/ renovation.
- The State of The Schools video was shared with the Board. This video will be featured at a number of community groups and is available to be shared throughout the course of the year. The goal work plans which are on the agenda for approval by the Board are featured in the video.
- Three of the four scheduled Listening Town Halls have taken place. The last scheduled town hall will be on Saturday, October 13th at Wheaton Warrenville South High School.
- Friday, October 26th is Principal Appreciation Day.
- Dr. Kyle and members of the District Safety Committee are working on a reunification plan, which is a plan for how to move students off-site in an emergency and ultimately reunite with a parent or approved adult. The District is working with local government entities and first responders to conduct a mass safety drill during Spring Break of 2019. Not all details are finalized at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gifts from Emerson Elementary School PTA – Recommend acceptance of gifts from Emerson PTA as presented.
2. Acceptance of Gift to Lincoln Elementary School – Recommend acceptance of gift to Lincoln School as presented.
3. Acceptance of Gift to WNHS Athletic Departments – Boys Cross Country Program - Recommend acceptance of gift to WNHS Boys Cross Country Program as presented.

4. Approval of the Renewal of Scantron Achievement Series & Analytics Subscriptions– Recommend approval of Scantron Achievement Series & Analytics Subscriptions as presented.
5. Approval of Professional Learning Expenditure Request for Board Members – Recommend approval of professional learning expenditure request for Board Members as presented.
6. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented
7. Approval of Minutes – September 12, 2018, and September 26, 2018 Committee of the Whole, and Approval to Destroy Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to May 2017 As Allowable by Law – Recommend approval of the minutes as presented and approval to destroy recordings of closed sessions prior to May 2017 as allowable by law.
8. Approval of Personnel Report to Include Employment, Resignation, Retirement, and Leave of Absence of Administrative, Certified, Classified and Non-Union Staff – Recommend approval of the Personnel Report as presented.

There was discussion/comments on the following:

- Thank you for the generous gifts being approved at the meeting.
- Professional Learning Expenditure – the video projects (such as Inside Your Community Schools, Facebook Live) that have been done are a result of the conference sessions attended last year.

MOTION

Member Paulsen moved, Member Ericksen 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 of Board Action Plans for 2018-19

Much work has been done in collaboration with administration and staff feedback to identify four key areas of impact toward progress on Vision 2022. The work plans once approved will communicate the top priorities of work. Progress on these plans will be made on a regular basis throughout the year.

Staff noted the following:

- All plans in front of the Board have been reviewed by existing Board Committees.

There were questions and/or discussion on the following:

- Anticipated parent workshops for the 2018-19 year.
- The idea to partner with other school districts in the offering of parenting series.
- Lunch and learns.
- The extensive Community and Parent Engagement Plan.
- The Board Finance and Facilities Committees working on a common goal work plan.
- Monthly student learning reports.
- Superintendent evaluation tool.
- Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) as related to Community/Parent Engagement Plan.

It was recommended that the Board approve the 2018-19 action work plans as presented.

MOTION

Member Crabtree moved, Member Hanlon seconded to approve the 2018-19 action plans as presented. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0.

The motion carried 7-0.

ORAL REPORTS

Jefferson Full Details Brochure

On August 25, 2018, the Board of Education approved a resolution authorizing a November 6, 2018 ballot question.

To communicate renewed commitment to the community, the District implemented a multi-faceted communication plan to share information with the community. In addition to utilizing the CUSD 200 website, e-news and social media, three communications were developed and mailed to all homes in the District. One of the mailings included an invitation to come to a series of Listening Town Halls hosted by the District's leadership. At the town halls, a number of community members had asked for details surrounding the November referendum question.

In addition to highlighting the District's renewed commitment to the community, the last piece describes the program at Jefferson, the issues with the current building and frequently asked questions regarding the referendum question.

Additional information was provided, which included the following:

- Jefferson is not a preschool, it is an early learning center providing critical interventions for students with needs.
- 80% of students that attend Jefferson are able to transition to mainstream Kindergarten classroom.
- All of the issues that surround the current configuration of the Jefferson building.
- \$5 million in capital improvements that are needed at the current Jefferson building.
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) that have been received.
- The reduced size and scope of the proposed building.

There was discussion on the following:

- No tax increase vs. annual levy process.
- The different ways students are identified with a need that requires intervention. Compliance with state and federal requirements.
- Amazon revenue and state funding increase.
- Fixed lease payment for 20 years.
- Building reductions/revision/refinement (from 2013 to current).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion of IASB 2018 Resolutions

At the September Committee of the Whole Meeting, Board members received the 2018 Resolutions Committee Report for the 2018 Delegate Assembly meeting on November 17, 2018, at the IASB Joint Annual Conference in Chicago.

At the November Board meeting, Board members will be asked to take an official position on the resolutions in order to direct the Delegate on how to vote at the Delegate Assembly. This item is for discussion only. There will be no action or decisions made on resolutions tonight.

Key resolutions were discussed at the meeting, which included the following:

- Student Safety - Arming of teachers:
 - Consolidation of 3 resolutions.
 - The resolution does not indicate IASB support but means it has been proposed at the state level.
 - It would give individual districts control over the decision.
 - It was noted in some school districts in the state, access to first responders could be 20-30 minutes away.
 - Definition of “local control” with regard to this topic.
 - The concern with this concept in general.
 - The need to appreciate other school districts with regard to security and emergency responders.
 - IASB dues – does the District want dues to be used for lobbying effort on this topic?
 - Is there a better legislative solution than arming teachers – funding allocation for training security guards in places that do not have access to it?
- Energy Savings Funding & Borrowing Resolution.
- Current positions that have been adopted by IASB include resolutions on home schooling; polling places in schools.

Appointment of a delegate from the Board and official positions on the proposed resolutions will be made at the November 14 Board meeting.

Calendar Committee Survey Results

The Calendar Committee sent a survey out to CUSD parents, faculty and staff in an attempt to get feedback for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school year calendars.

The Calendar Committee received over 2,700 responses to the survey. The results were mixed and the Calendar Committee wanted to share the results with the Board of Education.

Dr. Charlie Kyle reviewed the results of the survey, which included the following:

- I am a parent of a ...
- I am a teacher (licensed staff member)
- I am a support staff member
- Support to move first semester finals prior to winter break
- Support for changes in the calendar
 - Start date
 - Thanksgiving break
 - Winter break
 - Columbus Day

Additional information was provided on the following:

- The difference between semesters 1 and 2 – Number of days.
- Calendar committee.
- Surveying of HS teachers – mock calendar.

There was comments/discussion on the following:

- Final exams – meaningful finals, application of skills, purpose.
- True semester break.

- The District has had finals before winter break in the past.
- Limiting/reducing the stress level for students.
- The need to be mindful of parents/families with plans built around the current structure of the calendar.
- Calendar/Finals - HS perspective vs. MS/Elementary.
- Equitable first and second semesters – importance? How much imbalance is acceptable?
- Obtaining feedback from those delivering instruction in classes.
- Number of students impacted by the potential change in finals schedule.
- IHSA calendar vs. school calendars.

There will be some follow up required as a result of the discussion. It is anticipated that a proposed calendar will be presented and posted on the November board agenda.

WRITTEN REPORTS

FOIA Report

Monthly Financial Reports

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Committee Reports

Meeting notes were attached to the Board report for the Teaching and Learning Committee, Community Engagement Committee and the Finance Committee.

Other Reports from Board Members

- The topics that were discussed at the September CAC meeting were reviewed. President Vroman attended the September meeting and Member Ericksen will attend the October meeting.
 - The makeup of CAC – numbers, geographic, kids in school/empty nesters, etc.
- The request for the analysis of fees to include extra-curricular activities.
- Capital improvement needs – the Facilities Committee will review updated set of priorities and turn over to the Finance Committee.
- Full-day kindergarten – request to review and discuss at a future meeting.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

2017-18 Audit

2018 Levy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 16, 2018 – Chat with the Board, 8:00-9:30 AM, WNHS (Wheaton North High School)

October 24, 2018 – Committee of the Whole, 7:00 PM, School Service Center (SSC)

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

November 14, 2018, 7:00 PM, Washington Elementary School

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Speaker	Mechell Hotchkiss
Topic	WNHS Football

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Paulsen moved, Member Mathieson seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a voice call being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Chris Crabtree, Secretary

Jim Vroman, President