

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
October 12, 2018

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at Whittier Elementary School, 218 W Park Avenue, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Jim Vroman, on Friday, October 12, 2018, at 8:15 AM. Local legislators were present at the meeting to discuss issues surrounding public education with local government officials who represent the school district.

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

CUSD200 Staff: Jeff Schuler – Superintendent of Schools
 Faith Dahlquist – Asst. Superintendent for Educational Services
 Bill Farley – Asst. Superintendent for Business Operations
 Charlie Kyle – Asst. Superintendent for Administrative Services
 Erica Loiacono – Director of Public Relations/Communications
 Rodney Mack – Executive Director of Technology
 Chris Silagi – Asst. Superintendent for Student Services
 Katy Schafermeyer – Whittier Elementary School Principal

Elected Officials Betsy Adamowski – Wheaton Public Library Director
 Mike Benard – Wheaton Park District Executive Director
 Michael Dzugan – City of Wheaton Manager
 Grant Eckhoff – DuPage County Board Member
 Kevin Fahey – Wheaton Park District Commissioner
 Christine Fenne – Wheaton Public Library Board President
 Leah Goodman – City of Warrenville Alderwoman
 Michael Gresk – City of Wheaton Mayor
 Gwen Henry – DuPage County Treasurer
 Paul Hinds – DuPage County Clerk
 Chris LeVan – Milton Township Assessor
 Bob Mellor – Village of Carol Stream Manager
 John Monino – Milton Township Trustee
 Ray Morrill – Wheaton Park District Commissioner
 Yadav Nathwani – Milton Township Trustee
 John Prendiville – City of Wheaton Councilman

Tim Reinbold – Warrenville Park District Executive Director
John Rutledge – City of Wheaton Councilman
John Vires – Wheaton Park District Board President
Sandra Whitmer – Warrenville Public Library Director
Colin Wilkie – Warrenville Park District Commissioner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Vroman led the Board and group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION

Member Crabtree moved, Member Paulsen seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn to a workshop setting. Upon a roll call vote being taken the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0.

The motion carried 7-0.

Welcome

Dr. Schuler welcomed all to what has become an annual tradition, bringing together partners on the local level. There is a strong connection between these units of government. A folder was shared with all participants which included information on the District.

Dr. Schuler noted two celebrations for all parties in the room. The Niche ranking given to school districts in the state noted out of almost 800 school districts in IL, District 200 has moved up from the #10 to #8 Best School District in the State. This ranking is not only the result of the District but of the organizations that were represented. Also, Money Magazine has named Wheaton the 27th best place to live in the U.S, which is also the top community in Illinois. School District 200 was named in the article as consistently among the best in the state. A strong school district is only possible with a strong community behind it.

Board President Vroman noted the wonderful partnerships with all areas of local government and the great relationships that have been formed with those present.

All local officials introduced themselves and the areas they represent.

Dr. Schuler shared information on the state of District 200 schools. This included the following:

- Shared the State of our Schools video.
- The four areas of focus in this school year are student learning, safety (physical as well as emotional safety), community engagement and facilities challenges.
- During the summer of 2018, the District completed secure entries work on eight buildings, as well as invested \$4 million dollars in capital projects.
- Developing a plan to address the early learning center needs has been an ongoing priority of the Board and Administration.
- Information was shared regarding Jefferson, the challenges of the building, and the question on the November 6 ballot.

There was discussion with the local officials on the following:

- The impact of other services the District is providing if the early learning center is paid for out of operating funds.
- The State of Illinois and funding to school districts.

- The District has received the “Financial Recognition” designation from the State Board of Education for four of the last five years, which is the highest category of financial strength.
- The steady enrollment of the District and plan for any future population growth.
- School safety and the programs in place to monitor safety in District 200 schools.
- The need to focus on kids and giving students a voice when they see something out of the ordinary. The District incorporated a school safety & tip line into the revamped website.
- The challenges of social media escalating situations at a pace that was not previously known.
- The vast opportunities that exist to get students to be involved and engaged in our school environment.
- The four-year WWEA contract that was settled at the end of the last school year was a team effort between the District and the staff.
- The use of schools as polling places – the election commission will be filtered into the county clerk office at the start of 2019. There is a desire to work together to find a solution to this issue.

Dr. Schuler and President Vroman thanked everyone for attending and sharing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MOTION

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 AM.

Chris Crabtree, Secretary

James Vroman, President