

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
March 13, 2019

The first regular meeting of the month of March of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at the Wheaton North High School, 701 W Thomas Rd, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Brad Paulsen, on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

Absent: Jim Mathieson

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WWSHS student Eva Bein led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Principal Matt Biscan welcomed the Board and administration to Wheaton North. Mr. Biscan talked of some of the highlights of the school and the focus on building a culture where all people feel accepted. The school has worked on building an all-encompassing culture and being a school that works for everyone. Ms. Selam Kabsay, the President and founder of the school's first Black Student Alliance spoke of her experience at WNHS.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

High School National Merit Finalists

- WNHS – Hania Dziurdzik, Luke Mondia, William Richards, Scott Taylor
- WWSHS – Connell Hecht, Daniel Hjellming, Steven Parch, David Taullabu

Margaret Allen, WNHS Student - President's Volunteer Service Award

Eva Bein, WWSHS - 2019 IHSA Radio Speaking State Champion

Principals Matt Biscan of WNHS and Dave Claypool of WWSHS introduced the High School National Merit finalists, the President’s Volunteer Service Award winner from WNHS, the 2019 IHSA Radio Speaking State Champion from WWSHS. The Board recognized the students from both high schools.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items

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Speaker	Mary Ann Vitone
Topic	Budget – School Fees

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Schuler reported the following:

- Dr. Schuler congratulated all of the high school students that were recognized earlier by the Board of Education. The District celebrated the students and their parents tonight, and recognized academic achievement, volunteer service, a state champion of extracurricular opportunities, as well as the way that D200 gives voice to students.
- Earlier this week, the District held listening town halls on school safety which was a collaborative effort with members of the local police and fire departments. Dr. Schuler thanked the D200 community partners.
- In the written reports section of the Board agenda, is an update on the progress of the Jefferson ELC construction. This will be a monthly report. It was noted the project is on schedule.
- The District is in the process of going through a policy review and customization. A first draft of the policy manual has been received from IASB and is currently being reviewed.
- The District is getting ready for state testing. This will commence the week after Spring Break. The information on testing was recently received from the State. All testing will happen electronically this year.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gift to WNHS Performing Arts Department– Recommend acceptance of gift to WNHS as presented.
2. Approval of Revised Policy 6.50 School Wellness – Recommend approval of revised policy 6.50 as presented.
3. Approval of Revised Policy 7.100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations, Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students – Recommend approval of revised policy 7.100 as presented.
4. Approval of Revised Policy 7.200 Suspension Procedures – Recommend approval of revised policy 7.200 as presented.
5. Approval of Revised Policy 7.250 Student Support Services – Recommend approval of revised policy 7.250 as presented.
6. Approval of Revised Policy 7.290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention – Recommend approval of revised policy 7.290 as presented.
7. Approval of Revised Policy 7.305 Student-Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries – Recommend approval of revised policy 7.305 as presented.
8. Approval of New Policy 7.260 Exemption from Physical Education– Recommend approval of new policy 7.260 as presented.
9. Approval to Post French 2, Bien Dit 2 Textbook, for Community Review – Recommend approval to post Bien Dit 2 textbook for community review as presented.
10. Approval to Post German 3 Textbook, Genial Klick Level 3 for Community Review – Recommend approval to post Genial Klick Level 3 textbook for community review as presented.
11. Approval to Post new Spanish 2 Textbook, Asi se dice! for Community Review – Recommend approval to post Asi se dice! textbook for community review as presented.
12. Approval of World Civilization I and Advanced World Civilization Textbooks – Recommend approval of World Civilization I and Advanced World Civilization textbooks as presented.
13. Approval of Child Development Textbook – Recommend approval of Child Development textbook as presented.
14. Approval of Fashion Merchandising Textbook – Recommend approval of Fashion Merchandising textbook as presented.
15. Approval of Elementary Social Studies Textbooks – Recommend approval of Elementary Social Studies textbooks as presented.
16. Approval of Professional Learning Expenditure Request for Board Members – Recommend approval of professional learning expenditure request for board members as presented.
17. Approval of the Resolution to Authorize Transfer (Repayable Inter-fund Loan) from Working Cash Fund to Education Fund– Recommend approval of resolution to authorize transfer (repayable inter-fund loan) from working cash fund to education fund as presented.
18. Approval of the Resolution to Authorize Transfer (Repayable Inter-fund Loan) from Working Cash Fund to IMRF Fund– Recommend approval of resolution to authorize transfer (repayable inter-fund loan) from working cash fund to IMRF fund as presented.
19. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll as presented.
20. Approval of Minutes – February 1, 2019 Special Meeting, February 13, 2019 Open, February 27, 2019 Open, and Approval to Destroy Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to October 2017 As Allowable by Law – Recommend approval of the minutes as presented and approval to destroy recordings of closed sessions prior to October 2017 as allowable by law.
21. 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:

- #20 - There was a slight correction to the minutes from the February 1st legislative breakfast – this was reposted on Monday, March 11th.
- #8 – Exemption from Physical Education – when students are physically not able to attend P.E. and have a medical note.

MOTION

Member Crabtree moved, Member Vroman seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

ACTION ITEMS

Award of Contracts for Transportation Services

The District bid transportation services in 2016 and on May 11, 2016, the Board of Education awarded a three-year contract to Illinois Central School Bus for regular and special education in-district transportation, and to Septran, Inc. for special education out of district transportation. Both of these contracts are set to expire on June 30, 2019. On July 12, 2017, the Board awarded a three-year contract for single student and small group student transportation services to Citizen's Taxi Dispatch, Inc., and this contract is set to expire on July 12, 2020.

A bid package was prepared that included four (4) base bids. Base Bid A includes all regular in-district transportation services. Base Bid B includes all special education in district transportation services. Base Bid C includes all special education out-of-district transportation services. Base Bid D includes single student and small group student transportation services. Vendors were allowed to bid on any or all of the base bids. Each awarded contract will be for a three (3) year term from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. The term may then be extended for an additional two-year term, and thereafter may be extended on a year-to-year basis unless and until the District receives a timely request to let a new contract for bid. A legal notice was published and bid packages were sent to several potential vendors.

Section 10-20.21(a)(xvi) of the School Code provides that contracts for the transportation of students shall be awarded based on the following factors: (1) the safety and comfort of the pupils; (2) the bidder's stability of service; (3) other factors identified in the bid package regarding quality of service; and (4) bid price.

For purposes of considering the price factor, Base Bids A and B were evaluated based on total estimated cost for all one-way rates. Base Bid C was evaluated based on total estimated cost to service the out-of-district transportation. Base Bid D was evaluated based on total estimated cost to service the single student and small group transportation. The estimated costs for each base bid were formulated on a regular school term of 176 days (for Base Bids A & B); and 210 days (for Base Bid C).

Three (3) vendors bid on Base Bid A and Base Bid B – Illinois Central School Bus, Septran, Inc., and First Student. Based on a review, evaluation, and financial analysis (see attachment), we have applied the statutory factors and determined that Illinois Central is the recommended bidder for Base Bids A and B. Based upon Illinois Central's low bid, the total estimated annual cost for Base Bid A and B is \$6,701,046.81 for fiscal year 2020.

Six (6) vendors bid on Base Bid C - Illinois Central School Bus; Septran, Inc.; First Student; Citizens Taxi Dispatch, Inc.; Sunrise Southwest, LLC; and Hopewell Services, LLC. The pricing factor was evaluated based on a cost per vehicle per day. Based on a review, evaluation, and financial analysis (see attachment), we have applied the statutory factors and determined that Sunrise Southwest, LLC is the recommended bidder for Base Bid C, with a bid of \$1,295,196.00 for fiscal year 2020.

Two (2) vendors bid on Base Bid D – Citizens Taxi Dispatch, Inc. and First Student. Based on a review and evaluation, it is recommended that the Board exercise its right to reject all bids on Base Bid D. The reason for this recommendation is that the District’s current contract with Citizens Taxi Dispatch, Inc. is in effect until July 12, 2020 and the rates we are paying under the current contract are less than what was submitted by Citizens Taxi Dispatch, Inc. or First Student on Base Bid D.

It is recommended that the Board of Education award a contract to Illinois Central School Bus with respect to the bids it submitted on Base Bid A and Base Bid B (regular in-district transportation services and special education in-district transportation services); that the Board award a contract to Sunrise Southwest, LLC with respect to the bid it submitted on Base Bid C (special education out-of-district transportation services); and that the Board reject all bids submitted on Base Bid D (single student and small group student transportation services).

There were additional comments and/or discussion on the following:

- Transportation costs
- Base bid C – second lowest bid
- Handling of fuel in the contracts – fuel escalation charge
- Rates for special services – activities, trips, athletics – for all 3 years of the contract
- Monitoring of bus stops and students on the buses to ensure there are not empty buses
- Eligible riders – if you are eligible for transportation, the District has to have a bus available to provide transportation for students
- Factors considered besides cost – safety and security, the stability of contractors, extra equipment, reference checks
- Review of bids by legal counsel

MOTION

Member Vroman moved, Member Ericksen seconded to award a contract to Illinois Central School Bus with respect to the bids it submitted on Base Bid A and Base Bid B (regular in-district transportation services and special education in-district transportation services); that the Board award a contract to Sunrise Southwest, LLC with respect to the bid it submitted on Base Bid C (special education out-of-district transportation services); and that the Board reject all bids submitted on Base Bid D (single student and small group student transportation services) as presented. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

ORAL REPORTS

Student Learning Feature

The district maintains a site for all curriculum materials to be held for staff. The site allows teachers to post and share information with each other too. Mrs. Faith Dahlquist provided a review of the D200 Teaching and Learning Together site. This included the following:

- Teaching & Learning Together
 - Teacher Posts

- District Posts
- Help
- Sitemap
- T & L Together Google Site
 - Organized into two houses
 - Who can post
 - What can be posted
- District Posts
 - ECC, Elementary (by grade level and subject), MS, HS
 - MTSS, Professional Development, Reflection Guides, Student Services Resources Site
- Teacher Posts
 - By level and subject
 - Assessments, lessons, resources
- Next Steps
 - Plan to build the site on both the District and teacher sides
 - Encouraging staff to share and post what is working
 - Referring new and existing staff to this site

It was noted that all staff can post on the teacher site.

Social-Emotional Learning Feature

The Board of Education is committed to providing students with social-emotional learning that enhances students' abilities in school, careers, and life. The Board of Education has identified social-emotional learning as a goal area for 2018-2019. In an effort to recognize the work of our schools in this area, a social-emotional learning feature will be reported on at many of our meetings.

Dr. Chris Silagi provided a report focused on parent education and engagement. Parent education is provided through both written modes and through District parenting series, including the following:

- D200 principals highlight SEL skills and programming in school newsletters and through social media
- Written communication has been provided on the dangers of drug use and vaping
- The D200 parenting series has featured presenters and a film related to SEL
- Working with the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to gather feedback regarding future efforts
- Sept 2019 – featured parent speaker Jessica Lahey, “*The Gift of Failure*” author
- Targeted a listening town hall centered on social-emotional learning (SEL)

There was discussion on the following:

- The connection between school safety and SEL – school connectedness and feeling safe at school
- CAC – minutes will be incorporated as a written report on the board agenda for those months when meetings occur

WRITTEN REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports

FOIA Report

ELC Construction Report

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Committee Reports

Meeting notes were attached to the Board report for the Board Social-Emotional Learning Committee and the Teaching and Learning Committee.

Other Reports from Board Members

- Safety Listening Town Hall – great to see collaboration between community partners and D200. The city of Wheaton recorded one of the town halls and will release to the public.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Student Fees

Student Handbook Revisions

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 17, 2019 – Chat with the Board, 8:00-9:30 AM, WWSHS

April 24, 2019 – Committee of the Whole, 7:00 PM, SSC

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

April 10, 2019, 7:00 PM, Johnson Elementary School

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Speaker	Claire Cerny
Topic	Social-Emotional Learning (SEL)

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session Items are Listed for Possible Action - The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body or Legal Counsel for the Public Body, Including Hearing Testimony on a Complaint Lodged Against an Employee of the Public Body or Against Legal Counsel for the Public Body to Determine its Validity
5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)

MOTION

Member Crabtree moved, Member Hanlon seconded to adjourn the meeting to closed session for the purpose of discussing the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body or Legal Counsel for the Public Body, Including Hearing Testimony on a Complaint Lodged Against an Employee of the Public Body or Against Legal Counsel for the Public Body to Determine its Validity 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was AYE 6, NAY 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

There was no action expected following the Closed Session.

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 8:04 PM.

Rob Hanlon, Secretary

Brad Paulsen, President