

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
February 26, 2008

The second 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 Hawthorne Elementary School, 334 E. Wakeman, Wheaton, IL, by Board Vice President Rosemary Swanson, on Wednesday, February 13, 2008, at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

Absent: Andrew Johnson

Also in Attendance: Dr. Richard W. Drury
 Dr. Lori Belha
 Mr. Bill Farley
 Mrs. Linda Knicker
 Dr. Robert Rammer
 Dr. Margo Sorrick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. John Patterson led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH HOST SCHOOL

John Patterson, Principal of Hawthorne School, welcomed the Board, administrators and community members to Hawthorne School and especially welcomed Dr. Drury to his first Board meeting at Hawthorne since becoming Superintendent. Mr. Patterson congratulated the Board on the successful referendum. The Hawthorne staff and the PTA were recognized for their dedication and hard work to make Hawthorne such a great school. Hawthorne School has been sponsoring an activity during the month of February called "One Book – One School". Every family received a copy of the book *Poppy* and a study guide to use with the book. Families were asked to read a chapter a week and students were invited to attend lunch time discussions on the chapter. The activity will end on Thursday with activities and an observance of Read Across America.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Member Intihar requested that the Approval to Post Policy 2.230 be pulled from the Consent Agenda for a future Board of Education meeting.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Several of our high school students that attend the Technology Center of DuPage (TCD) have recently received honors. WWSHS student Bailey Mitchell was a member of the first place culinary team and WWSHS student Stuart McLuckie was a member of the first place management team at the Illinois ProStart Student Invitational competition culinary division. Each student received an accumulated \$24,000 in scholarships from various colleges. Both of these students will compete with their teams at the National ProStart Invitational in San Diego in April. The state competition was sponsored by the Illinois Restaurant Association Educational Foundation. Twenty Illinois high school culinary programs competed.
- A team will represent TCD at the “Hot Rodders of Tomorrow Engine Challenge” in March. Only six high schools were invited to participate. Bogdan Mamalat from WNHS was chosen as a member of the team.
- Another TCD team from the Landscape Design & Management program placed second at the Section 6 Forestry Development Event held at Morton Arboretum. James Fileta from WNHS was part of that team. We are very proud of all of these students.
- On Saturday, February 24, 2008, Wheaton Warrenville South High School’s Wind Ensemble and Concert/Symphonic Band participated in the Midwest Band Festival at Lemont High School. For the second consecutive year, WWSHS’s Concert/Symphonic Band received a Division 1 Superior rating and was named Best Brass section over a field of 19 other groups. In addition, South’s Wind Ensemble also earned a Division 1 superior rating and Best Brass Section in their division for the second consecutive year. This is the first time in the 25 year history of the Midwest Band Festival a group has finished first in consecutive years in either class.
- Donna Kozica, Social Worker at Hubble and Department Chair for Social Workers and Mary Cortes, Social Worker at Johnson Elementary School were invited to be part of the response team that assembled at Northern Ill University on Sunday to support students, staff, parents and community members as they met for the Memorial Service and the re-opening of classes following the tragedy there last week. Donna and Mary are trainers for the Crisis Intervention Programs across the State of Illinois and have been active nation wide in this initiative. Donna and Mary have been meeting with students in dorms and have been in classrooms to talk with students and professors as students were back in school yesterday. They have been a tremendous support for the NIU community and have lent their expertise and guidance throughout this sensitive process. Both Donna and Mary are anxious to share their experience with District 200 Administrators and the Board of Education in the near future. Our thanks to Donna and Mary for all that they have done to help so many during this difficult time. They are a shining example of the dedicated and expert professional team that serve District 200 and our thanks to them for their willingness to share their gifts and talents with our neighbors in need.
- Congratulations to the Tiger Speech Team that finished second in the IHSA State Speech meet on February 16. The following contestants were finalists:
 - Mary Mangan - Verse Reading
 - McKenzie Seibert - Dramatic Interpretation
 - Dan Ottolin - Humorous Interpretation, Original Comedy
 - Mark Schmidt - Impromptu Speaking, Extemporeaneous Speaking

Leah Hendrickson - Radio Speaking
Gillian Losh - Special Occasion Speaking

Performance in the round:

Allie Winberg, Nathan Stringer, Chris Quinn, Brianne Paver, Tegan McQuaid, Kelsey MacDonald, Pat Hecker, Brendan Hack, Priyanka Gupta, Elsa Gunther, Jon Goetz, Wyatt Fertig, Ryan Eakins, Clare Bruzek Student Director: Erica Pohl

Mark Schmidt was state champion in both Impromptu and Extemporaneous speaking.
Dan Ottolin was state champion in Original Comedy.

- The Special Olympics Basketball Program concluded two weeks ago with the Awards Program at Wheaton Warrenville South High School. Twenty high school athletes were honored at this event, many of them have been with the Special Olympics Program since it began four years ago. Ten of our basketball players have been invited to a special event at a Bulls Game on Tuesday, March 4th where they will be playing at half time with Special Olympics basketball players from all over the Chicago and Suburban area. This will be an exciting evening for our students and their families and all of us are excited about this great opportunity for the athletes in our program. Our Track and Field Program has already begun and 25 middle and high school students are participating this year, many of them repeat athletes. This season will begin our 4th Special Olympics Track and Field season and many of the students who are participating began this program their freshman year and now are seniors. In addition to our athletes we have ten high school student assistants who have become a valuable part of this program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice President Swanson 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	Brad Paulsen
Topic	Lowell Redistricting

Speaker	Mark O. Stern – deferred to agenda item
Topic	Audit

BELIEF STATEMENT

Services must be delivered in a cost-effective manner

Mr. Bill Farley presented information on the work to support this statement. Mr. Farley mentioned a number of efforts the District takes to reduce expenditures. The District participates in a number of pools with other districts to maximize buying power. For example the District purchases natural gas in a cooperative with 46 other districts. The District also participates in pools for workers comp and liability insurance. Outsourcing services is another way to save money. By outsourcing some custodial services, the District is able to save over \$700,000. The District also outsources transportation and food service.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of 2008-09 Fee Schedule – Recommend the approval of the fee schedule as presented.
2. Approval of Transition House Lease Renewal - Recommend the renewal of the Transition House lease as presented.
3. Approval to Post Revisions to Policy 2.230, Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board – Recommend the approval to post the revised policy as presented. **This item was pulled from the agenda.**
4. Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2008 Open and Closed and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Sessions prior to September 2006 - Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented and approval to destroy the recordings of closed sessions prior to September, 2006 as allowable by law. Closed Session minutes will remain closed.
5. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Bomher 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

Acceptance of the 2006-07 Audit

Speaker	Mark O. Stern
Topic	Audit

Annually, Virchow Krause & Company prepares an independent audit of the financial statements of CUSD 200. They also express an opinion based on the combined financial statements of the district. Tim Cole from Virchow Krause & Company addressed the Board to offer his findings and opinions on the 2006-07 audit. Mr. Cole stated that he believes the district fiscal management is sound and that the Business Department does a fine job of handling the financial aspects of the District. It is recommended that the Board accept the 2006-07 audit as presented.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Coghill seconded to accept the 2006-07 audit as presented by Virchow Krause & Company. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Commissioning Agent for LEED Certification

In August 2007, the Board approved pursuing LEED Certification for the new Hubble Middle School. LEED Certification is defined as follows on the US Green Building Council Web Site: The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings. LEED gives building owners and operators the tools they need to have an immediate and measurable impact on their buildings performance. LEED promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality.

The Board of Education was presented with the concepts and objectives for obtaining LEED Certification for the new Hubble Middle School design. Of those concepts, energy efficient mechanical systems and building commissioning are key contributors to the LEED goal.

After Board approval of LEED certification, Legat Architects issued a RFQ/RFP for building commissioning services on our behalf. Three qualified firms have submitted their proposals with the following fee values:

Primera Engineering: \$240,000

Metro Design: \$190,000

Henneman Engineering: \$144,500

Legat has recommended that the District contract with Henneman Engineering for both fundamental and enhanced building commissioning services on this project. It is the opinion of Legat Architects that Henneman has superior qualifications. Additionally, they have the lowest proposal amount.

It is recommended that the Board of Education award the commissioning services to Henneman Engineering at a cost of \$144,500.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to award the commissioning services for LEED certification to Henneman Engineering at a cost of \$144,500. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of K-6 Social Studies Textbooks

As part of the textbook adoption process, District 200 posts recommended textbooks. Social Studies is part of Cycle A in the Curriculum Renewal Cycle updating materials from the previous social studies adoption in August 1999. The Board approved materials for American History courses at grade seven and eight on January 25, 2006. Ordering of those textbook materials preceded the other grade levels due to Illinois State Textbook Loan monies available for middle school that year.

The Department of Educational Services is requesting that the Board of Education approve the social studies materials for grades kindergarten through six. These textbooks have been aligned with the Social Studies Critical Content approved January 23, 2008.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the textbooks and supplemental materials listed in this report. The core materials were on display until February 24, 2008 at the Wheaton, Warrenville, Winfield, and Carol Stream Public Libraries as well as the School Service Center. The supplemental materials were available for preview at the School Service Center only and community members were directed to that location for the supplemental books. No community feedback sheets were completed.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Bomher seconded to approve the textbooks and supplemental materials as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Lowell Redistricting

In the spring of 2007, parents from the Danada North, Briarcliff North and Briarcliff South subdivisions approached the district and requested that their attendance areas be studied. These elementary students attend Lowell, and then attend either Hubble or Franklin for middle school. The current administration began looking at this in the fall at the parents' request.

Dr. Drury met with the principals at Lowell, Lincoln, Wiesbrook, Franklin, Edison and Hubble to discuss this request. It was determined that the 94 students that live in the Danada North subdivision could attend Lincoln, which is within 1 1/2 miles of Lincoln and then matriculate to Edison. The 179 students that live in Briarcliff North and South could attend Wiesbrook and continue to matriculate to Hubble Middle School. Dr. Drury met with the parents from these subdivisions and presented these options to them. The Danada North parents were unanimously supportive of the change. The Briarcliff parents were split approximately 50/50. All of the parents were given the choice to keep the current boundaries. Parents were also given the option to be "grandfathered" at their current school, which would make the change only for future students from those neighborhoods. Busing issues were discussed and the district committed to a goal to keep busing times for the Briarcliff subdivisions to 30 minutes or less.

The Board discussed this issue at the February 13, 2008 Board meeting.

It is recommended that the Board approve the redistricting plan to move the Danada North subdivision to Lincoln Elementary School and Edison Middle School and to move the Briarcliff North and South subdivisions to Wiesbrook Elementary with Hubble remaining the assigned middle school. It is further recommended that students currently attending Lowell be grandfathered to remain at Lowell for their elementary years.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Bomher seconded to approve the redistricting plan to move the Danada North subdivision to Lincoln Elementary School and Edison Middle School and to move the Briarcliff North and South subdivisions to Wiesbrook Elementary with Hubble remaining the assigned middle school. It is further recommended that students currently attending Lowell be grandfathered to remain at Lowell for their elementary years. Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to Add Serious Safety Hazard Bus rout – Naperville Road and Farnham

The District evaluated crossing Naperville Road at Farnham as a potential Serious Safety Hazard using Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) guidelines. A hazard is declared to exist in any single situation in which the sum of points equals or exceeds 12. This evaluation totaled 11.5 points. The Board of Education can award a maximum of two points to any hazard evaluation if extenuating circumstances exist. Since traffic flow on Naperville Road is generally heavy (actual counts exceeded highest IDOT standard by more than 1,062 cars), and vehicles routinely ignore traffic signals and school signage and turn in front of crossing children, we are asking the Board of Education to award two (2) additional points needed to declare crossing Naperville Road at Farnham a hazard. Under advisement from IDOT, we are asking for the maximum of two (2) points at this time, versus only the .5 minimum needed, so we have a cushion for adjustment, in the event that IDOT makes any reductions in our evaluation of points.

The Board was given a map and an Illinois Department of Transportation form identifying the Serious Safety Hazard Finding of this location. It is recommended that the Board of Education award 2 points to the evaluation of crossing Naperville Road at Farnham, and submit it to Illinois Department of Transportation as a Serious Safety Hazard.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to award 2 points to the evaluation of crossing Naperville Road at Farnham, and submit it to Illinois Department of Transportation as a Serious Safety Hazard. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to Add Serious Safety Hazard Bus Route – Naperville and Elm

The District evaluated crossing Naperville Road at Elm Street as a potential Serious Safety Hazard using Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) guidelines. A hazard is declared to exist in any single situation in which the sum of points equals or exceeds 12. This evaluation totaled 11.5 points. The Board of Education can award a maximum of two points to any hazard evaluation if extenuating circumstances exist. There was an unfortunate accident last year when a pupil and crossing guard were hit by a vehicle at this intersection. Also, since traffic flow on Naperville Road is generally heavy (actual counts exceeded highest IDOT standard by more than 963 cars), and vehicles routinely ignore traffic signals and school signage and turn in front of crossing children, we are asking the Board of Education to award two (2) additional points needed to declare crossing Naperville Road at Elm Street a hazard. Under advisement from IDOT, we are asking for the maximum of two (2) points at this time, versus only the .5 minimum needed, so we have a cushion for adjustment, in the event that IDOT makes any reductions in our evaluation of points.

The Board was given a map and an Illinois Department of Transportation form identifying the Serious Safety Hazard Finding of this location. It is recommended that the Board of Education award 2 points to the evaluation of crossing Naperville Road at Elm Street, and submit it to Illinois Department of Transportation as a Serious Safety Hazard.

MOTION

Member Coghill moved, Member Intihar seconded to award 2 points to the evaluation of crossing Naperville Road at Elm Street, and submit it to Illinois Department of Transportation as a Serious Safety Hazard. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Member Swanson requested that staff set up a system to assure that bus routes are under 30 minutes. Dr. Drury stated that the district will make every attempt to keep the routes to 30 minutes or less. This will be closely monitored and staff will report back to the Board of Education as we get closer to the start of school and bus routes are determined.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Slater reminded everyone about the Rally for Education sponsored by IASB and scheduled for Wednesday, February 27.

Member Coghill reported that she is on the committee for Wheaton's 150th birthday celebration. The committee has lots of fun things planned and they are excited to have District 200 actively involved. Member Coghill will report on activities as they develop.

Member Swanson mentioned a letter regarding testing of ELL students that was signed by many Illinois legislators. Dr. Drury thanked Phyllis Weaver for her efforts in working with the state to make sure they understand the impact of their decision regarding the ISAT testing of ELL students.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Public Comment Procedures

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

March 12, 2008 – Pleasant Hill Elementary School

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Bomher moved, Member Intihar seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President