

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
May 13, 2009

The first regular meeting of the month of May 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 Avenue, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andy Johnson, on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 7:30 PM. The meeting was preceded by a reception to honor employees with 15 and 25 years of service to District 200.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

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.

OATH OF OFFICE

President Johnson administered the Oath of Office to newly re-elected Board Member Intihar.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Board recognized employees that are celebrating 15 and 25 years of service to District 200.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Mr. John Patterson, Principal of Hawthorne School, welcomed the Board of Education, administrators and community to the school. Mr. Patterson stated that the theme of the Hawthorne Yearbook is "Celebrating Hawthorne". Mr. Patterson stated that Hawthorne has lots to celebrate this year and is very proud of their accomplishments.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Dr. Drury requested that the Supplemental Personnel Report be pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate action following the Closed Session.

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	Mark Stern
Topic	Bus contract & WWEA President Full Release

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Drury reported the following:

- Sue Theisen and Kris Fontanarosa, Co-Directors of Health Services, did a wonderful job handling the H1N1 flu situation. With the help of the DuPage County Health Department, Mrs. Theisen and Mrs. Fontanarosa were able to get the district through this complicated event. District 200 is very fortunate to have such professional people caring for the students.
- This Saturday, May 16, is the Farewell to Hubble Celebration. The event will be held from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM in honor of the 84 years the building has served the district. At 9:30 there will be a special presentation. Tours will be given of the facility and memorabilia will be on display. Everyone is invited.
- Dr. Drury attended the prom ceremonies last weekend. Both proms went very well and the post prom events at the Community Center were very well attended and ran smoothly. The Board of Education decorated a room for the post prom event.
- Graduations for both high schools will take place on May 23 at College of DuPage. The Principals have extended an invitation to all staff in the district that might want to celebrate with them. Teachers are welcome to attend the graduation and need to get a ticket from one of the high schools. Dr. Rammer will send an email to all teachers inviting them to the graduations.
- Dr. Drury introduced Derek Edwards as the new principal at Johnson Elementary School beginning next year. Mr. Edwards is replacing Tim Callahan, who is going to be the principal at Madison Elementary School replacing Gene Sikorski, who is retiring. Dr. Drury also introduced Mrs. Debby Stoll as the new principal at Emerson Elementary School beginning next year. Mrs. Stoll is replacing Dan Bostrom, who is retiring.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gifts to Lincoln Elementary School – Recommend acceptance of the gifts to Lincoln School as presented.
2. Approval to Post the Grades 6-8 Mathematics Curriculum – Recommend approval to post the curriculum for 30 days for public review and comment.
3. Approval to Post Middle School Math Materials - Recommend approval to post the materials for 30 days for public review and comment.
4. Approval of Athletic Trainer Services Contract Extension – Recommend approval of the contract extension as presented.
5. Approval of the Depositories of the District – Recommend approval of the depositories as presented.
6. Approval of Hubble Change Orders – Recommend the approval of the change orders as presented.
7. Approval of Outstanding Occupancy Permits – Recommend approval of the occupancy

- permits as presented.
8. Approval of Employer costs of IMRF Benefit Protection Leave – Recommend approval of the costs as presented.
 9. Appointment of Treasurer and Approval of the Treasurer’s Bond – Recommend the appointment of Maureen Zyburt as the Treasurer and approval of the treasurer’s bond as presented.
 10. Approval of Continuation of Full Time Release Program for WWEA President - Recommend the approval of the continuation of the full time release program for the WWEA President as presented and has been past practice.
 11. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of bills payable and payroll as presented.
 12. Approval of Minutes – March 25, 2009 Closed, April 15, 2009 Open and Closed, and May 2, 2009 Special Meeting Open and Closed – Recommend approval of the minutes as presented. The Closed Session minutes will remain closed.
 13. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

The Supplemental Personnel Report was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate action following the Closed Session.

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented, minus the Supplemental Personnel Report. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Transportation Services Contract Bid

The District bid transportation services in 2002 and the Board of Education awarded a three-year contract in February, 2002. Since this time, the District has been able to extend the contract according to Illinois School Code on a year-to-year basis by mutual agreement of both parties, and if a timely request has not been received from another interested contractor that a contract be let by bid. In March 2008, we received a letter from an interested vendor, but our legal counsel advised us that this was not considered timely, since we had already begun negotiations with First Student, Inc. for a contract extension. Subsequently, the Board approved a one year contract extension in March 2008, which is set to expire on June 30, 2009. Based on the letter received from the interested vendor in March 2008, and the fact that the last time these services were bid was 2002, we decided it was necessary to bid transportation. Legal notice was published and bids were sent to fourteen (14) potential vendors. Four (4) bids were received.

The Base Bid included all in-district transportation services (Regular and Special Education). The Alternate Bid included out-of-district transportation (Special Education). Vendors were allowed to bid on Base Bid and/or Alternate Bid. The District specified we would not split the in-district transportation services, so as not to lose economies of scale. Also, the District allowed awarding of the Alternate Bid to a different vendor from the Base Bid. Bids were evaluated based on total for all one-way rates. The Alternate Bid was evaluated based on total cost to service the out-of-district transportation. The regular school term was based on 178 days. The transportation contract period is from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012. The agreement may be extended for additional 2-year terms based on mutual agreement, and in accordance with Illinois School Code.

Two (2) vendors bid on the Base Bid and the results were provided in the Board Report. The rates listed are for one-way routes. First Student's one-way route rates for regular transportation are less than those of Midwest Buses, Inc. Based on these results, we are recommending the Board approve the Base Bid from First Student.

Three (3) vendors bid on the Alternate Bid and the results were provided in the Board Report. These rates are based on a cost per vehicle per day. After evaluating the bids, we are recommending the Board approve the Alternate Bid from Septran, Inc., since they have the lowest responsible bid.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Base Bid from First Student and the Alternate Bid from Septran, Inc. for a three (3) year contract period.

MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Bomher seconded to approve the Base Bid from First Student and the Alternate Bid from Septran, Inc. for a three (3) year contract period.

Dr. Drury, Mr. Farley and Mrs. Knicker addressed concerns expressed by parents of special needs students about changing companies. Tim Stieber from First Student addressed the Board to respond to questions. Mr. Stieber stated that First Student is currently the provider for most of the District 200 special education students and the district and families have been very happy with the service. First Student will consider hiring any of the current special education drivers that would like to apply and can meet the requirements of employment with First Student. Mr. Stieber and Mr. Farley are still working out all of the details of the new contract. Mr. Farley reported that he has been in contact with legal counsel and the Board can direct staff to include language in the contract that states that if the district is not satisfied with the transportation of the medically fragile students and/or First Student is not meeting the expectations of the district in this area, this portion of the contract can be pulled from the contract and the district can go in a different direction.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

Member Bomher moved, Member Swanson seconded to amend the motion to add that the Board directs staff to work with legal counsel and First Student to develop provisions for making changes to the contract if the district is unsatisfied with service on special education routes. Upon a roll call being taken on the amendment, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion to approve the amendment carried 7-0.**

VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote on the original motion as amended was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion as amended carried 7-0.**

WRITTEN REPORTS

Information Report About Fast-Pace Science – The report was provided for information only.

DISCUSSION ITEM

2009-2010 Chance to Chat Session Calendar

President Johnson stated that when the Board instituted the policy providing for monthly Chance to Chat sessions, it was stated that the Board would review these sessions at the end of the first year. President Johnson reviewed the attendance data from this current year. Members Intihar and Knicker authored the policy and both stated that the original intent was to hold these sessions on a quarterly basis, instead of the instituted calendar that scheduled eight sessions in nine months. The majority of the Board supported reducing the number of sessions to four and holding two of those four at each of the high schools. It was decided that Members Intihar and Knicker would draft a new recommendation and the Board will discuss the recommendation at the next meeting. The Board will finalize the calendar at the June 10, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

President Johnson reported that the every two years the IASB asks each board in the Division to designate one of its members as an IASB Governing Board Representative. The representative will serve a two-year term. The Board decided to reappoint Rosemary Swanson as the representative for 2009-2011.

Member Intihar thanked all of the Board members for their help with decorating the designated room at the two Post Prom Celebrations. Member Intihar stated that she enjoyed working with the Board members and commended the chairs of the Post Prom Celebrations for their outstanding efforts.

Member Swanson reported that she attended the first meeting of the Hubble Steering Committee on May 7, 2009 in President Johnson's absence. Following is her report:

First meeting May 7, 2009. Rosemary Swanson attended for Andy Johnson.

Purpose: "To provide guidance, input, and feedback to the Consultant Team throughout the planning and developer solicitation process. They also will serve as conduits to the Team for the comments, ideas, and concerns of their respective constituencies."

Members:

*3 City of Wheaton
2 D200 (Andy & Bill)
2 Wheaton Park District
1 Downtown Wheaton Association
1 Chamber
1 Planning & Zoning
3 Neighborhood Reps*

Timeline:

*Phase I: Background & Analysis (now through August 2009)
Phase II: Establish Development Program (September 2009 – March 2010)
Phase III: Developer Solicitation & Selection: (April 2010 – May 2011)
Phase IV: Negotiation Support; (June 2011 – complete)*

Discussion:

Water: Friedman's engineers do not feel there is a way to mitigate surrounding

flood problems by Hubble development. The problem is that the storm pipes under the property already carry as much water as possible downstream to empty into the basin near main & Elm. Increasing their capacity would be costly to deal with the easements of property owners downstream who would be affected by additional water flowing into the basin.

Price Needed: Bill Farley stated the district’s appraisal indicated \$22M as possible. Rosemary Swanson stated that the best development is one that raises the tax base of the entire community by serving as a gateway that enhances the surrounding property values.

Focus Groups: Friedman is looking for input on individuals or groups that should be included in the focus group. They will use the steering committee as the first group, so committee can experience process.

Next Meeting:

June 11 without developer for committee to develop own working process

June 18 with Friedman possibly doing Focus Group

Member Bomher reported that on Friday, May 8, he attended a track meet. WNHS students did very well at the meet, and in fact, they broke a WNHS 37 year record in the 4x4 race.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

The Board wishes to meet and develop their three or four high priority goals for the 2009-2010 school year. The Board discussed how they would like to conduct the session to develop the goals. The Board decided that the agenda for the May 27, 2009 Board meeting will be kept to a minimum with only items that can’t wait for a decision, and then they will devote the majority of the evening to meaningful discussion and development of the goals. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM instead of 7:30 PM and it will be held at the SSC instead of Pleasant Hill Elementary School. Cabinet members will participate in the planning session to offer input. The workshop will be conducted with a very strategic approach and Board and staff will work in teams. The entire process will be conducted in an open session. President Johnson, Vice President Swanson and Dr. Drury will meet to design the structure of the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 23, 2009 – High School Graduations

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

May 27, 2009 – SSC 7:00 PM

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	Charles Pfeister
Topic	Vending Revenue

Speaker	Mark Stern
Topic	Ethics Policy & Appraised Value of Hubble

Mr. Farley stated, for clarification purposes, that the vending money is still discretionary money for the high schools. The only money that the district receives from vending is the marketing money from the company. Vending machine funds do not come to the district.

Dr. Drury stated, for clarification purposes, that property assessments have changed over the years. The district used a very reputable urban appraiser that appraises property in the Chicagoland area. Older appraisals were smaller amounts; however, the most recent appraisal was conducted in December of 2007 and came back at the higher value. The appraisal was done by a gentleman that appraises commercial property and is very familiar with DuPage County property values. In fact, he is used when there are tax objections.

Member Swanson reiterated that the campaigns of the last elections were always about the property being for the good of the entire community. The sale of the property was always intended to be aligned with the vision of the community and a gateway piece of property for the City of Wheaton.

Member Intihar stated that Friends of the Schools is an independent entity from the school district. Board candidates did not use funds from Friends of the Schools and Member Intihar finds the insinuation that Board members were unethical very offensive.

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Items 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and Collective Negotiating Matters 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). 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 10:00 PM.

Action is expected following the closed session.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Intihar seconded to reinstate the rules and 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 11:08 PM.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Slater seconded to approve the Supplemental Personnel Report as presented. 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 Intihar moved, Member Swanson 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 11:10 PM.

Barbara Intihar, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President