

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200**  
**May 28, 2008**

The second 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 Lowell Elementary School, 312 S. President Street, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Andy Johnson, on Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at 7:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Mary Lou Sender led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMUNICATIONS WITH HOST SCHOOL**

Mrs. Denise DeSalvo, Principal of Lowell School, recognized staff that were present, thanked the Lowell parents for their support, and thanked the students for coming to school everyday with a passion to learn. Mrs. DeSalvo introduced some staff members and students that participate in a program called "Girls on the Run". This program is held for girls in grades 3 through 5 and helps these girls learn about healthy life styles. The students presented information about the activities they participate in and some of the life lessons they have learned.

**MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

The Board, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, removed the renewal of the vending contract from the agenda for staff to do some further investigation into the contract. This item will be brought back to the Board at the June 9 meeting.

**RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

The Board honored the Superintendent's Art Award recipients, the Special Olympic athletes, and the leadership of the SEA 200 organization. The N.E.W. 200 Foundation presented the Distinguished Teacher Awards and the Board recognized the three teachers.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items**

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Speaker	Mark Stern
Topic	V3 Engineering

## **BELIEF STATEMENT**

Dr. Drury reported that for the 2008-09 school year, the school hosting the Board meeting will be responsible to report on how their school is bringing the Belief Statements to life.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- PTA Council President Mary Ann Uhen and Council Member Kathy Gorzak presented information on the use of schools as polling places. Mrs. Uhen and Mrs. Gorzak presented suggestions and initiatives to work towards eliminating the dangers of polling places in schools when children are present and encouraged the District to consider having non-attendance days on election days. Member Swanson stated that the IASB has had discussions about this and will support any legislation that can be proposed on this topic.
- Dr. Drury stated that at the last Board meeting, Mr. Stern raised a question about the district's involvement with the City of Wheaton on the sale of Hubble. Dr. Drury reported that the District intends to work with the City to maximize the benefits of the sale. President Johnson and Dr. Drury met with the City and agreed with the hiring of a land development consultant to accomplish this. In fact, Mayor Gresk recently stated publicly that the work on the sale of the Hubble property is the best intergovernmental work he has ever seen.

## **REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Building Permits – Bower Parking Lot and WWSHS Field Work – Recommend approval to request building permits from the Regional Office of Education as presented.
2. Approval of Snack Vending Contract Renewal – This item was pulled from the agenda and will brought back to the Board at the June meeting.
3. Approval of Funding for Scantron Performance Series Pilot – Recommend approval of the funding associated with Scantron Performance Series pilot.
4. Approval of Funding for Scantron Achievement Series Scoring Software - Recommend the approval of the funding for the software as presented.
5. Approval to Purchase High School Photography Workstations with Career Grant – Recommend the approval to purchase the workstations as presented.
6. Approval of Treasurer's Bond Coverage – Recommend the approval of the binding coverage with Lloyds of London as presented.
7. Appointment of the Treasurer and Approval of the Treasurer's Bond – Recommend the approval of the resolution naming Maureen Zyburt as treasurer for CUSD 200 and approval of the treasurer's bond as presented.

8. Approval of the Depositories of the District – Recommend approval of the resolution identifying the District’s depositories as presented.
9. Approval to Destroy Recordings of Closed Session Meetings Prior to November 2006 – Recommend approval to destroy the recordings of closed session meetings prior to November 2006 as allowable by law.
10. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

## **MOTION**

Member Swanson moved, Member Slater seconded to accept the Consent Agenda, minus item 2, vending contract, 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 Sodexo Contract Renewal

Sodexo is under contract with the district for management of food services. The district will be completing the third year of a five-year contract renewal option on June 30, 2008. Sodexo has worked hard to meet goals and provide enhancements to the food service program this year. They include introducing Sun Butter as a response to peanut and tree nut allergies, offering Jakes Pizza in the elementary schools, adding hot food offerings to WNHS commons area, and monthly panel meetings with elementary principals designed to facilitate improved communication and problem solving. As part of the renewal process, the Board of Education can annually approve the contract up to the full five-year length of contract. The renewal is based on the CPI for food service workers, and is set at 4.0%. The district is still evaluating the price structure for meal, ala carte and mild for next year and will be giving information to the Board at the June 11 meeting. The cost of the one-year renewal is \$2,469,503. It is recommended that the Board approve the extension of the contract for food service with Sodexo for the 2008-09 school as presented.

## **MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the extension of the contract for food service with Sodexo for the 2008-09 school year at a cost of \$2,469,503 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Member Bomher asked if Sodexo ever does student satisfaction surveys. Mr. Farley stated that they do and introduced Simon Siebert, the General Manager of Sodexo, who talked about what they do to collect student feedback. Dr. Drury stated that staff discusses food service on a regular basis at the administrator meetings.

Mr. Bill Farley announced that Ms. Sue Niemczyk of Sodexo will be retiring at the end of this school year. Ms. Niemczyk has a long history of working with District 200 and will be missed. The Board honored Ms. Niemczyk for her contributions to the students and staff of the district.

### Approval of Locker Refinishing Project Bid

Student lockers are in need of repair and refinishing at Monroe, Franklin, and Edison Middle Schools. These lockers have never been refinished and are over ten years old. A select group of lockers have been identified as ones that are in the most need of repair and refinishing this year. Bids were sought that included repairing student lockers, as well as electrostatic painting to provide a clean finish. The base bid included repairing and refinishing 110 lockers at Franklin,

148 lockers at Edison, and approximately 270 lockers at Monroe. Alternate Bid 1 was for adding sixty additional lockers in the Boys PE Locker Room at Franklin to accommodate current enrollment. Alternate Bids 2, 3 and 4 were for repair and refinishing approximately 334 lockers at Edison, 727 lockers at Franklin, and 723 lockers at Monroe, respectively. These alternate bid lockers were not as high priority as the base bid lockers. Project bid packets were sent to four vendors and only one vendor responded. Even though only one bidder responded, the bid was lower than the estimated budget for the project. Based on the bid tabulation and review, it is recommended that the base bid of American Office Services, Inc. in the amount of \$37,121, plus Alternate 1 for \$5,900 be approved. It is further recommended to reject Alternate bids 2, 3, and 4 due to budget constraints.

Member Slater asked if there is a schedule for ongoing upkeep of the lockers in the district. Dr. Drury and Mr. Farley reported that there is a schedule for many maintenance issues, but sometimes the money is spread too thin to accomplish things on schedule. Staff works with the principals to develop a master schedule plan and certain wish list items. Items are prioritized by need and the final schedule is distributed to them for building planning. Mr. Farley stated that the lockers not redone with this action will remain on the radar along with other issues that were cut for funding reasons.

#### **MOTION**

Member Bomher moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the base bid of American Office Services, Inc. in the amount of \$37,121, plus Alternate 1 for \$5,900 and to reject Alternate bids 2, 3, and 4. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

#### Approval of Desktop Computer Lease for Middle School Computers

The majority of the Middle School computers used through out the district are being pulled out of the schools in accordance with a remarketing agreement the Board approved last year. These computers are four years old. The Department of Technology is working to maintain a replacement plan so that all computers are an effective resource in delivering instruction and administrative support. As in previous refresh programs, we are proposing a contract with Dell to provide assistance in delivering, deploying and imaging the new computers. The current estimate is 800 computers for the four middle schools. The district standard desktop costs \$998. A purchase of 800 computers would cost \$798,400. Competitive leasing proposals, looking at both 3 and 4 year terms, were received. It is recommended that the district continue leasing through American Capital. Their proposal for 3 years has an annual payment of \$246,281, with a lease rate factor of .30847, bringing the total payment to \$738,843. It is recommended that the Board approve the lease of middle school computers from American Capital as presented.

#### **MOTION**

Member Knicker moved, Member Slater seconded to approve the lease of middle school computers from American Capital in the amount of \$738,843 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

#### Approval of Laptop Computer Lease for WNHS

In 2002, the district purchased laptop computer carts for the high schools. These carts were used extensively and are still being used as a way to deliver instruction using technology in the classroom without having to walk down to a computer lab. These laptops are now out of date and unable to be reused in an effective manner. WNHS has used these systems more effectively

due to less physical building constraints. Staff is proposing leasing new laptops to refresh the 6 carts at WNHS for a total of 80 laptops. The Department of Technology is working with WWSHS to provide equitable technology access for their students. The district standard laptop costs \$1,032. A purchase of 80 laptops would be \$82,560. Competitive leasing proposals, looking at both 3 and 4 year terms, were received. It is recommended that the district continue leasing through American Capital. Their proposal for 3 years has an annual payment of \$25,468, with a lease rate factor of .30847, for a total payment of \$76,404. It is recommended that the Board approve the lease of laptop computers for WNHS from American Capital as presented.

Member Slater noted that the report stated that the machines at WNHS are used more than the machines at WWSHS. Does this mean that the students at WWSHS are not getting adequate exposure to technology? Mr. Kinane stated that due to physical layout difficulties at WWSHS, the carts are not used as much at WWSHS as they are at WNHS. Students at WWSHS go to the labs more often so the resource centers at WWSHS will get more computers than the centers at WNHS.

### **MOTION**

Member Swanson moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the lease of laptop computers for WNHS from American Capital in the amount of \$76,404 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### Approval of Purchase of Desktop Management Software

The Department of Technology currently performs many tasks manually and in person in the support of our computers. This includes the deployment and updating of software and patches, and inventory of computers and installed software. Staff believes that the features that Altiris can provide in the deployment, imaging, updating and inventory of software to the desktops is well worth the expenditure. Staff plans on initially deploying this to the middle school computers that are scheduled to be replaced this summer. The total cost of this solution from Dell is \$52,367. It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of the desktop management software as presented.

### **MOTION**

Member Slater moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the purchase of desktop management software from Dell for \$52,367 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### Approval of Replacement Network Routers

The current network routers that allow for data communication between the schools and the SSC are eight years old. The technology assessment recommended that the core network router be replaced due to errors discovered in the logs that relate to possible hardware problems. With the planned data network upgrade, the current routers will need to have their connections replaced. Replacing the entire router is more cost effective. The Technology Department has long used and supported Cisco routers. The proposal is to replace our current Cisco Catalyst 2611 routers at all the schools with Cisco Catalyst 2811 routers and the core Catalyst 7204 with a Cisco Catalyst 3825. These new models offer faster routing processors to help speed up the network transmissions. The routers can be purchased from CDW-G at the following cost: Catalyst 2811 routers are \$1,419 each for a total cost of \$24,293 for seven; Catalyst 3825 router is \$5,419. Annual support for this equipment will be \$1,213. Quotes were received from multiple vendors, and although pricing was similar, experience has proven CDW-G has delivered on their product

much better than others. The total cost of the project is \$30,925. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of the routers from CDW-G for \$30,925 as presented.

### **MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Bomher seconded to approve the purchase of the routers from CDW-G for \$30,925 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### Approval to Enter into a Contract with Energy Education, Inc.

Energy Education, Inc. (Energy Educators) provides an energy management program designed specifically for school districts. The program is in place in over 900 districts nationwide. The program assists school districts with an energy management plan that provides cost savings through energy reduction that also has an environmental benefit as well. The program operates at a no risk cost to the district as Energy Educators contractually guarantees the savings will at a minimum cover the costs of implementing the program. The program costs include the cost to Energy Educators, hiring a full-time on site Energy Educator/Manager, Software and training. The Board received information and discussed the program at previous Board meetings. The estimated savings to District 200 are approximately \$350,000 in the first year and over \$10 million in savings over the next ten years. The cost to Energy Educators is \$334,800 a year for four years and the company will continue to work with the district beyond the initial four year term. Estimated cost for the on site Energy Educator/Manager is \$83,000 in the first year. The software cost is a \$12,000 one-time purchase with an ongoing annual cost of \$1,200 for upgrades and support. Staff Development is budgeted at \$3,000 a year for the ten-year term. It is recommended that the Board of Education direct staff to enter into a contract with Energy Education, Inc.

### **MOTION**

Member Bomher moved, Member Coghill seconded to direct staff to enter into a contract with Energy Education, Inc. as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### Approval of Contract with V3 Engineering

The City of Warrenville commissioned a study to determine the impact of traffic as a result of the new Hubble Middle School. Improvements include the widening of Herrick Road to provide a protected northbound left turn lane into the school entrance drive, a protected southbound right turn into the school entrance drive, a protected northbound left turn lane into westbound Galusha Avenue, and an additional eastbound turn lane on Galusha Avenue for right turn movements onto Herrick Road. The district must engage an engineering consultant to prepare roadway improvement plans and the supporting documents required for the roadway improvements required in association with access to the new Hubble Middle School. V3 Engineering is the Site Civil Engineer for the Hubble project, and for continuity reasons it is recommended that they be retained for this work. Estimated costs for their services are approximately \$100,000. The estimate for roadway improvements is approximately \$1,000,000. It is recommended that the Board direct staff to negotiate the terms and contract with V3 Engineering for roadway improvement plans and the supporting documents associated with the new Hubble Middle School.

In response to a comment from Mr. Stern during Public Comment, Mr. Farley stated that a recapture of money agreement for any future development adjacent to the new Hubble site is already in place.

## **MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to direct staff to negotiate the terms and contract with V3 Engineering for roadway improvement plans and the supporting documents associated with the new Hubble Middle School. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

## **WRITTEN REPORTS**

### 2007-2008 In-Service Days Report

This report was provided for information only.

## **REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Knicker reported that at a recent Chamber of Commerce luncheon he spoke with Mr. Ted Utchen. Mr. Utchen, known to District 200 students as the “Dictionary Man”, visits every third grade classroom in the district and gives each student a dictionary of their own. Mr. Utchen funds this effort himself. Mr. Utchen asked Mr. Knicker if he knew how many of the students still have their dictionaries. A teacher did a survey of a random 5<sup>th</sup> grade class and determined that 14 out of the 25 still have and use their dictionary. This is a wonderful service that this community member provides for kids in our district.

Mr. Bomher stated that while he was not able to attend the two graduation ceremonies, he heard they were wonderful. Mr. Bomher was in Charleston, Illinois to attend the state track meet where he cheered on WNHS and WWSHS. Wheaton North did very well and it was a wonderful experience. Mr. Bomher was very impressed with the messages given to students by the coaches and staff that being a winner is more than just winning the race. It gave Mr. Bomher great pride that teachers and staff deliver this message to students every day. Mr. Bomher reported that two runners broke 30 year WNHS records.

Member Slater reported that the WWSHS Boys Volleyball team is playing in the state tournament this Friday.

## **TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

2008-09 Budget

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

## **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

June 11, 2008 - SSC

## **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	Karen Henk
Topic	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Abstinence Only

Speaker	Mark Stern
Topic	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Abstinence Only & Polling Places

President Johnson stated, for clarification, that the Board of Education does not have a policy to teach abstinence only in our schools. Staff will comment on this at a later date

**MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Intihar moved, Member Knicker seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Issues 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1). 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 9:05 PM.

No action is expected following the Closed Session.

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**Barbara Intihar, Secretary**

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**Andrew Johnson, President**