

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Community Unit School District 201
Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois

September 23, 2008

President Elizabeth Durrani called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Patrick Duffy, Elizabeth Durrani, Kathleen Forzley, Linda Kelly, Kathy Lubeck, and Robert Zapinski.

Member absent: Cathy Casey

Also attending the meeting: Superintendent's Secretary Judy McMahon, Business Manager Maureen Jones, and Superintendent Steven Baule.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Duffy to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2008, regular meeting of the Board of Education as amended.

Voting aye: Duffy, Durrani, Forzley, Lubeck, and Zapinski

Voting nay: None

Abstaining: Kelly

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Duffy to approve the minutes of the closed session of the August 19, 2008, regular meeting of the Board of Education as amended.

Voting aye: Duffy, Durrani, Forzley, Lubeck, and Zapinski

Voting nay: None

Abstaining: Kelly

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Kelly to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2008, regular discussion meeting of the Board of Education as presented.

Motion unanimously passed.

Public Presentation

No visitors addressed the Board of Education.

Public Hearing

President Durrani called the Public Hearing on the 2008-2009 Budget to order at 7:05 p.m.

President Durrani asked the members of the Board of Education if they had any questions or comments regarding the proposed 2008-2009 Budget.

Mr. Duffy asked about property taxes and the tax collection rate.

Ms. Jones responded that our collection rate is about the same in total, but slower in coming.

President Durrani then asked if there were any public comments from the audience regarding the proposed 2008-2009 Budget.

Mr. Dan Charleston asked questions pertaining to fund transfers, the timing of the surplus, final tax collection rate, federal revenues, and contingency funds.

Ms. Jones addressed Mr. Charleston's questions.

Mr. Jonathan McKay asked several questions pertaining to special education, support services, instructional salaries, and contracts.

Ms. Jones then addressed Mr. McKay's questions.

There were no written comments provided by those in attendance.

President Durrani declared the Public Hearing regarding the proposed 2008-2009 Budget closed at 7:26 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Mr. Duffy to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Approval of Student Tours
3. Approval of Additional Rental Rates and Fees for 2008-2009
4. Resolution to Dispose of District Property
5. Ratification of Regular Payroll

Voting aye: Duffy, Durrani, Forzley, Kelly, Lubeck, and Zapinski

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Baule reviewed the following discussion items with the Board of Education:

MAP Testing

It was reported that MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing was in progress for grades 2 through 10, and that the testing was going well. It was also reported that an information night for parents regarding this newly implemented assessment instrument would take place on October 28, 2008, at Westmont High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.

AIMSWeb Testing

It was reported that the AIMSWeb testing had also gone well, and that the reading specialists were utilizing that test data to organize intervention groups at both Manning and Miller Elementary Schools. It was also reported that this assessment instrument provided more valid test results through eighth grade.

Highly Qualified Teachers

The Board of Education was informed that all CUSD 201 teachers were recognized as being Highly Qualified under No Child Left Behind (NCLB) guidelines.

Joint PTO Meeting

It was reported that the first Joint PTO/Booster Club meeting for the 2008-2009 school year was held on September 17, 2008. Dr. Baule indicated that the meeting was well attended, and that the following topics were discussed: Map and AIMSWeb testing, the ongoing work of the Facilities Committee, parent-teacher conferences, and student assignments.

Facilities Committee

The minutes of the September 3, 2008, Facilities Committee meeting were shared with the Board of Education.

Fox News Broadcast

It was reported that members of the Westmont High School band and HOPE Club were featured on the September 18, 2008, Fox News broadcast in conjunction with a food drive.

IASB Recognition

It was reported that Board members Elizabeth Durrani, Linda Kelly, Kathy Lubeck, and Robert Zapinski were recognized by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) for their participation in board-related workshops and professional development opportunities during the 2007-2008 school year.

April Consolidated Election Information

It was reported that information had been received from the IASB regarding the April 7, 2009, consolidated election.

FOIA Requests

A recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received from the Laborers' District Council Labor-Management Cooperation Committee was shared with the Board of Education.

Board Reports

Mrs. Lubeck commented about the Westmont High School updated website.

Mr. Duffy, the Board of Education's representative to the SASED Board of Control, reported that 243 multi-needs students and 165 hearing impaired students attended SASED's 2008 summer school session. He also reported that SASED would be hosting an open house on October 7, 2008, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at its new transition facility located at the 825 North Cass Avenue in Westmont, Illinois.

Mr. Zapinski reminded the Board members of two upcoming Illinois Association of School Boards fall dinner meetings scheduled for October 1 and November 29, 2008.

Adoption of 2008-2009 Budget

Motion by Mr. Zapinski:

WHEREAS the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 201, county of DuPage, state of Illinois, caused to be prepared in tentative form a budget, and the Secretary of this Board has made the same conveniently

available to public inspection for at least thirty days prior to final action thereon;

AND WHEREAS a public hearing was held as to such budget on the twenty-third day of September 2008, notice of said hearing was given at least thirty days prior thereto as required by law, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of said district as follows:

Section 1: That the fiscal year of this School District be and the same hereby is fixed and declared to be beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009.

Section 2: That the following budget containing an estimate of amounts available in each fund, separately, and of expenditures from each be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of this school district for the said fiscal year.

Voting aye: Forzley, Kelly, Lubeck, Zapinski, Duffy, and Durrani

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

Non-Personnel Statements

The Non-Personnel Statements were presented to the Board of Education.

Fund Balances Reports

The Fund Asset, Fund Liability, and Fund Balance Reports were presented to the Board of Education.

2008-2009 Budget Evaluation

A report comparing the current percentage of revenues and expenditures with the averages of actual percentages for the prior three school years was reviewed with the Board of Education.

Expense Report

Motion by Mr. Duffy to approve the bills for the month of September 2008 as presented in Attachment No. E-5 in the amount of \$1,978,654.99.

Voting aye: Kelly, Lubeck, Zapinski, Duffy, Durrani, and Forzley

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

Closed Session

Motion by Ms. Kelly to enter closed session at 7:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing individual student discipline issues, confidential personnel issues, and pending litigation.

Voting aye: Lubeck, Zapinski, Duffy, Durrani, Forzley, and Kelly

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

The Board of Education returned from closed session at 8:41 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Kelly to accept the Superintendent's recommendation regarding Student Discipline Issue No. 2009-01.

Voting aye: Zapinski, Duffy, Durrani, Forzley, Kelly, and Lubeck

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Duffy to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.

Elizabeth J. Durrani
President, Board of Education
Community Unit School District 201
Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois

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Secretary, Board of Education
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